

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

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

Oath of Office – Reserve Police Officer

Mayor Schmidt administered the Oath of Office to new reserve police officer, Molly Deiber. The addition of the new officer brings the total number of volunteer reserve officers to seven. The council thanked Ms. Deiber for accepting this position.

Labor Agreement – Cherokee Police Assn.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to approve the proposed contract with the Cherokee Police Association. Included in the one-year contract is a 3% wage increase, a change in the deductibles for health insurance to be the same as what the non-union employees pay and wordage relating to the military leave of absence to be deleted and the personnel policy will be followed in regard to this. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Variance Request – 508 N. Roosevelt

Motion by Brown, seconded by Agnitsch to accept the recommendation of the Board of Adjustment regarding the request for variance for 508 N. Roosevelt Ave. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Public Hearing – FY18-19 Budget

Mayor Schmidt opened the public hearing on the FY18-19 budget at 7:07 p.m. As there were no written or oral comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

Resolution 2018-14 Adoption of FY18-19 Budget

Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson adopted Resolution 2018-14, a Resolution Adopting Annual Budget for FY18-19 & Certification of Taxes. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Resolution 2018-15 Grant Application for Street Reconstruction

Motion by Agnitsch, seconded by Brown adopted Resolution #2018-15, a Resolution Supporting the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Siouland Regional Transportation Planning Assoc. Surface Transportation Block Grant for the reconstruction of N. Roosevelt Ave. from the north side of Fountain St. to Main St. If awarded, the reconstruction will be done in 2022. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Resolution 2018-16 Authorizing Transfer of Funds

Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller adopted Resolution 2018-16, a Resolution Authorizing Use of 2016B General Obligation Bond funds to close out the CDBG Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Resolution 2018-17 Acceptance of Quit Claim Deed

Motion by Agnitsch, seconded by Johnson adopted Resolution #2018-17, a Resolution to Accept Quit Claim from the D.O.T. for Sleezer Road Right-of-Way. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, the following was approved under Consent Agenda.

Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None

City Council Minutes of February 13, 2018.

Authorized Sewer Utility Credit of \$293.61 for 220 Euclid Ave.

Street Closings for June 2nd Rodeo Parade

Urban Revitalization Tax Abatement Application for 425 Gillease

Bills totaling \$367,873.52

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| ALLIANT ENERGY | GAS | \$4,196.64 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES | CLEAN RUGS | \$49.28 |
| ATIRA CREDIT MASTERCARD | MISCELLANOUS ITEMS | \$1,361.58 |
| AURELIA LUMBER COMPANY | LUMBER | \$180.30 |
| BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING | SOFTNER SALT, WATER & COOLER RENT | \$49.80 |
| BOLTON & MENK, INC. | WATER TREATMENT REHABILITATION | \$2,468.25 |
| BOLTON & MENK, INC. | WILSON SCHOOL DEMO | \$4,960.00 |
| BOLTON & MENK, INC. | GRANT APPLICATIONS, LEWIS HOTEL | \$1,200.00 |
| BOMGAARS | OPERATING SUPPLIES | \$2,354.37 |
| BRETT GANNON | MEALS | \$14.32 |
| BROWN SUPPLY CO. | PLASTIC PIPE | \$225.00 |
| CARUS CORPORATION | CALCIQUEST LIQUID | \$1,290.00 |
| CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC. | BRUSH, CAR WASH & WAX | \$102.00 |
| CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC. | REPLACE SMOKE DETECTORS | \$265.14 |
| CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTH. | PROPERTY TAX DRAW | \$96.45 |
| CHEROKEE REG. MED. CENTER | IMMUNIZATIONS | \$852.00 |
| COUNSEL | COPY CONTRACT & OVERAGE | \$298.16 |
| COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE | MOUNT & BALANCE TIRES | \$100.53 |
| CRAIG SCHMIDT | MILEAGE & MEAL-LEAGUE MEETING | \$73.86 |
| CROSSROADS OF WESTERN IA | CLEAN SHOP TOWELS | \$6.63 |
| DEER VALLEY LAND IMPROV. | SNOW REMOVAL 2/6 & 2/10 | \$1,276.00 |
| DENNY'S SERVICE | INSTALL REGULATOR & SINK | \$1,022.68 |
| ELECTRIC PUMP | SERVICE CALL | \$372.50 |
| FAREWAY STORES, INC. | CHAMBER COFFEE/BUDGET WORKSHOP | \$77.92 |
| FIRST ABSTRACT & LOAN | 410 MAGNETIC LIEN REPORT | \$200.00 |
| FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB | WASTEWATER & WATER SAMPLES | \$1,360.00 |
| GRAHAM TIRE & AUTOMOTIVE | TIRES | \$698.86 |
| HACH CO. | LAB SUPPLIES | \$750.07 |
| HALLETT MATERIALS | ICE CONTROL SAND | \$1,318.94 |
| HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO. | POWERSHINE SOAP | \$499.00 |
| HY-VEE, INC. | FATHER/DAUGHTER & BINGO SUPPLIES | \$207.16 |

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| IOWA D.O.T. | TIRE CHAIN CABLE | \$39.60 |
| IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP | ELECTRICITY | \$67.88 |
| IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES | MLA PART THREE-CS | \$75.00 |
| J. J. KELLER & ASSOCIATES | OSHA BOOKS | \$1,299.60 |
| JERRY'S TREE SERVICE | TREE WORK | \$250.00 |
| JOHN MEIS | SIMPCO TAC MEETING | \$207.25 |
| JR'S SALES AND SERVICE | GARAGE DOOR REPAIRS | \$240.00 |
| K-MART #9222 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$10.27 |
| MEDIACOM LLC | INTERNET | \$305.90 |
| MENARDS-SPENCER | LED BULBS, SAW, SAW BLADES, HAMMER | \$207.33 |
| MID AMERICAN ENERGY | ELECTRICITY | \$306.64 |
| MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC | 3/18 ADMIN & FLEX FEE, CLAIMS | \$6,033.91 |
| MID-IOWA SALES CO. | SUPPLIES | \$63.08 |
| MODERN HEATING & COOLING | CITY HALL WATER LEAK | \$194.23 |
| MOTOR PARTS SALES | FIRE TRUCK PARTS | \$17.61 |
| NELSON ELECTRIC | INSTALL LIGHT FIXTURE | \$68.33 |
| O'HALLORAN INTERNATIONAL | 2014 INT. BRAKE REPAIRS, BRACKET | \$769.60 |
| O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES | PHONE HOLDERS, PARTS | \$26.91 |
| ONE OFFICE SOLUTION | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$816.44 |
| PETTY CASH | CHAMBER BUCKS FOR BINGO | \$40.00 |
| REHAB SYSTEMS, INC. | CLEAN SEWER LINES | \$550.00 |
| RIVERFRONT CAR WASH | SNOW REMOVAL 2/10 | \$495.00 |
| ROSENBAUER SOUTH DAKOTA | FINAL LADDER TRUCK PAYMENT | \$314,604.00 |
| SAM KOOIKER | CITY MANAGERS MEETING MEAL | \$9.10 |
| SCE, LLC | SNOW REMOVAL, DIG GRAVE, | \$5,510.00 |
| SCHMILLEN CONSTRUCTION INC | SNOW REMOVAL 2/7 | \$400.00 |
| SHARE CORPORATION | PEAPODS | \$95.49 |
| SHOPKO STORES OPERATING CO. | USB DRIVE | \$38.99 |
| SIOUX SALES COMPANY | PD SUPPLIES | \$21.95 |
| SYNCHRONY BANK/AMAZON | BOOKS | \$186.87 |
| TOM MUMMERT | SNOW REMOVAL 2/7 & 2/10 | \$945.00 |
| UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA | 3/18 LIFE & DISABILITY INS. | \$1,058.43 |
| USPS | UTILITY BILL POSTAGE CYCLE 2 | \$327.60 |
| UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY | REPAIR CLAMP | \$248.38 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | CELL PHONE | \$30.13 |
| WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV. | BOBCAT TOOLCAT LEASE | \$1,841.69 |
| WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LT | FUEL | \$2,064.00 |
| WOMAN'S DAY | SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL | \$21.40 |
| ZIEGLER INC. | REPAIR ENGINE COOLANT | \$458.47 |

Sanitary Services Presentation

Eric Lundell of Sanitary Services presented a proposal to the council which would require residents to use wheeled garbage containers to be supplied by Sanitary Services for garbage collection. To cover the cost of the containers there would be an increase of \$2 to \$3 per month for garbage charges on the customer's city utility bill. The fee would cover repair or replacement

of damaged containers. Most cities in our area have a similar program and are using the two-wheeled garbage containers. Lundell noted that where the containers are used the limitation on the amount of garbage set out for collection is much more adhered to and residents are more apt to recycle. Marcus requires use of the wheeled containers and their recycling rate is 53%, compared to Cherokee's at 19%. Cherokee is three times as big and Marcus has a larger volume of recyclables set out than Cherokee does. Some of the other benefits include a much cleaner city on garbage collection day and they are easier to handle and less likely to blow away or tip over. Use of the containers enables the garbage collector to improve efficiency by collecting faster, using less fuel and less traffic congestion while picking up garbage. One of the primary considerations is safety for garbage pickup employees. Lundell stated that an employee was stuck with a needle and the result was a year's worth of blood tests, luckily he was not infected with anything, and that in cities where the containers are used his guys just don't get hurt. Containers can be hooked up to the garbage truck and dumped automatically. In addition, the lidded containers prevent animals from getting into garbage and help eliminate smells. Currently Sanitary Services rents the containers to about 300 residents for a fee of \$2.40 per month. Brown questioned whether it would be better to just have residents buy the containers outright, he is not a big fan increasing garbage rates. Lundell replied that he has not asked for a rate increase since 2014. Besides the containers improving efficiency, he will no longer have to bill for the rental charge. There are benefits for Sanitary Services in going to the mandatory containers, but there are a lot of benefits for residents as well. Miller replied that he agrees with Lundell regarding the containers, but that residents need some relief on their garbage rates. Lundell countered that the landfill charge is more than the garbage collection charge. Using only the containers and potentially increasing the amount of recyclables will give him more leverage with the landfill in controlling his costs in that recyclables go to Van's Sanitation in LeMars and don't need to be buried. Brown is open to drawing up an ordinance and getting residents' feedback on the proposal.

Adjournment

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Media Present: Nikki Thunder, *KCHE Radio*

Craig Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Cargin
City Clerk Treasurer