

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019, 6:00 P.M.  
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

A regular meeting was called to order on this date by Mayor Schmidt. Roll call: Present: Councilpersons Agnitsch, Brown, Miller, Johnson, Pingel and City Clerk-Treasurer Cargin. Absent was City Attorney Herbold.

**Budget Workshop**

The Council reviewed budget requests from Department Heads for the various departments. The proposed tax levy is \$15.89/\$1,000 of taxable valuation, which is a decrease of .13/\$1,000 from the tax levy of \$16.02 for FY19.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Miller, to approve the agenda. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

**Resolution 2019-08 Supporting STBG Grant Application**

Motion by Agnitsch, seconded by Brown to adopt Resolution 19-08, a Resolution Supporting the Submittal of a Grant Application through the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Assn. for Funding for a Surface Transportation Block Grant Project for the resurfacing of W. Main St. from N. 11th St. to N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. If funded, the city's cost will be 20%. The project would be completed in 2022. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

**Resolution 19-09 Extension of Building Permit Holiday**

Motion by Miller, seconded by Pingel to adopt Resolution 19-09, a Resolution Authorizing "Holiday" for single Family & Duplex Building Permits until December 31, 2019, for New Construction. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

**Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Brown, the following was approved under Consent Agenda. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

City Council Minutes of January 22, January 28, and January 29, 2019.

Review January Police Report.

Review Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission minutes of December 11, 2018.

Review Parks & Recreation minutes of February 4, 2019.

Review Library Board minutes of February 6, 2019.

January Treasurer's Report and Receipts as follows: General \$177,608.95; Police Forfeiture \$290.23; County Library \$3,501.55; Road Use \$110,364.38; Employee Benefits \$25,225.37; Emergency \$1,423.32; Other Street Monies/Local Option Sales Tax \$76,352.21; Hotel/Motel Tax \$28.57; Wilson School Reserve \$0; Revolving Loan \$.51; Library Memorial \$524.46; Park & Rec Capital Improvement \$2.40; Cemetery Special Care \$14,014.53; Debt Service \$11,824.88; Road Use Equipment \$0; 2016 Capital Projects \$0; Emergency Set-Aside \$7.42; Oak Hill Perpetual Care \$0; Water Utility \$63,300.51; Water Utility – Industrial \$55.61; Water Treatment Fac. Project \$0; Water Main Project Bond & Interest \$5,365.00; Water System Maintenance \$9,874.95; Sewer Utility \$102,029.08; Sewer Utility – Industrial \$730.13; Sewer

Facility Bond & Interest \$31,241.50; Sewer System Maintenance \$9,077.73; Aviation Authority \$790.69; Solid Waste \$28,183.64; Landfill \$30,208.15; Storm Sewer Utility - \$7,009.92; Self-Insurance \$25.82; Police Dept. Special Acct. \$.00

Bills totaling \$158,998.19

AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	2018 STREET IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS	\$6,600.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	URBAN RENEWAL	\$236.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	WILSON SCHOOL	\$1,588.50
ALEXA TIMMERMAN	1/19 VOLLEYBALL REF	\$60.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$1,688.96
ALYSSA A. HERBOLD PLC.	1/19 LEGAL SERVICE	\$2,888.70
ALYSSA A. HERBOLD PLC.	WILSON SCHOOL	\$162.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	RAGS, RUGS, MOPS	\$56.82
ARMOND RIDER	2/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
AURELIA LUMBER COMPANY	WASTEWATER SUPPLIES	\$862.48
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	ENGINEERING	\$5,370.00
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	COOLER RENT & WATER, SOFTNER SALT	\$344.85
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	WATER TREATMENT REHAB	\$5,565.00
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	W. ELM STORM SEWER	\$520.00
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	2018 STREET IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,589.00
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	GENERAL ENGINEERING	\$980.50
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	RAILROAD CREEK HYDRAULICS	\$5,679.00
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	2018 STORMWATER IMROVEMENTS	\$881.50
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,800.02
BROWN SUPPLY CO.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$7,969.23
BRYCE KREMER	1/19 VOLLEYBALL REF	\$90.00
C-M-L TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$654.38
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	REPAIR STREET LIGHTS	\$218.38
CHEROKEE AREA ECONOMIC	4 RECOGNITION BANQUET TICKETS	\$120.00
CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE	1/19 ASSESSMENT	\$29,688.51
CHEROKEE NAPA	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$105.20
CHEROKEE ROTARY CLUB	MEALS & MEMBER DUES/CS	\$161.35
CHRONICLE TIMES	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$667.14
CONTROL SYSTEM SPECIALISTS	HVAC MAINTENANCE	\$77.40
COUNSEL	COPY CONTRACTS & OVERAGE	\$391.97
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	OIL CHANGE, TIRE REPAIRS	\$89.74
CRAIG SCHMIDT	SIOUX CITY & LAKE VIEW MILEAGE	\$125.86
CREATIVE SERVICES	CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PLAQUE	\$63.00
CRITERION PICTURES USA	THE SANDLOT PV	\$350.00
DEMCO, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$334.69
DETROIT INDUSTRIAL TOOL	DI C/O WHEEL PREM THIN	\$404.07
DON EIKMEIER	CONTRACT PAYMENT	\$3,390.06
DUANE MUMMERT	2/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
ELLIE KOOIKER	1/19 VOLLEYBALL REF	\$90.00
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$89.48
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$1,094.25

FREMONT INDUSTRIES INC.	FLOCCULANT	\$732.22
GEORGE SCHMIDT	2/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
GREG EATON, FIRE CHIEF	VOLUNTEER FIREMAN PAYROLL	\$2,030.00
GREGG COMPUTER SERVICE	COMPUTER	\$1,199.99
HACH CO.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$630.42
HALLETT MATERIALS	ICE CONTROL SAND	\$655.76
HILLYARD	SOAP	\$155.56
IMFOA	2019/20 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$100.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS	\$8.94
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	\$85.00
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$100.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$8.10
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	SHOES & PANTS	\$175.89
JAMIE HODGDON	2/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
JANITOR'S CLOSET, LTD.	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$287.26
JIM GANO	FLAGS	\$38.00
JJSS, LLC	JET & TV SEWERS	\$1,160.00
JOHN MEIS	SIMPCO MEETING, STBG APP.	\$564.60
KATES-BOYLSTON, LLC	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$45.00
KISTLER CRANE & HOIST	INSPECTION	\$776.00
KRISTI EBEL	1/19 VOLLEYBALL REF	\$90.00
MARCUS LUMBER COMPANY	MAIL SLOT FOR NIGHT DEPOSIT BOX	\$34.99
MARTHA STEWART LIVING	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$18.00
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$316.90
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$1,213.47
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	1/19 ADMIN FEE, CLAIMS	\$1,225.04
MODERN HEATING & COOLING	REPAIRS	\$645.54
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	WATER SUPPLIES	\$1,350.84
NATE JAMES	2/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
NELSON ELECTRIC	LED BULBS	\$337.50
NOGGIN WATER	COOLER RENT	\$25.00
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	LAB SUPPLIES	\$593.38
NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	BOOKS	\$333.84
NORTHWEST IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEETING REGISTRATION	\$15.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES	PARTS	\$181.41
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$914.59
PETTY CASH	TOTE FOR CHRISTMAS TREE	\$21.98
PETTY CASH - LIBRARY	NEWSPAPERS & POSTAGE	\$175.27
PITNEY BOWES INC.	POSTAGE MACHINE INK	\$161.48
R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC.	ROUTER TIME, VEHICLE GRAPHICS	\$120.00
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	JET VAC N. 1ST ST.	\$980.20
REINERT MACHINE SHOP	BARRICADE REPAIRS	\$50.40
SANITARY SERVICES	1/19 GARBAGE PICK UP	\$24,911.10
SCE, LLC	425 E. CEDAR WATER LEAK	\$1,393.29
SIOUX SALES COMPANY	BOOTS	\$129.95

SJE RHOMBUS	SERVICE FLEX	\$10,628.84
SPENCER TROPHY & AWARDS	ENGRAVE PLATES	\$75.00
STAR ENERGY FS	FS TURBINE R & O	\$121.85
STATE OF IOWA	CEMETERY REPORT FILING	\$11.00
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	CLEAN WINDOWS	\$116.00
SYNCHRONY BANK/AMAZON	BOOKS	\$298.37
THE BOOK VINE	BOOKS	\$285.06
TIME	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$75.00
TODD LARSEN	2/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TODD MILLER	2/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	SALES & EXCISE TAX	\$4,615.00
TYLER EBEL	1/19 VOLLEYBALL REF	\$90.00
U.S. BANK	MISC. CHARGES	\$594.76
U.S. BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPY CONTRACT	\$89.94
USPCA REGION 21	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - J. DYSLIN	\$150.00
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$311.99
VERIZON WIRELESS	HOT SPOTS & CELL PHONES	\$756.74
WATCHGUARD VIDEO	CHEST MOUNTS	\$215.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$2,476.22
WHEELCHAIR DYNAMICS INC.	C. CENTER DOOR REPAIRS	\$140.00
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LT	FILTER & BUCKETS	\$30.95
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE	\$935.95
WOODALL ELECTRIC	INDUSTRIAL PLANT REPAIRS	\$9,588.50
YOUR FLEETCARD PROGRAM	PARK FUEL	\$77.07

### **Set Public Hearing Date for FY19 Budget Amendment**

Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, set the Public Hearing date for a FY19 Budget Amendment for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at City Hall. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

### **Award Bid for S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street Sewer Line Replacement**

Two bids were received for the replacement of the sewer line along S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. as follows: SCE, LLC \$91,392.00; Grundman-Hicks \$98,000. Public Works Director, Armond Rider, stated that the City would do the bypass pumping which was included in the bid amount from SCE in the amount of \$6,500, thereby lowering the cost to \$84,892. The council stressed the importance of getting this project done as soon as possible. Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, to approve the low bid of SCE, LLC. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

### **Approve Two-Year Labor Agreement with I.U.O.E.**

Motion by Miller, seconded by Agnitsch, to approve a two-year labor agreement with I.U.O.E. The new agreement provides a wage increase of 2.75% for each of the new fiscal years, beginning July 1, 2019, with no other changes from the current contract. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None

**Approve Two-Year Labor Agreement with Cherokee Policeman’s Assn.**

Motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel, to approve a two-year labor agreement with the Cherokee Policeman’s Assn. The new agreement sets a base wage of \$22.77 on July 1, 2019, and \$23.40 on July 1, 2020, with pay increases after three years, five years, seven years and ten years of employment. There were no other changes from the current contract. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

**Community Center Floor Replacement**

McGill Asbestos Abatement Co., Omaha NE, has provided a price quote in the amount of \$24,840.00 for tearing up the floor tile in the lower level of the Community Center and hallway, which contains asbestos. Tim Vanden Brink has quoted a price of \$23,115.75 for grinding, filling popouts with epoxy, adding a lithium densifier and applying two coats of sealer and burnishing the concrete floor. Motion by Miller, to approve the price quote from McGill Asbestos Abatement. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel, to approve the price quote from Tim Vanden Brink and move forward with the project as soon as possible. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

**Council Comments**

Miller reported that interviews with five candidates for the City Administrator position were held on February 12, 2019. The selection committee will be narrowing the field down to three, with background checks to be conducted on the remaining three candidates.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Media Present: None.

Craig Schmidt  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Cargin  
City Clerk Treasurer