

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

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

Approve Agenda

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

Public Hearing – FY2021-22 Budget

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Schmidt opened the public hearing on the FY2021-22 proposed budget. As there were no oral or written comments, the hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

Resolution #2021-16 Adopting FY2021-22 Budget

Motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel to approve Resolution #2021-16, a Resolution Adopting the FY2021-22 annual budget. The total levy rate is \$15.53934, down from \$15.59159 for FY21. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Ordinance #696 Amending No Parking Zones

John Wilkie, representing Central Bank, questioned what two parking spaces are scheduled to be eliminated as proposed in Ordinance #696, an Ordinance Amending No Parking Zones. List replied that it is the two spaces along the west side of 4th St. adjacent to the bank. This recommendation came from police and fire department personnel as the turn onto 4th St. from W. Main St. is extremely tight. Wilkie stated it is the bank's preference to keep these spaces. Bank employees park farther down on 4th St. and these two spots are always kept available for bank customers. Motion by Miller, seconded by Loughlin, to approve the third reading of Ordinance #696, an Ordinance Amending No Parking Zones with the provision that the inclusion of South 4th St. on the west side from Main Street to Maple Street be stricken and order its publication. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Ordinance #698 Amending Airport Zoning Related to Height

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Miller to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of Ordinance #698, an Ordinance Amending Airport Zoning Related to Height and order its publication. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consent Agenda

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

City Council Minutes of February 23, 2021 (Budget Workshop and Regular).

February Police Report.

Correction of City Council Minutes of November 10, 2020 (Resolution #2020-44 was incorrectly stated as Approving Contract and Bond, the correct name of the Resolution is Making Award of Contract for the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvement Phase 2.)

February Treasurer's Report and Receipts as follows: General \$138,208.15; Police Forfeiture \$329.30; County Library \$.73; Road Use \$45,912.97; Employee Benefits \$6,162.69; Emergency \$355.85; Other Street Monies/Local Option Sales Tax \$5,581.25; Hotel/Motel Tax \$9,951.96; Tax Increment Financing \$0; Wilson School Reserve \$0; Revolving Loan \$.17; Library Memorial \$193.08; Park & Rec Capital Improvement \$.84; Cemetery Special Care \$.23; Debt Service \$4,456.91; 2016 Capital Projects \$0; Floods of 2018/19 \$0; S. 5th Street Improvement Project \$0; Emergency Set-Aside \$7.57; Oak Hill Perpetual Care \$75.00; Water Utility \$56,151.01; Water Utility – Industrial \$3.76; Water Main Project Bond & Interest \$5,273.00; Water System Maintenance \$9,231.71; Sewer Utility \$106,108.34; Sewer Facility Bond & Interest \$34,006.00; Sewer System Maintenance \$8,536.14; CDBG Sanitary Sewer Euclid/Spruce \$0; Aviation Authority \$197.68; Solid Waste \$30,236.59; Landfill \$28,484.41; Storm Sewer Utility \$6,551.81; Self-Insurance \$9.54; Police Dept. Special Acct. \$.00.
Bills totaling \$125,355.19

ALEXANDER WINDLE	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$17.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$1,686.53
ARMOND RIDER	3/21 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
BAKER & TAYLOR INC.	BOOKS	\$1,030.89
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	ROOSEVELT AVE. RECONSTRUCTION	\$4,874.50
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	EUCLID AVE. RECONSTRUCTION	\$3,585.00
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	WILLOW ST. BOX CULVERT	\$7,200.00
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	HWY 59 STORM SEWER & SIDEWALK	\$360.00
BEN SCHILMOELLER	HOTEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$88.48
BENSON CONSTRUCTION	SNOW REMOVAL	\$250.00
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	RENTALS, WATER, SALT	\$189.70
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$563.39
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	REPAIRS & PARTS	\$1,229.87
C-M-L TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$751.11
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	FIRE SUPPLIES	\$85.50
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	TONER	\$230.19
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	FIX TRAFFIC LIGHTS	\$402.00
CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE	2/21 ASSESSMENT	\$29,688.51
CHRONICLE TIMES	2/21 LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$1,107.16
CINTAS	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$25.37
COUNSEL	COPY OVERAGE	\$52.81
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	SNOW REMOVAL, VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$629.63
CRAIG SCHMIDT	LEAGUE OF CITIES DOOR PRIZE	\$51.24
D. A. DAVIDSON & CO.	FILE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE INF	\$1,000.00
DECORAH PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOOKS	\$73.94
DEMCO, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$241.46
DUANE MUMMERT	3/21 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
ECHO GROUP INC.	ELECTRICAL BOXES	\$122.88
ERIC LIST	3/21 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
ERIN RYDREN	DVDS	\$52.30
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	POP FOR C. CENTER, REC SUPPLIES	\$119.54
FASTENAL COMPANY	BOLTS	\$81.25
FELD FIRE	FIRE SUPPLIES	\$97.68

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	FIRE INSTRUCTOR BOOKS	\$131.51
GEORGE SCHMIDT	3/21 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
GREG EATON, FIRE CHIEF	FIREMAN PAYROLL & DONATION	\$890.00
GREGG COMPUTER SERVICE	WIRELESS ROUTER	\$192.49
HALLETT MATERIALS	ICE CONTROL SAND	\$1,577.64
IOWA DEPT./PUBLIC HEALTH	POOL & SLIDE RENEWAL	\$105.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	BOOK BINS, BOOKCASE, BOOKCART	\$2,746.00
JAMIE HODGDON	3/21 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
JR'S SALES AND SERVICE	INSTALL KEYLESS PAD	\$108.00
LEAF	COPY CONTRACTS	\$133.90
MALLISON & WALDNER LLC	SNOW REMOVAL	\$1,375.00
MARX TRAILER	SNOW PLOW TOP	\$162.00
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$414.40
MENARDS-SPENCER	SANDING DISC	\$17.86
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$1,012.16
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	3/21 HRA & FLEX ADMIN FEES & CLAIMS	\$1,334.58
MILLS & MILLER INC.	DEICING SALT	\$4,595.94
MOTOR PARTS SALES	PARTS	\$64.15
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	CLAMPS	\$450.30
NATE JAMES	3/21 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
NOGGIN WATER	COOLER RENT & WATER	\$25.00
NORTHSIDE TIRE	TIRE REPAIR	\$32.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$8.26
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FIN. SERVICE	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	\$158.64
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	JET VAC CLEANING	\$295.00
SANITARY SERVICES	2/21 GARBAGE PICK UP	\$28,765.90
SCE, LLC	WATER LEAKS, SNOW REMOVAL, DIG GRAVES	\$9,582.84
SCHOON CONSTRUCTION, INC.	SNOW REMOVAL	\$1,800.00
SIOUX SALES COMPANY	NARK KITS	\$82.50
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	CLEAN WINDOWS	\$131.00
STREICHER'S	CHEMICAL MUNITIONS	\$314.17
SYNCHRONY BANK/AMAZON	BOOKS & DVDS	\$597.47
THE ACCURATE COURT REPORTER	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$39.00
TODD LARSEN	3/21 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TODD MILLER	3/21 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	SALES & WET TAX	\$4,635.00
U.S. BANK	MISC. CHARGES	\$3,464.25
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$327.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	HOT SPOTS & CELL PHONES	\$364.91
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASE	COPIER LEASES	\$203.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$2,639.45
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LT	PROPANE	\$365.00

ICAP Renewal

Terri Brown with Perspective Insurance presented the City's ICAP policy renewal for property

and liability insurance. Brown had been advised that premiums across the board are increasing by 15-20% and had made the city aware of this several months ago. The city's premium is increasing from \$126,414.49 for FY21 (including a credit voucher) to \$150,189.00 for FY22 (no credit voucher will be given). Brown advised that the large increase in premium is due to increased claims across the state, mostly for the derecho that occurred last summer. The city only submitted seven claims last fiscal year, and a little over \$21,000 was paid out by ICAP. She had checked with another insurance company and stated that they also had the same percentage increase. Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to approve the renewal of the ICAP policy. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consider Public Works Pickup Purchase

List presented a bid from Holzhauer Motors for a new 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab in the amount of \$33,154.00 for the Public Works Dept. Holzhauer's provided a trade-in value of \$10,000 for a 2013 Ford (PW Dept.) and a \$1,000 trade-in value for a 2005 GMC pickup (Recreation Dept.) Motion by Brown, seconded by Loughlin to accept the Holzhauer bid and trade in the 2005 GMC pickup, with the 2013 Ford to transfer to the Recreation Dept. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Parking Lot Party Proposal – Brightside Lounge and Pastime Lounge

Motion by Miller, seconded by Loughlin to approve a request from the Brightside Lounge and Pastime Lounge to close the W. Maple St. parking lot from around 5 p.m. on Friday, June 4th, through noon on Sunday, June 6th, to co-sponsor a "Parking Lot Party" to coincide with the Cherokee Rodeo. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES:

Reports/Other

The council discussed replacement of a section of curb and gutter and sidewalk along W. Maple St. as well as the replacement of some curb, gutter and sidewalks to be completed in conjunction with the Hwy. 59 reconstruction project planned by the I.D.O.T. in the downtown area. Council is in favor of going forward with the section of W. Maple St. and assessing the sidewalk portion only, and doing the same for the sections along Hwy. 59 in the downtown area.

Pingel asked List to check into the synchronicity of the Lake St. and Hwy. 59 stoplight.

Brown commented on an increasing number of nuisance properties around the city and wants to make sure this issue is addressed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Pingel, seconded by Loughlin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Media Present: *None*

Craig Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Cargin, City Clerk-Treasurer