

Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, Cherokee, Iowa
December 23, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Further discussion on a request for release from former Police Officer Tim Smith's employment contract was tabled until the January 13th meeting.

A motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, approved the first presentation of an ordinance amending provisions pertaining to council appointments by adding the Public Works Superintendent. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

On a motion by Peck, seconded by Johnson, the council waived the second and third presentations of Ordinance No. 602, amending provisions pertaining to council appointments by adding the Public Works Superintendent, and ordered its publication. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

A motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, approved the first presentation of an ordinance amending definitions in the Water and Wastewater chapters pertaining to the Public Works Superintendent. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

On a motion by Johnson, seconded by Peck, the council waived the second and third presentations of Ordinance No. 603, amending definitions in the Water and Wastewater chapters pertaining to the Public Works Superintendent, and ordered its publication. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Peck, the council adopted the following resolutions in conjunction with the flood buyout program: Resolution No. 14-30, approving the procurement policy, and Resolution No. 14-31, approving the code of conduct. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

A motion by Peck, seconded by Brown, approved a contract with Alloy Specialty for the asbestos survey for the flood buyout program. Motion carried.

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

City council minutes of December 9th.

Final payment to Goeders Construction for \$21,089 for CDBG housing rehab – 501 E. Spruce St.
Pay request #6 to Steve Harris Construction for \$21,718.21 for Doherty Addition Improvements.

1. Administrator's report – plans to start advertising the Public Works Supt. position after the first of the year. He would like to hire by April 1st with a July 1st start date. He will also be working on a replacement for Steve Essick at the wastewater plant. This person will have to obtain their Grade 2 certification as well as be willing to get the Grade 4 certification.
2. Mary Jo Ruppert, Library Director, presented her quarterly report to the council. Charlene Carlson, the new Children's Librarian, is doing well; Mary Jo and Judy Grienke-Miller attended a recent Iowa Library Assoc. conference; the County Association of libraries presented their request to the County Board of Supervisors; the County will continue to pay for the Stories 2000 and Books for Babies programs; computer use and library visits are up, but materials check out is down; staff has been assisting with job applications and also does monitoring for online college testing; annual holiday basket sales netted \$2,500; the carpet throughout the building was cleaned and paid for with County funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

News media – Nikki Thunder, KCHE.

Mark Murphy – Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Taylor
City Clerk-Treasurer