

**Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, Cherokee, Iowa
January 13, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Item #5.03 to approve a flood buyout offer for 405 E. Maple St. was added to the agenda.

At 7:02 p.m., Mayor Murphy opened a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization Project. The City of Cherokee is proposing to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for downtown Revitalization Grant Funds. The funds would be used for the construction of façade renovation/restoration on building located in the downtown business district. Total project costs are estimated at approximately \$988,717.00. The City is requesting \$500,000 in CDBG funds for the proposed project. In addition to the CDBG funds, the City is pledging \$75,000, the Cherokee Industrial Corporation is pledging \$30,000; Cherokee County is pledging \$60,000; and participating property owners will be contributing a match of 33% of the project costs. The grant application will be submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority no later than January 20, 2015. The City is requesting \$500,000 in CDBG funds for the proposed project. Compliance with CDBG national objectives is met due to the proposed project activities being conducted in a blighted portion of the downtown area. The proposed façade renovation/restoration activities will take place in the downtown portion of the business district, along Main Street and 2nd Street. The proposed project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses. Since this project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses, there are no plans being made to assist displaced persons. The nature of the proposed activities includes the construction of façade restoration/rehabilitation on building located in the downtown business district. As there were no oral or written comments, the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

A motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, adopted Resolution No. 15-1, a resolution determining the area of the City to be blighted and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development, or combination thereof of the blighted area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of residents of the City, and authorized submitting an application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for \$500,000 CDBG funding. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Peck, the council approved the first presentation of an ordinance amending “No Parking Zones” by adding the following: E. Cedar St. on the north side from the intersection of E. Cedar St. and First St. east 52 feet; and E. Cedar St. on the south side from the intersection of E. Cedar St. and First St. east 45 feet. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

A motion by Peck, seconded by Johnson, unanimously approved the following under “Consent Business”. City council minutes of December 23rd.

Bills totaling \$210,276.47.

AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	TYSON REPLACEMENT	3,507.00
	LABOR RELATIONS	43.00
AL'S CORNER OIL CO.	DIESEL	27.41
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	4,474.27
ALLOY SPECIALTY, INC.	ASBESTOS SURVEYS-FLOOD BUYOUT PROGRAM	4,797.25
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	SHOP RAGS; RUGS; MOPS	49.47
ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	JAN. DISABILITY PREMIUM	974.39
ATIRA CREDIT MASTERCARD	ADS - POLICE OFFICER	290.00
	TEXT BOOK-CPR CERTIFICATION	67.06
	FILE GARNISHMENT-N. RENKEN	25.00
AUDITOR OF STATE	2013-14 AUDIT FILING FEE	425.00
BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	BOOKS	513.94
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SIGN ARMS; MARKERS; HARDWARE; BANDING	884.96
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	4 BAGS SOFTNER SALT; WATER FOR LAB	101.86
BLOOMBURG BUSINESS WEEK	SUBSCRIPTION	53.00
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	2,111.81
BRAD'S TIRE SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	21.25

BRIDE'S	SUBSCRIPTION	11.97
BROWN SUPPLY CO.	8 CARBIDE PLOW CURB GUARDS	1,469.88
BUENA VISTA CO. SHERIFF	SERVE NOTICE-J. FORD	33.58
BUGH WELDING	WRENCH FOR HOSE FITTINGS; DRILL BITS	173.10
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	14" CHAIN SAW BAR; REPAIR LEAF BLOWER	53.45
	BOLT ON TEETH FOR SKIDLOADER BUCKET	183.96
CENTRAL INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE BLANKET BOND	730.00
CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC.	INDUSTRIAL FLOOR STRIPPER & WAX	262.70
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS; LIGHT BULBS	733.84
	REPAIR AUDITORIUM LIGHTS	1,811.90
	INSTALL BULB-PKG. LOT LIGHT	86.50
	REPAIR FLAG POLE LIGHT	160.30
	REPAIR WALK LIGHTS & STREET LIGHTS	1,878.52
CHEROKEE AUTO PARTS	BULBS; BATTERIES; FILTERS; GASKET	911.51
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	DEC. TAX DRAW	948.60
CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE	JAN. LANDFILL FEE	29,688.51
CHEROKEE CO. WORK SERVICE	100 NEW SHOP RAGS; CLEAN SHOP RAGS	41.52
CHEROKEE COUNTY ENGINEER	BRASS SHIM FOR MAINTAINER	42.39
CHEROKEE COUNTY RECORDER	RECORD MORTGAGES - REHAB PROGRAM	170.00
CHEROKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT	VOLUNTEER ALLOWANCE	430.00
CHEROKEE POLICE DEPT.	CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS	1,500.00
CHEROKEE REGIONAL MED. CENTER	RANDOM CDL DRUG TESTS	50.00
CHEROKEE STATE BANK	NSF CHECK - B. MEDICK	100.00
	CHECK-STOPPED PAYMENT-S. SMITH	122.41
CHRONICLE TIMES	AD FOR OFFICER; MINUTES; ORDINANCES	563.72
CLARK EQUIPMENT CO.	SKID LOADER	18,460.08
COUNTRY STORES OF CARROLL, LTD	CIGARETTE PERMIT REFUND	37.50
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	PATCH TIRE; REPAIR TIRE; MOUNT/BALANCE TIRE	78.19
DAVE GRAVENISH REPAIR, INC.	FUEL SENSOR & SWITCH-'94 FORD	225.38
DEMCO, INC.	SUPPLIES	232.47
DIVISION OF LABOR	ELEVATOR INSPECTION & PERMIT	225.00
DONALD CORPORATION	PARTS TO REPAIR SLUDGE PUMP	525.79
DPC INDUSTRIES, INC.	CHLORINE & POTASSIUM PERMANG.	717.00
ECHO GROUP, INC.	3 BATTERIES FOR PHONE DIALER	40.71
EMILY HASELHOFF	VB REF.-DEC. 10,11,17,18;JAN. 7	160.00
EVERTEK, INC.	JAN. INTERNET SERVICE	36.30
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	SUPPLIES	36.81
FELD FIRE	SWITCH ASSBLY.; 6-VOLT BATTERIES	38.65
	SCBA BOTTLE HYDROTEST	35.00
	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS; BRACKETS; PULL PINS	734.00
FOUNDATION ANAL. LAB	SAMPLE TESTING	812.00
FOX ENGINEERING	ENG. - CHLORIDES INVESTIGATION	2,204.25
FREMONT INDUSTRIES, INC.	POLYMER	1,359.10
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING	SUBSCRIPTION	21.40
HACH CO.	LAB SUPPLIES	211.60
HALLETT MATERIALS	ROAD GRAVEL FOR TRAIL	64.10
	116.46 T. ICE CONTROL SAND	914.21
HOLZHAUER MOTORS, LTD.	TIRES & ALIGNMENT; HEADLIGHT-K9 UNIT	655.94
	REPLACE CLUSTER ON '03 GMC	344.07
HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO.	FOAMER; SALT LICK; SOAP	299.53
HY-VEE, INC.	CARPET CLEANER RENTAL	28.29
IOWA HISTORY JOURNAL	SUBSCRIPTION	35.95
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	46.70
IOWA MUNI. FIN. OFFICERS ASSOC.	ANNUAL DUES	55.00
IOWA ONE CALL	NOV. LOCATES	35.10
JERRY'S TREE SERVICE	CUT OUT HANGERS IN TREES	1,000.00
JIM ADAMSON	COPIES FOR CDBG FACADE PROGRAM	181.40
JIM AGNITSCH	MEALS-SIOUX FALLS-SEWER MACHINE REPAIR	27.35
JOHNSON PAINT & BODY, INC.	FRONT BUMPER VALANCE-'14 FORD	135.12
JUDY GRIENKE-MILLER	SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION; ILA DUES FOR 2015	167.00
K-MART #9222	XMAS DECORATIONS; CLEANING SUPPLIES	26.32
KNIFE RIVER MIDWEST, LLC	7.11 T. COLD MIX PATCH	959.85
LETSCHER BIKE/RADIO SHACK	BATTERIES	12.99
LUNDELL CONSTRUCTION CO.	GRAVE DIGGING	172.50
	DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL-12/28	930.00
	REPAIR 14" LINE AT TYSON	2,500.00
	PUMP WATER FROM SUMNER LIFT	172.50
	PULL PUMP & TAKE TO PLANT	272.00
	TV SEWER ON S.11TH-SOUTH OF MAIN	320.00
MARY JO RUPPERT	STORIES 2000 BOOKS	16.05
MATT PARROTT/STOREY KENWORTHY	W-2'S & ENVELOPES	145.60

MEN'S HEALTH	SUBSCRIPTION	39.93
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	16,714.88
MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC, INC.	INCUBATOR FOR LAB; BOILING FLASKS	3,905.79
MODERN HEATING & COOLING	REPAIR TOILET; CHECK HEATER	168.22
	NEW WATER HEATER AT PLANT	568.30
	NEW AIR UNIT W/HEATER AS BID	26,772.04
MOTOR PARTS SALES	ALLEN WRENCHES	4.99
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	SADDLE; CORP.; CURB STOP; METERS; ADAPTORS	11,902.16
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS	SUBSCRIPTION	34.00
NELSON SEWING	MODIFY POOL CANOPY	50.00
NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS	DEC. INTERNET SERVICE	84.90
O'HALLORAN INTERNATIONAL, INC.	SERVICE CALL-CHECK '09 DUMP TRUCK	92.65
	REPAIR HYD. HOSE-'09 DUMP TRUCK	328.04
	AXLE FOR LEFT REAR-'98 TRUCK	379.04
OFFICE ELEMENTS	COPIER LEASES; COPIER/FAX; COPIER STAND	1,806.26
ONE SOURCE SUPPLY, LLC	FITTINGS	86.85
PERKINS OFFICE SOLUTIONS	HANGING FOLDERS; CALCULATOR; PAPER; TONER	487.59
PETTY CASH - LIBRARY	SUPPLIES; POSTAGE; DES MOINES REG.; MAGIC SHOW	184.85
PHILLIP REINERT	CUTTING EDGE FOR SKIDLOADER	280.00
PITNEY BOWES	DEC. POSTAGE METER RENT	35.00
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	CLEAN OUT SLUDGE/GRIT-SUMNER LIFT	500.00
REINERT MACHINE SHOP	CUTTING EDGE FOR J.D.; STEEL FOR LIFT JACK & RACKS	350.42
	BROKEN BOLT-'98 TRUCK; FLAT PLATE FOR PATCHER	371.50
SANITARY SERVICES	DUMPSTER - EAST GARAGE DEMO	247.58
	DEC. GARBAGE PICKUP	25,418.40
SANITATION PRODUCTS INC.	TEAR DOWN GEAR BOX-SEWER MACHINE	243.00
SARA RAMIREZ	V.B. REF-DEC. 10; 17; JAN. 7	75.00
SCHOON CONSTRUCTION CO.	DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL-12/28	787.50
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN	SUBSCRIPTION	34.97
SHARE CORPORATION	EVAPO-KLEEN DEGREASER	126.62
SIMMERING-CORY, INC.	PREPARE CDBG SEWER APPLICATION	900.00
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	WINDOW CLEANING	116.00
SWAIN MOTOR CO.	NERF BAR STEPS-'06 CHEV.	240.00
SYNCHRONY BANK/AMAZON	BOOKS & DVDS; LEGOS	255.75
THE COURT FOCUS	JAN. SUBSCRIPTION	13.00
THREE RIVERS BENEFIT	CLAIMS THRU 12/29/14; JAN. ADMIN. FEE	3,073.16
TRANS-IOWA EQUIPMENT, INC.	BATTERY CHARGER FOR HOT BOX PATCHER	222.43
TRAVELER	SUBSCRIPTION	39.97
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	DEC. SALES TAX	5,508.71
UNITED ROTARY BRUSH CORP.	BRUSHES FOR SKIDLOADER SWEEPER	413.13
UNITED STATES CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	290.86
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCC. MEDICINE	RANDOM CDL DRUG TEST REVIEWS	74.00
USA BLUE BOOK	LAB CHEMICALS	201.37
USPS	POSTAGE FOR UTILITY BILLS; 1ST CLASS PERMIT FEE	935.24
VANDE BERG SCALES, INC.	ANNUAL LAB SCALE CALIBRATION	166.20
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	149.98
VERMEER SIOUXLAND	SHARPEN SET OF CHIPPER KNIVES	45.00
WALDNER'S LAWN SERVICE	SNOW REMOVAL - DOWNTOWN CORNERS	275.00
WALLY MILLER, JR.	DEC. LEGAL SERVICES	3,562.50
WHITNEY SLEEZER	V.B. REF.-DEC. 11	35.00
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LTD	DIESEL	4,111.49
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/INTERNET SERVICE	1,131.37
WINTHER, STAVE & CO.	FINAL PAYMENT - 2013-14 AUDIT	2,000.00
WOODALL ELECTRIC	REPAIR GENERATOR MOTOR - MHI LIFT	202.00

Reviewed Planning & Zoning Commission minutes of January 6th.

Reviewed Library Board minutes of December 3rd.

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Pingel, the council unanimously approved the following annual appointments to Boards and Commission.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Al Carlson, Myla Stoneking, Stephanie Zarr

Board of Adjustment – Nathan Leidahl

Park & Rec. Advisory Board – Sheree Hausmann (one vacancy to be filled)

County REAP Committee – Chad Brown

County Damage Assessment Team – Will Miller

Labor Negotiations – Mayor, Administrator, City Attorney, Chad Brown

County Landfill Commission – Mark Leeds

Siouxland Regional Housing Authority – vacancy

Iowa Surface Transportation Committee Policy committee – Jim Peck
Iowa Surface Transportation Committee Tech. Advisory committee – John Meis
City Administrator – Don Eikmeier
City Clerk-Treasurer – Deb Taylor
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Diane Cargin
City Attorney – Wally Miller, Jr.
Fire Department Officers – Gary Chase, Chief; Randy Reeves, Treasurer; Ron Goth, Secretary
Official Newspaper – *Chronicle Times*

A motion by Brown, seconded by Johnson, unanimously approved the Mayor's annual appointments, as follows.

Historic Preservation Commission – Mick Samsel, Dwight Varce, Tim Greenwood
Cherokee County Conference Board – Mayor Murphy
Cherokee Co. Emergency Management Commission – Mayor Murphy
Cherokee Area Economic Development Board – Chad Brown
Cherokee E911 Board – Jim Peck
Mayor Pro-tem – Wayne Pingel

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Peck, the council unanimously approved the resignation/retirement of Police Chief Steve Schuck, effective January 13, 2015.

A motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel, unanimously approved the Mayor's appointment of Nate James as interim Police Chief until July 1, 2015.

A motion by Johnson, seconded by Peck, unanimously approved the following Mayor's appointments to Council Department Liaisons: Police-Mayor Murphy; Fire-Will Miller; Street-Jim Peck; Park & Rec.- Chad Brown; Sewer-Wayne Pingel; Water-Emily Johnson.

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Pingel, the council approved the flood buyout offer for 405 E. Maple St. at the pre-flood appraised price of \$19,000. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the following reports.

1. Administrator's report – Fire Dept. personnel have completed 31 rental inspections and have 35 more scheduled. They have completed most of the area south of Main St. and have begun on the northeast side. 7 rentals have to be reinspected. City crews and Mid American Energy crews will be taking down Christmas lights on Tuesday.
2. December Clerk-Treasurer's report and receipts as follows: General-\$81,240.41; Police Forfeiture-\$419.60; County Library-\$3,501.36; Road Use-\$42,741.05; Employee Benefits-\$25,698.78; Emergency-\$1,707.45; LOST-\$110,724.11; Hotel/Motel Tax-\$31,666.65; Revolving Loan-\$815.86; Library Memorial-\$460.90; Park & Rec. Capital Impr.-\$16,146.94; Debt Service-\$33,464.27; Emergency Set-Aside-\$4.31; Oak Hill Perpetual Care-\$448.71; Water Utility-City-\$63,698.78; Water Utility-Indus.-\$25,719.15; Water System Maint.-\$9,767.32; Sewer Utility-City-\$227,398.27; Sewer Utility-Indus.-\$28,546.06; Sewer Bd./Int.-\$29,610; Sewer System Maint.-\$5,750; Sewer Improvement-\$1,793.67; Aviation Authority-\$948.60; Solid Waste-\$29,072.82; Landfill-\$33,918.74; Storm Sewer Utility-\$7,354.34; Self Insurance-\$17.93; Police Special Acct.-\$1,500.16.
3. December General Fund revenue/expense report.
4. December Police reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

News media – Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*.

Mark Murphy – Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Taylor
City Clerk-Treasurer