

**Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, Cherokee, Iowa
January 12, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting was called to order on this date by Mayor Murphy. Present: Council members Agnitsch, Brown, Pingel, Johnson, Miller, City Attorney Herbold and Clerk-Treasurer Cargin. Absent was City Administrator Kooiker.

Consent Business

Councilperson Brown questioned the purchase of the property at 113 Union St. from Dave and Cheryl Ellis with funds allocated through the FEMA buyout program. He commented that the house was purchased by the Ellis' subsequent to the flood of June, 2013. It was his understanding that if a property that was included in the FEMA grant application was subsequently sold, the new owner would not be eligible for a buyout offer. City Clerk Cargin, who has worked extensively on the grant administration, replied that Jonathan Pogones, Lead Mitigation Project Officer with Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Department who is our FEMA contact, was consulted and all FEMA regulations and requirements were followed regarding this purchase.

A motion by Brown, seconded by Miller unanimously approve the following under "Consent Business".

Bills totaling \$ 377,619.03

AHLERS & COONEY	LEGAL SERVICE, MILEAGE	\$4,994.45
ALEXIA GERDES	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$40.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITY SERVICES	\$1,919.19
ARAMARK	RAGS/RUGS/MOP	\$47.57
ARMOND RIDER	1/16 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
ARTIST'S MAGAZINE	SUBSCRIPTION	\$39.96
ATIRA MASTERCARD	MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,422.29
AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS	FIRE ALARM INSPECTION	\$991.00
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS	EQUALIZATION BASIN PUMP FAILED	\$1,071.00
BAKER & TAYLOR INC.	BOOKS/AUDIO-VIS	\$549.87
BANKERS TRUST CO.	BOND INTEREST	\$52,820.00
BARCO	SIGNS	\$111.87
BENSON CONSTRUCTION	SNOW REMOVAL	\$2,670.00
BLAINE'S CULLIGAN	SALT & WATER	\$191.46
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	PROF. SERVICES	\$770.00
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,857.85
BOWILL, LLC	FEMA PURCHASE - 321 N. 1ST ST.	\$19,614.43
BRAD'S TIRE SERVICE CENTER	4 TIRES	\$650.76
BROWN SUPPLY	CUTTING EDGE FOR LOADER	\$801.00
BUGH WELDING	REPAIRS	\$1,125.07

BUILDERS SHARPENING & SERVICE	PARTS	\$28.86
CAEDC	QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION	\$2,733.75
CARUS CORPORATION	CHEMICALS	\$1,495.28
CB HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AGENCY	PAINT DISPOSAL	\$168.27
CHAMPION ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS	\$677.49
CHANDLER HOHBACH	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$30.00
CHEROKEE AUTO PARTS	TOW STRAP	\$149.00
CHEROKEE COUNTY RECORDER	DEED, TRANSFER TAXES	\$121.40
CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF	SMALL CLAIMS	\$52.00
CHEROKEE COUNTY SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES - 418 N. 1ST, 1/16 CHARGES	\$29,720.85
CHEROKEE COUNTY TREASURER	TAXES	\$1,252.32
CHEROKEE COUNTY WORK SERVICES	TOWELS & RUGS	\$60.49
CHEROKEE LUMBER	PLYWOOD, SHEETROCK	\$960.81
CHEROKEE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	2 PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	\$487.00
CHEROKEE STATE BANK	5 NSF CHECKS	\$708.00
CHESTERMAN	POP	\$51.50
CHRONICLE TIMES	ADS, MINUTES, ORDINANCE PUBLICATIONS	\$1,141.65
CHUCK STUBBE	REIMBURSE CAT/BACKHOE LUNDELL	\$230.00
CML TELEPHONE	PHONE/FAX/INTERNET	\$381.57
COMMERCIAL LIGHTING	LIGHTS	\$161.57
CONTROL SYSTEM SPECIALIST	MAINTENANCE	\$962.19
COUNSEL	COPIER LEASE/COPIES	\$401.60
COUNTRY WOMAN	SUBSCRIPTION	\$29.98
CREATIVE SERVICES	PLAQUE - J. PECK	\$23.00
DAVE ELLIS	FEMA PURCHASE - 113 UNION	\$17,665.80
DAX JOHANNSEN	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$30.00
DEARBORN NATIONAL	1/16 LIFE INSURANCE	\$15.18
DENNY'S SERVICE	PLUMBING REPAIR	\$107.00
DES MOINES STAMP MFG.	STAMP	\$70.00
DIVERSIFIED FASTENING SYSTEMS	NUTS & BOLDS FOR BLADES	\$238.50
DOUBLEDAY LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	\$40.38
DPC INDUSTRIES	CHLORINE	\$597.50
DUANE MUMMERT	1/16 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
ELECTRIC PUMP	ASSEMBLIES	\$1,995.00
ELIZABETH HERRERA	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$60.00
EVERTEK	INTERNET	\$38.25
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	SUPPLIES	\$115.32
FELD FIRE	BATTERY	\$26.65
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING	\$350.00
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	COLIFORMS TEST	\$565.00
GANGER PAINT & BODY , INC.	PICK UP REPAIR	\$899.77
GOV CONNECTION	FIREWALL, WIRELESS INTERNET	\$426.97
GREGG COMPUTER SERVICE	NETWORK STORAGE DEVICE/MONITOR	\$984.97

HACH COMPANY	TESTING & LAB SUPPLIES	\$598.16
HALLETT MATERIALS	SAND	\$1,432.11
HOLZHAUER MOTORS	OIL CHANGE	\$39.95
HY-VEE FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$12.93
IA STATE POLICE ASSOCIATION	DUES	\$120.00
IA STATE RESERVE	DUES - N. JAMES	\$20.00
IA. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	CONSTRUCTION PERMIT	\$100.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	LOAN INTEREST	\$22,935.00
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	\$50.00
IOWA ONE CALL	11/15 LOCATES	\$92.80
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	ATV STICKERS, SIGNS	\$339.40
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS	\$400.00
JAKE DYSLIN	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$386.85
JASMINE RAMIREZ	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$60.00
JUNGLE'S FLAG SERVICE	CITY HALL FLAGS	\$28.00
KMART	SUPPLIES	\$181.28
LETSCHES BIKE/RADIO SHACK	REFUND STORE FRONT DEPOSIT, SUPPLIES	\$574.98
LINDSAY WILLIAMS	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$60.00
LUNDELL CONSTRUCTION	SNOW REMOVAL, WATER MAIN, CURB STOPS	\$17,067.79
MALLOY ELECTRIC	REPAIR SOUTH LIFT PUMP	\$2,020.55
MARTHA STEWARD LIVING	SUBSCRIPTION	\$44.00
MAYNARD STEWARD	FEMA RELOCATION	\$9,464.06
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	MOTHERBOARD FOR METER	\$1,033.85
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITY SERVICES	\$17,085.24
MID WEST CONSTRUCTION	LASER & TRIPOD	\$1,131.66
MIDWEST LIVING	SUBSCRIPTION	\$19.97
MONGAN PAINTING	CHEMICAL BUILDING	\$7,066.51
MOTOR PARTS SALES	PARTS	\$1.89
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	METERS, LOCATERS	\$6,658.83
NATE JAMES	MEALS, 1/16 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$121.07
NELSON LOCKSMITH	REKEY WATER PLANT	\$91.00
NORTHEAST STAGE	STAGE CURTAIN BALANCE	\$99.35
NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET	\$84.90
NORTHWEST IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES	\$50.00
OFFICE ELEMENTS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$131.72
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT FEES	\$425.00
OFFICE OF VEHICLE SERVIES	SALVAGE CERTIFICATES	\$170.00
O'HALLORAN INTERNATIONAL	FIX HYDRAULIC PROBLEMS	\$618.97
OMAHA WORLD HEARLD	SUBSCRIPTION	\$311.48
ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,058.63
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	TAIL LIGHT	\$20.31
PAITYN HAGBERG	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$110.00
PAT GRAYBILL	UTILITY BILL REFUND	\$46.50

PEOPLE SERVICE, INC.	MONTHLY SERVICE	\$4,700.00
PETTY CASH-LIBRARY	POSTAGE	\$316.50
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE RENTAL	\$35.00
PURCHASE POWER/PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	\$453.50
R COMM WIRELESS	BATTERIES	\$929.00
R.J. THOMAS MFG.	BENCH BACK	\$346.50
RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	MAIN STREET FACADES	\$5,276.75
REHAB SYSTEMS INC.	2 SEWERS CLEANED	\$500.00
REINERT MACHINE SHOP	WELDING WIRE, CUTTING EDGE	\$279.70
RUPP MANUFACTURING	REPAIRS	\$970.00
SAM KOOIKER	12/15 CELL PHONE REIMB. & MEALS/MILEAGE	\$171.95
SANITARY SERVICES	12/15 GARBAGE PICK UP	\$24,977.85
SCHOON CONSTRUCTION & EXCAVATION	SNOW REMOVAL	\$3,757.50
SIGNATURE BANK	FEMA PURCHASE - BOON	\$33,015.00
SIoux SALES	UNIFORM - H. REISING	\$569.58
SJE RHOMBUS	RELAYS FOR SOUTH LIFT	\$176.12
STEVE CASEY	MOTEL/MEALS	\$175.76
STEVE GRANT	PAINTING	\$40.00
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	WINDOW CLEANING	\$270.00
SYNCHRONY BANK/AMAZON	DVDS	\$155.59
THE ACCURATE COURT REPORTER	SUBSCRIPTION	\$39.00
THREE RIVER BENEFIT	1/16 ADMIN FEES	\$452.00
THREE RIVER BENEFIT	CLAIMS THROUGH 12/25/15	\$4,878.01
TIME	SUBSCRIPTION	\$74.85
TODD LARSEN	1/16 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TODD MILLER	1/16 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TOM MUMMERT & SON CONSTRUCTION	HAUL SNOW	\$405.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	11/15 & 12/15 SALES TAX	\$7,349.97
TREAT AMERICA	MEALS-Z.SMITH	\$1,288.70
U. S. CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$227.85
UI HEALTH CARE EMS LEARNING RESOURCES	CPR/AED CARDS	\$48.00
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	SHIPPING	\$207.69
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPY MACHINE LEASE	\$89.94
USPS	POSTAGE/PRESORT POSTAGE	\$897.57
VALLEY VET	K-9 CHECK UP	\$221.66
VANDE BERG SCALES	CALIBRATE SCALES	\$150.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	\$94.54
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	INSURANCE	\$718.52
WEX	FUEL	\$1,875.27
WILLIAM J. BACK	FEMA PURCHASE - 107 UNION	\$19,653.20
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE	\$1,022.97
WINTHER, STAVE & CO.	FINAL BILLING FY 14/15 AUDIT	\$3,750.00
WITTGRAF LAW FIRM	LEGAL SERVICE	\$3,670.00

YOUR FLEETCARD PROGRAM	FUEL	\$33.18
		TOTAL: \$374,726.60

LIBRARY BOARD

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS	\$410.73
BAKER & TAYLOR	DOUBLEDAY LP	\$40.38
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$28.99
CONTROL SYSTEMS	MECHANICAL SYSTEM REPAIR	\$962.19
COUNSEL	COPIER LEASE	\$99.00
GREGG COMPUTER	COMPUTER REPAIR	\$69.99
KMART	SUPPLIES	\$10.77
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$711.68
PETTY CASH	SUPPLIES, PAPERS	\$228.31
SARA KREUTZ	PROGRAM FEE	\$100.00
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	WINDOW CLEANING	\$90.00
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$140.39

TOTAL: \$2,892.43

GRAND TOTAL: \$377,619.03

City Council minutes of December 22, 2015.
 Library Board minutes of December 9, 2015
 Tax Abatement for Brad's Tire Service Center

Presentation of Annual Audit

Arvin Druvinga of Winther-Stave & Co. LLP was present to give a brief review of the annual audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The report shows a clean opinion, which is the highest level of opinion they can issue. Overall receipts represented a 14% increase for the year, and disbursements increased 12%. Multi-year year projects including federal grant projects will distort expenses over revenue as these grant funds are received on a reimbursable basis. Expenses for the FEMA buyout program incurred prior to June 30, and were submitted and reimbursed after July 1, 2015.

Scheduling of Council Budget Workshops

Budget workshops were scheduled for Tuesday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m. to be held at City Hall.

Water Tower Lighting Options

Armond Rider, Public Works Director, presented two bids for replacement of the lights on the north water tower. There are nine lights on the tower, with several not working at present. A bid from Woodall Electric totaling \$9,989 involves replacing the lights with

new LED lights that can be slid out and changed from the access hole inside. The lights should be maintenance free for around 10 years. Using LED lights will save on electricity costs as we currently use 20 amps to run the lights and the new lights will use 4 amps.

Champion Electric suggested putting four, 8' light poles around the base of the tower, with lights shining upward. These lights would also be LED and maintenance free. The bid for this work is \$9,950.

Agnitsch expressed concern that 8' light poles might possibly reflect a glare that would bother traffic at the Hwy. 3 & 59 corner.

A motion by Miller, seconded by Agnitsch, unanimously approved the bid from Woodall Electric in the amount of \$9,989 to replace the existing lighting with new LED lights.

Reports

The Council reviewed the following reports.

1. Administrator's Report.
2. December Clerk-Treasurer's report and receipts as follows: General - \$106,050.90; Police Forfeiture - \$667.92; County Library - \$3,501.19; Road Use - \$65,240.97; Employee Benefits - \$35,351.26; Emergency- \$2,294.41; LOST - \$839, 653.30; Hotel/Motel Tax - \$41,174.12; TIF - \$12.49; Revolving Loan - \$514.99; Library Memorial - \$37.49; Park & Rec Capital Improvement - \$4.30; Debt Service - \$33,267.04; CDBG Storefront Project - \$35,000; Flood Buyout Program - \$40,467.00; Emergency Set-Aside - \$4.55; Oak Hill Perpetual Care - \$100.28; Water Utility, City - \$55,737.39; Water Utility, Industrial - \$27.19; Water System Maintenance - \$9,658.71; Sewer Utility, City - \$104,929.87; Sewer Utility, Industrial - \$18.04; Sewer Fac. Bond & Interest - \$29,959.17; Sewer System Maintenance - \$5,750.00; Aviation Authority - \$1,274.69; Solid Waste - \$27,361.36; Landfill - \$33,412.48; Storm Sewer Utility - \$7,297.83; Self Insurance - \$18.03; Police Dept. Special Acct. - .40
3. December General Fund Revenue/Expense Report
4. December Police Reports

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

News media – Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, Nicki Thunder, *KCHE Radio*

Mark Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk-Treasurer

