

**Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, Cherokee, Iowa
March 10, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

A motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, unanimously approved the following additions to the agenda: 5.07 (e) 314 S. Sioux; 5.09 approve change to HMGP Administrative Plan; 5.10 approve transfer of Hy-Vee (WIT) liquor license to community center; and 5.11 resolution amending slum and blight area.

At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Murphy opened the public hearing on the 2015-16 budget. Administrator Eikmeier reviewed proposed budgets and changes made during council workshops. Total expenses of \$9,395,011, including \$2,210,075 for the N. Roosevelt St. Project and FEMA Flood Buyout Program, are \$858,000 less than the current year. Projected 6/30/16 cash balances show an increase over the current year. The total tax levy will be \$16.00/\$1000 of taxable value, which is a 9.35% decrease over the current year, which is mainly due to the decrease in debt service obligations. This decrease in debt service gives the council flexibility to take on new projects without adversely affecting the tax levy. Tax levies have decreased from a high of \$19.78 in 2009-10 to the current levy of \$16.00. As there were no oral or written comments, the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m. On a motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, the council adopted Resolution No. 15-4 approving adoption of the 2015-16 budget and certification of taxes. 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 February 24th.

Bills totaling \$171,802.46.

AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES	54.00
AL'S CORNER OIL CO.	DIESEL	40.70
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	4,664.24
ALLOY SPECIALTY, INC.	ASBESTOS SURVEYS	6,885.50
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	SHOP RAGS; RUGS; MOPS	49.47
ARTISAN PRESS	25 HIST. COMM. HERITAGE BOOKS	150.00
ATIRA CREDIT MASTERCARD	PUBLIC WORKS SUPT. AD	290.00
BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	BOOKS & AUDIOS	495.20
BETTER HOMES & GARDENS	SUBSCRIPTION	22.00
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	SOFTENER SALT; WATER COOLER; WATER	157.75
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	868.35
BRAD'S TIRE SERVICE	FRONT TIRES FOR J.D.	402.00
BROWN SUPPLY CO.	14" VALVE BOX EXTENSION	140.00
BUGH WELDING	SLUDGE PUMP SHAFTS	241.00
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	CHAIN SAW CHAIN; SHARPENING	57.30
CARROLL DISTRIBUTING	NECK WIND BREAKS	18.90
CARUS CORPORATION	CALCIQUEST	1,407.60
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	REPAIR WALK/DON'T WALK-BLUFF	354.60
	BALLASTS FOR OFFICE; WIRE NUTS	56.75
	DIALER BATTERY; FUSES; BALLAST	289.26
	LIGHT BLUBS	118.08
CHARLIE REICH	BALANCE OF DEPOSIT	54.90
CHEROKEE AUTO PARTS	WATER PUMP FOR GMC	160.38
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	FEB. TAX DRAW	122.12
CHEROKEE CO. CLERK/COURT	CITY CASE DISMISSED	60.00
CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE	MAR. LANDFILL FEE	29,688.51
CHEROKEE CO. TREASURER	PROP. TAXES-ABANDONED PROPERTIES	806.00
CHEROKEE CO. WORK SERVICE	CLEAN SHOP RAGS	3.90
CHEROKEE COMPUTER & SIGN	RESTORE LAPTOP TO FACTORY SETTINGS	75.00
CHEROKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT	VOLUNTEER ALLOWANCES	430.00
CHEROKEE LUMBER, INC.	KILZ; ROLLERS; BRUSHES; CEILING TILE	94.69
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	POP	51.50
CHRONICLE TIMES	MINUTES; ORD.; HEARING; EMPL. ADS	1,585.29
CITY OF STORM LAKE	RENTAL PROGRAM ASSISTANCE	307.13

COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	PATCH TIRE	20.33
COVERT TRACK GROUP, INC.	ANNUAL GPS SUBSCRIPTION	600.00
DEER VALLEY LAND IMPROV.	HAUL SNOW-2/3/15	990.00
DEMCO, INC.	SUPPLIES	59.75
DOUBLEDAY LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	57.97
DPC INDUSTRIES, INC.	CHLORINE; POTASSIUM PERMANG.	549.25
EATING WELL	SUBSCRIPTION	27.98
EDUCATION STATION, INC.	PUZZLE RACK	39.99
EZ TREE SERVICE	REMOVE HANGER IN ASH TREE-11TH ST.	80.00
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE SUPPLIES	41.92
FELD FIRE	FACE SHIELDS; CLEANER; NAME TAGS	170.90
	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	158.60
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB.	SAMPLE TESTING	228.00
GREGG COMPUTER SERVICE	EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE; ROUTER	317.49
HACH CO.	LAB SUPPLIES	545.66
HALLETT MATERIALS	136.19 T. SAND; FILL SAND	1,228.07
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, LTD.	REPAIR	162.73
HIWAY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.	REBUILD PLOW LIFT CYLINDER	137.34
HOLZHAUER MOTORS, LTD.	REPAIR REAR BUMPER; OIL CHANGE	1,016.62
HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO.	55 GAL. DRUM HOTSY SOAP	489.00
IOWA DEPT./PUBLIC HEALTH	POOL & SLIDE LICENSES	105.00
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	47.86
IOWA ONE CALL	JAN. LOCATES	10.80
JERRY'S TREE SERVICE	CUT DOWN 9 PINE TREES	550.00
JOHN MEIS	STP APPLICATION & SITE VISIT	309.10
JORGENSEN, LTD.	REMOVE ASBESTOS-430 E. WILLOW	1,777.00
K-MART #9222	OFFICE & CLEANING SUPPLIES	41.56
LETSCHE BIKE/RADIO SHACK	WIRELESS MOUSE	29.99
LUNDELL CONSTRUCTION CO.	GRAVE DIGGING	517.50
	LOAD/HAUL SNOW-FEB. 3, 4, 27	6,241.25
	PVC WATER LINE IN SHOP	169.56
	BALLAST - OAK KNOLL; SLEEZER RD.	1,709.21
	CLEAN FROZEN DRAIN-BLUFF BRIDGE	160.00
	REPAIR LEAK-MAGNETIC/WEBSTER	1,380.00
	REPAIR LEAK-CENTER ST.	1,385.00
	REPAIR FORCE MAIN ON SUMNER	2,624.54
	CLEAN SEWER-BAILEY/WEBST/MAG.	760.00
	CLEAN SEWER-ROOS./FOUNT./CEDAR	280.00
	UNPLUG SEWERS ON HYLAND & POPLAR	320.00
	SUPPLIES; STORIES 2000 BAGS	44.92
MARY JO RUPPERT	ELECTRICITY	20,123.41
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	WASH BRUSH	25.00
MID-IOWA SALES CO.	SEALED BACK UP LAMP	5.95
MOTOR PARTS SALES	5/8" METERS; ADAPTORS; CONNECTORS	1,232.01
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	K-9 TRAINING & CERTIFICATION	1,000.00
NORTH IOWA K-9	FEB. INTERNET SERVICE	84.90
NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS	WIPER BLADES	51.27
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, INC.	COPIER LEASES	430.45
OFFICE ELEMENTS	13 SALVAGE AUTO CERTIFICATES	130.00
OFFICE OF VEHICLE SERVICES	DEPT. SERVICE EMBLEMS	407.65
OUR DESIGNS, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES; CASE PAPER TOWELS	205.78
PERKINS OFFICE SOLUTIONS	POSTAGE; SUPPLIES; DES MOINES REG.	96.49
PETTY CASH - LIBRARY	FEB. POSTAGE METER RENT	35.00
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FIN. SERVICES	POSTAGE FOR METER	1,008.50
PITNEY BOWES	CHAIN & LINK FOR BROOM	37.95
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	CDBG FACADE PROGRAM APPLICATION	4,547.47
RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	SUBSCRIPTION	8.00
REDBOOK	CLEAN/REMOVE GRIT FROM SEWER LINE	625.00
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	STEEL BRACKET; WASHERS; GALV. PIPE	91.41
REINERT MACHINE SHOP	REPLACE WATER PUMP-'03 GMC	335.73
S & W REPAIR, LLC	FEB. GARBAGE PICKUP	24,884.40
SANITARY SERVICES	LOAD/HAUL SNOW-FEB. 3, 4, 27	5,445.00
SCHOON CONSTRUCTION CO.		

SIMMERING-CORY, INC.	2" X 1" BRASS BUSHING	26.64
STANDARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.	ADMIN.-CDBG HOUSING REHAB PROG.	10,586.00
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	TESTS FOR NEW OFFICERS	95.00
SYNCHRONY BANK/AMAZON	WINDOW CLEANING	116.00
THE ACCURATE COURT REPORTER	BOOKS & DVD'S	440.04
THREE RIVERS BENEFIT	MAR. SUBSCRIPTION	13.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	CLAIMS THRU 2/20/15; MAR. ADMIN. FEE	5,441.48
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	FEB. SALES TAX	3,416.59
UNITED STATES CELLULAR	SHIPPING CHARGES	19.76
UPSTART	CELL PHONES	271.70
USPCA	SUMMER READING SUPPLIES	48.20
USPS	K-9 TRIALS	50.00
VALLEY VETERINARY CENTER	POSTAGE FOR UTILITY BILLS	759.71
VERIZON WIRELESS	K9 CHECKUP; SHAMPOO	58.62
VICTORIA	CELL PHONES	64.59
WALDNER'S LAWN SERVICE	SUBSCRIPTION	36.00
WALLY MILLER, JR.	CLEAN NODES-FEB. 1 & 25	550.00
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LTD	FEB. LEGAL SERVICES	3,850.00
WINDSTREAM	GAS; DIESEL; OIL; HYD. OIL	8,068.93
WOODALL ELECTRIC	PHONE/INTERNET	1,141.82
	REPAIR GARAGE DOOR OPENER	50.00
	TROUBLESHOOT FLOAT-SUMNER LIFT	300.00

Renewal of Class "E" liquor license – A to Z Liquor & Smoke Shop.

Renewal of Class "C" liquor license – Jobies.

Approve change order #3 for a deduction of \$184.50 and change order #4 for an addition of \$78 to Alloy Specialty for asbestos surveys.

Approve street closings for the 49th annual rodeo parade on Sat., May 30th.

Reviewed Library Board minutes of February 4th.

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel, the council approved an amendment to the I.U.O.E. Contract adding a foreman position with a starting salary of \$46,000/yr., subject to ratification by the I.U.O.E. membership. Motion carried.

A motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson, adopted Resolution No. 15-5, approving an amendment to the Police Department Training and Employment Reimbursement Agreement that was adopted in 1998. The amendment includes the deletion of expenses for travel time or study time; changing the interest rate for reimbursement from 6% to the national prime interest rate at the time an officer resigns; the requirement of council approval of each agreement; and the requirement of signatures of the Police Chief and City Administrator. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

Administrator Eikmeier reported that KTJ 237, LLC, the developer for the Shopko store, is planning to break ground in early April. The developer and Shopko would like to see documentation from the City regarding tax abatement and minimum assessment. On a motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel, the council unanimously approved a tax abatement application and minimum assessment agreement for KTJ 237, LLC (Shopko). The minimum assessment agreement assures the City that when completed and added to the tax rolls, the property will be assessed at \$2.5 million for a ten-year period.

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Peck, the council approved a tax abatement application for 612 N. 11th. Motion carried.

The council reviewed bids for the rehab of Well. #4. Base bids are as follows: Cahoy Well & Pump - \$17,031; Sargent Drilling - \$20,509.85. Both bids include the cost of 1 foot of submersible cable, but actual footage will be the depth of the well. Based on this cost, Cahoy would provide the lowest overall bid. A motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel, awarded the bid to Cahoy Well & Pump for a base bid of \$17,031. Motion carried.

On a motion by Pingel, seconded by Miller, the council set March 24th at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time

for a public hearing on a proposal to amend the Cherokee Revolving Loan Guidelines to allow for the rehab of commercial buildings and to allow for a forgivable loan element of the program. Motion carried.

A motion by Brown, seconded by Johnson, unanimously approved flood buyout offers, at pre-flood appraised prices, for the following: 317 E. Willow-\$41,000; 409 E. Main-\$33,000; 304 E. Maple-\$22,000; 222 E. Cedar-\$31,000; and 314 S. Sioux-\$26,000.

The following bids were received for asbestos removal in conjunction with the Flood Buyout Program: GPAC-\$15,700; Site Services, Inc.-\$14,810; Wheeler Contr.-\$28,200; Bockman, Inc.-\$12,600; McGill Asbestos-\$15,175; ABC Abatement-\$18,381; Environmental Services-\$20,592. On a motion by Miller, seconded by Peck, the council awarded the bid to Bockman, Inc. for \$12,600. Motion carried.

On a motion by Johnson, seconded by Peck, the council approved a change to the HMGP Administrative Plan that increases the replacement housing benefit to a maximum of \$29,000. Motion carried.

A motion by Miller, seconded by Brown, unanimously authorized the transfer of the W.I.T. (Hy-Vee) liquor license to the Community Center for a one-day event on March 14, 2015.

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, the council adopted Resolution No. 15-6, amending Resolution No. 15-1, a resolution determining the slum and blight area in conjunction with the CDBG Downtown Façade Program. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

The council reviewed the following reports.

1. Administrator's report – council was invited to the Good Times Place St. Patrick's Day potluck lunch on Thursday, March 12th.
2. Nate James, Police Chief, presented his quarterly report to the council. He reported that they are waiting for results of psychological testing for three police officer applicants. It will still be a week to a week and a half before any job offers can be made. He has also been working on ideas for a solution to the downtown parking ban during the winter. Administrator Eikmeier said that the confidence level and moral in the Police Dept. is excellent.
3. February Clerk-Treasurer's report and receipts as follows: General-\$81,394.51; Police Forfeiture-\$244.44; County Library-\$.70; Road Use-\$49,748.97; Employee Benefits-\$4,822.99; Emergency-\$219.82; LOST-\$45,266.11; Hotel/Motel Tax-\$22.08; Tax Increment Financing-\$192.68; Revolving Loan-\$415.18; Library Memorial-\$292.16; Park & Rec. Capital Impr.-\$3.79; Debt Service-\$5,388.95; Road Use Equipment-\$67,061.58; Emergency Set-Aside-\$4.06; Oak Hill Perpetual Care-\$27.07; Water Utility-City-\$43,984.70; Water Utility-Industrial-\$14,935.21; Water System Maint.-\$8,455.01; Sewer Utility-City-\$75,979.21; Sewer Utility-Industrial-\$14.15; Sewer Bd./Int.-\$29,610; Sewer System Maint.-\$5,750; Sewer Improvement-\$1,793.67; Aviation Authority-\$122.12; Solid Waste-\$24,418.19; Landfill-\$29,892.28; Storm Sewer Utility-\$6,331.54; Self Insurance-\$16.91.
4. February General Fund revenue/expense report.
5. February Police reports.

Council member Brown would still like to find a way to distribute the remaining recycling carts and totes. Administrator Eikmeier reported that Sanitary Services would be placing carts at all the multiple-unit residential buildings to promote recycling. The Clerk suggested offering a tote(s) or a cart to new residents as part of the welcome package.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

News media – Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*; Nikki Thunder, KCHE.

Mark Murphy – Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Taylor
City Clerk-Treasurer