

**Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, Cherokee, Iowa
July 8, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting was called to order on this date by Mayor Murphy. Present: Council members Johnson, Miller, Pingel, Peck, City Attorney Miller, Administrator Eikmeier, Clerk-Treasurer Taylor. Absent: Council member Brown.

Council member Pingel asked about the status of the traffic study on W. Willow near the I.C. Church. Administrator Eikmeier reported that the study has been completed. He said that because of construction at the church during the last few weeks of school, the bus stop was temporarily moved to the W. Willow and 6th St. intersection. This apparently worked out quite well and the Administrator is waiting to hear from the school to see whether this will be a permanent bus stop location.

A motion by Johnson, seconded by Pingel, unanimously approved the following under "Consent Business".

City council minutes of June 24th.

Bills totaling \$353,869.85.

ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	836.16
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	SHOP RAGS; RUGS; MOPS	49.54
ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	JULY DISABILITY PREMIUM	879.21
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO.	INSTALL FLOW METER; SWITCH	375.00
	RESET INFLUENT FLOW METER	772.25
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SIGN POSTS FOR TRAIL	652.75
BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT	WANDS FOR LOCATES; RENT 6" PUMP/HOSES	2,575.00
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	SOFTENER SALT; DRINKING WATER; LAB WATER	401.28
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	ENG.-INDUSTRIAL RD. WATER LINE	310.00
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	2,206.46
BROWN SUPPLY CO.	WHITE & YELLOW TRAFFIC PAINT	1,914.00
	5 MANHOLE CASTINGS/LIDS-HWY. 59	1,500.00
BUGH WELDING	MAKE CURB STOP KEYS	322.56
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	NEW Z960R MOWER W/72" DECK	6,927.20
	WEEDEATER	314.95
	MINI X & SEEDER RENTAL	336.64
	WEEDEATER PARTS; OIL; THROTTLE CABLE	99.22
	NEW Z235 MOWER W/42" DECK	2,399.00
	NEW Z920M MOWER W/60" DECK	1,880.00
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC.	ENG. - RIVER ROAD BRIDGE	10,469.42
CENTRAL INSURANCE	POLLUTION INS. - GAS TANKS	1,148.37
CENTRAL IOWA DIST., INC.	CAR WASH SOAP; ROUGH SCRUB	170.00
CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES	SOILS/CONCRETE TESTING-DOHERTY STREETS	3,434.00
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	EXIT BULBS; REPLACE PHOTOCCELL	89.34
	REPAIR GILLETTE PARK VANDALISM	821.10
	LOCATE STREET LIGHT WIRES-6TH/MAIN	83.00
	CHANGE OVER ELEC.-WESTCOTT RESTROOM	2,086.52
	REPLACE ELEC. SERVICE-SPRING LAKE PARK	6,930.38
	CHECK VOLTAGE - WELL #1	28.00
CHEROKEE AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	92.13
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	MAY TAX DRAW	822.99
CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE	DEBRIS; TIRES-NUISANCE ABATEMENTS	81.90
	JULY LANDFILL FEE	29,688.51
CHEROKEE CO. WORK SERVICE	CLEAN SHOP RAGS	5.85
CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVE NOTICE-T. ANTHONY	19.00
CHEROKEE LUMBER, INC.	4 BAGS PREMIX CONCRETE	17.16
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	POP	298.70
CHRONICLE TIMES	MINUTES; ORDINANCES; EMPLOYMENT AD	1,118.68
CLARK EQUIPMENT CO.	STUMP GRINDER	6,260.88
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	REPAIR TIRE-TAHOE; MOWER TIRE REPAIR	38.06
CRA PAYMENT CENTER	HYD. PUMP-CASE MOWER TRACTOR	1,095.26
	WATER PUMP; HITCH PINS-MOWER TRACTOR	184.50

DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE	JULY LIFE PREMIUM	258.20
DEMCO INC.	SUPPLIES	204.36
DOUBLEDAY LARGE PRINT	BOOK	23.99
DPC INDUSTRIES, INC.	CHLORINE; POTASSIUM PERMANG.	1,369.63
ED ROEHR SAFETY PRODUCTS	2 TASER BATTERIES	93.11
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	SUPPLIES	84.16
FELD FIRE	YELLOW TAMPER SEALS	5.00
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	SAMPLE TESTING	2,321.84
FREDERICK WELDING & SALES	MUFFLER; WHEEL ASSBLY.	265.40
FREMONT INDUSTRIES, INC.	POLYMER	1,359.62
GCC ALLIANCE CONCRETE, INC.	CONCRETE	1,302.50
GECRB/AMAZON	BOOKS; DVDS; SUPPLIES	425.67
GOLDEN VALLEY HARDSCAPES	95 CY WOODCHIPS FOR DOWNTOWN NODES	1,527.60
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP	REPAIR GATOR ICE MACHINE	1,253.10
GREGG COMPUTER SERVICE	WIRELESS ACCESS POINT; POWER SUPPLY	248.80
	COMPUTER SERVER	5,297.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	WASHED FILL SAND; GRAVEL; STONE	1,561.29
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS	HYDRANTS; VALVES; COUPLINGS	9,776.63
HEALTH	SUBSCRIPTION	12.97
HOLZHAUER MOTORS, LTD.	BRAKES; RESURF.ROTORS-'13 TAHOE	269.32
	SERVICE 2011 & 2013 TAHOES	77.90
	2014 CHEV. TAHOE AS BID	14,436.00
HY-VEE, INC.	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	8.69
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC.	CITY CODE UPDATES; COMPLETE CODE BOOK	840.00
IOWA D.N.R.	ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY FEE	681.94
	STORM WATER PERMIT-N. ROOS. PROJECT	175.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL DUES	2,179.00
IOWA ONE CALL	MAY LOCATES	78.30
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	OKOBOJI CONFERENCE-SEPT. 9-10	130.00
J. D. ROGGE	MEALS @ SCHOOL	33.47
JANITOR'S CLOSET, LTD.	WAX; GARB. BAGS; TISSUE; SOAP DISPENSER	244.41
JENNA JOHNSON	SWIM LESSON REFUND	45.00
JESSICA CEDAR	RECERTIFY 2 LIFEGUARDS	34.00
JOHN MEIS	SURVEYING - N. ROOS. PROJ.	30,640.00
JUDY GRIENKE-MILLER	PRINTER DRUM KIT	29.99
K-MART #9222	COFFEE POT; BASKETBALLS; CLEANING SUPPLIES	118.12
L & G PRODUCTS, INC.	STRAW BLANKETS; WATTLES; STAKES	560.60
LAKE ELECTRIC SUPPLY, INC	ELEC. BOXES-CAMPING (FLOOD)	4,084.70
LUNDELL CONSTRUCTION CO.	PUMP LIFT STATIONS	460.00
	GRAVE DIGGING	517.50
	DISCONNECT SHOP; NEW HYDRANT	1,546.67
	SEPARATE LINES-204/206 N. ROOS.	4,487.00
	REPLACE 2 HYDRANTS	3,447.25
	PUMP WATER OUT OF CHANNEL	115.00
	CLEAN SEWERS-EUCLID & W. CEDAR	560.00
MAD SCIENCE OF IOWA PLUS	PROGRAM FEE	385.00
MARCUS LUMBER COMPANY	EXPANSION JOINT; ADHESIVE	51.97
MARIA EDWARDS	REFUND C.C. RENTAL FEE	90.00
MAUREEN KOHN	BALANCE - SPRING LAKE PROPERTY	34,000.00
MEYER, INC.	PLAYGROUND MULCH-GILLETTE PARK	1,542.25
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	1,354.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	2" OMNI; METER FLANGES; T-PADS; PORTS	4,053.45
NOHAVA CONSTRUCTION, INC.	DURO-LAST ROOF-W. SIDE LIBRARY	16,995.00
NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS	JUNE INTERNET SERVICE	79.90
O'HALLORAN INTERNATIONAL	REPAIR LOW AIR BUZZER	81.66
OFFICE ELEMENTS	COPIER LEASES	308.76
OFFICE OF VEHICLE SERVICES	14 SALVAGE AUTO CERTIFICATES	140.00
PERKINS OFFICE SOLUTIONS	PAPER; INK CARTRIDGES; BINDERS; TIME CARDS	361.83
PETTY CASH - LIBRARY	SUPPLIES; POSTAGE; DES MOINES REGISTERS	152.12
PIONEER PRODUCTS, INC.	RETURN & RESTOCKING FEE	134.95
PITNEY BOWES, INC.	POSTAGE METER INK CARTRIDGES	122.38
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE FOR METER	500.00

PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL SERVICE CONTRACT	407.78
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERV.	ENG./SURVEY-DOHERTY/ROCK ISL. STREETS	58,750.00
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	CEU CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	125.00
R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC.	DECALS KIT; LABOR-NEW POLICE VEHICLE	826.24
	NO SMOKING DECALS	72.00
	RECYCLE CAN & LINER	373.70
	TRAIL SIGNS	458.70
REINERT MACHINE SHOP	MUFFLER; MOTOR MOUNT REPAIR	70.00
	PLAYGROUND EQUIP. REPAIR	25.00
	REBAR - NEW SHELTER	45.60
RHOADSIDE BLOOMING HOUSE	FLOWERS FOR PARKS/POOL/COMM. CENTER	626.10
SANITARY SERVICES	JUNE GARBAGE PICKUP	25,485.15
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS	BOOK FAIR	521.78
SCHOON CONSTRUCTION CO.	PIPE FITTINGS FOR VALVE PIT	88.93
SIOUX COMMERCIAL SWEEPING	CRACK SEAL-RIVER RD.; OAK KNOLL	6,529.00
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	WINDOW CLEANING	90.00
TED REINERT	SWIM LESSON REFUND	45.00
THE BOOK VINE	BOOKS	20.76
THE COURT FOCUS	JULY SUBSCRIPTION	13.00
THREE RIVERS BENEFIT	JULY ADMIN. FEE	380.00
	CLAIMS THRU 6/27/14	662.86
TOTAL BACKFLOW & METER	TEST BACKFLOW ASSMBLY-SPRUCE	195.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	JUNE SALES TAX	7,776.22
USPS	POSTAGE FOR UTILITY BILLS	330.39
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES & CARD	150.90
WALDNER'S LAWN SERVICE	SPRAY WEEDS/CRABGRASS	870.00
WALLY MILLER, JR.	JUNE LEGAL SERVICES	2,725.00
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LTD	GAS & DIESEL	1,787.29
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/INTERNET	1,139.48

Renewal of Class "C" liquor license – Archie Bunkers Place.

Renewal of Class "C" beer permit – Hy-Vee Gas.

Reviewed Library Board minutes of June 4th.

Administrator Eikmeier reported that City Hall has received a few requests for summer yard waste pick ups. Most residents, when told they can take the yard waste to the S. Sioux dumpsite, will take care of it themselves. In normal years Street Dept. crews are challenged to get all their work done. However, with the heavy rains and flooding in June, they have spent 80% of the month working on flood and drainage issues. The department is also currently short one employee. On the recommendation of the Administrator, a motion by Miller, seconded by Pingel, authorized yard waste pick ups on an as needed basis by providing a volunteer to transport the yard waste to the City's dump site. Motion carried.

At the last meeting, the council discussed installing signs prohibiting the use of Jake brakes. However, without an ordinance to back up the ban, it would probably end up causing problems, as it couldn't be enforced. A motion by Pingel, seconded by Miller, approved the first presentation of an ordinance prohibiting the use of Jake brakes. Roll call was: AYES: Pingel, Johnson, Miller. NAYS: Peck.

On a motion by Pingel, seconded by Miller, the council waived the second and third presentations of Ordinance No. 596, prohibiting the use of Jake brakes, and ordered its publication. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC, was present to give the council an update on county broadband. They started meeting several months ago to look at connectivity. He passed out information showing how Cherokee County scored on several points. The county has a fair amount of connectivity, but doesn't have the best speeds in some areas. The Mayor and Council were invited to the Mayor's meeting on August 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Danny's where this will be discussed further. Mark briefly went over his Director's report, which shows current business activity in the county.

Dave Wilberding was present to review addendums #2 and #3, and the agreement with the Cherokee Development Corp. for cost sharing for the Doherty Second Addition Street Improvements. Dave explained that addendum #2 covers fly ash additive to stabilize the sub-base under the street on the N. Aster and Sequoia extension for a cost of \$5,989.75. Addendum #3 is for additional concrete at the end of Amber St. to allow better access to the southeastern most lots at a cost of \$10,923. The agreement between the CDC and City provides for a 51/49 percent sharing of costs for additional drainage improvements that are being made in the back yards of lots in both the original Doherty Addition and in the Second Addition. The cost also includes the cost to fill in borrow pits. The City's share of costs for addendum #2 and #3 and the costs included in the CDC agreement total \$27,201.25. This may be reduced by the sale of excess black dirt from the project. A motion by Peck, seconded by Miller, approved addendums #2 and #3 and the cost sharing agreement with CDC. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the following reports.

1. Administrator's report. The City's bond counsel pointed out that the city has 3 bond issues that could be refinanced at a lower interest rate for a savings of \$20,000. This will be put on the next agenda for council consideration. The Iowa Economic Development Authority has committed \$297,308 for the City's flood buy out program, which covers the City's 20% match. The River Road bridge project started up again this week. Part of the delay was caused by flooding and part by the fact that Mid American Energy had to re-energize the power line on the east side, so the crane could not be in that area. The plan is to de-energize the power line the end of next week so work can continue on the east side of the bridge. Reopening the bridge isn't expected until September 1st. Several city employees attended a training session for the new Pictometry aerial mapping system for the entire county. This will allow access to very detailed information. The Administrator, along with department supervisors from Street, Water, Sewer, and Park, will be visiting Orange City and Sioux Center to study their Public Works departments as a possible option to anticipated retirements. Administrator Eikmeier reported that the pump on the sewer jet needs to be repaired at a cost of approximately \$15,000. To replace the whole unit, including the truck, the cost would be \$170,000. Replacing the sewer jet equipment only would be about \$100,000. The Administrator will proceed with repairing the existing pump.
2. June Clerk-Treasurer's report and receipts as follows: General-\$166,417.33; Police Forfeiture-\$423.92; County Library-\$3,501.84; Road Use-\$52,951.82; Employee Benefits-\$7,201.08; Emergency-\$320.57; Local Option Sales Tax-\$40,744.15; Hotel/Motel Tax-\$14,187.16; Revolving Loan-\$24.37; Library Memorial-\$2,274.81; Park & Rec. Cap. Impr.-\$30,593.82; Debt Service-\$405,347.80; Road Use Equipment-\$35,009.36; Emergency Set-Aside-\$4,269.24; Aquatic Center/Gillette Park-\$20,000; Oak Hill Perpetual Care-\$312.12; Water Utility-City-\$58,230.24; Water Utility-Industrial-\$19,034.32; Water System Maintenance-\$8,840.05; Sewer Utility-City-\$63,332.50; Sewer Utility-Industrial-\$27,105.93; Sewer System Maintenance-\$33,645.77; Sewer Improvement-City-\$1,666.67; Spring Lake Sanitary Sewer-\$91,238; Aviation Authority-\$178.12; Solid Waste-\$25,374.10; Landfill-\$30,679.10; Storm Sewer Utility-\$6,659.16; Self Insurance-\$23.74; Police Special Acct.-\$1,500.
3. June General Fund revenue/expense report.
4. June Police reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

News media – Nikki Thunder, KCHE.

Mark Murphy – Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Taylor
City Clerk-Treasurer