

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 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, Miller, Pingel, City Administrator List, and City Clerk-Treasurer Cargin. Absent was Councilperson Johnson.

Approve Agenda

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

Public Hearing – 2021 Roosevelt Ave. Reconstruction Project

At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Schmidt opened the Public Hearing on the 2021 Roosevelt Ave. Reconstruction Project Proposed Resolution of Necessity. Mike Zeiman, 411 N. Roosevelt Ave., questioned what the interest rate will be on all assessment amounts that are unpaid after 30 days and that are turned over to the County Treasurer to be collected with property taxes. List replied that he is unsure but will find out that information and let Zeiman know. Zeiman asked if the project area will be extended at some point. Armond Rider replied that at some point more of Roosevelt Ave. will probably be reconstructed but it would not happen any time soon. As there were no other oral or written comments, motion was made by Miller, seconded by Pingel to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Resolution #21-17 Resolution of Necessity

Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution #21-17 a Resolution With Respect to the Adoption of the Resolution of Necessity Proposed for the 2021 City of Cherokee Roosevelt Avenue Reconstruction Project. Roll call was: AYES: Loughlin, Miller, Brown, Pingel. NAYES: None

Resolution #21-18 Directing Preparation of Detailed Plans, Specs

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Loughlin to adopt Resolution #2021-18, a Resolution Directing Preparation of Detailed Plans and Specifications, Form of Contract and Notice to Bidders on the 2021 City of Cherokee Roosevelt Avenue Reconstruction Project. Roll call was: AYES: Miller, Pingel, Brown, Loughlin. NAYES: None.

Resolution #2021-19 Ordering Bids, Approving Plans, Specs, Form of Contract

Motion by Miller, seconded by Pingel to adopt Resolution #2021-19, a Resolution Ordering Bids, Approving Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract and Related Matters. Roll call was: AYES: Pingel, Brown, Loughlin, Miller. NAYES: None.

Resolution #2021-20 Adopting Fee Schedule

Motion by Miller, seconded by Brown to adopt Resolution #2021-20, a Resolution Adopting Fee Schedule with the elimination of the charge for rural fire calls. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consent Agenda

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

Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

City Council Minutes of March 9, 2021.

Application for Tax Abatement for 513 Park Ave. – Clair & Lynn Thorson.

Application for Tax Abatement for 604 W. Locust – Irwin Trust.

Application for Tax Abatement – 1207 N. 2nd St. – North Star Credit Union

Bills totaling \$239,488.10

AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GROUP	OIL & FUEL FILTERS & ELEMENTS	\$403.49
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$4,938.22
ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATION	RADIO	\$753.20
ALYSSA A. HERBOLD PLC.	2/21 LEGAL SERVICE	\$544.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	RAGS, RUGS, MOPS	\$163.98
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	FEMA-WESCOTT PARK RELOCATION	\$710.00
BEN SCHILMOELLER	REIMBURSE HOTEL ROOM	\$66.08
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$8.27
BUGH WELDING	RECEIVER HITCH REDUCER	\$75.00
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	DIA BLADES	\$122.50
CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC.	PAPER TOWELS	\$155.00
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	TAX DRAW	\$662.50
CLAUDIA FIGUEROA	INCOME OFFSET REIMBURSEMENT	\$103.52
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	OIL CHANGES	\$151.13
DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410	WATER	\$11.85
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$39.58
FELD FIRE	HELMET CRESCENT	\$18.00
FIRST COOPERATIVE ASSOC.	FUEL	\$3,710.17
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$273.00
FRANK DUNN CO.	HIGH PERFORMANCE PATCH	\$799.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	ICE CONTROL SAND & ROAD GRAVEL	\$2,958.80
I & S GROUP, INC.	NUTRIENT REDUCTION IMPROVEMENT	\$10,542.99
INTEGRATED INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM	PANEL VIEW PLUS & PARTS	\$8,844.46
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	BATTERIES	\$27.00
IOWA COMM. ASSURANCE POOL	ANNUAL PROPERTY/LIB. INSURANCE	\$150,189.00
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	\$36.00
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	BADGES & BOOTS	\$172.44
JANITOR'S CLOSET, LTD.	DAMP MOP	\$42.81
JJSS, LLC	SNOW REMOVAL	\$300.00
JR'S SALES AND SERVICE	RAIL DOOR OPENER INSTALLED	\$375.00
LOGAN THORSON	INDOOR SOCCER REFEREE	\$250.00
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$24,365.80
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	CLAIMS THROUGH 3/17/21	\$925.27
MIDWEST LUBRICANTS, INC.	OIL	\$271.15
NORTHWEST IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	LEAGUE MEETING REGISTRATIONS	\$60.00
O'HALLORAN INTERNATIONAL	VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$3,254.93
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$7.66
PAYTON KOHN	INDOOR SOCCER REFEREE	\$50.00
POWERPLAN	VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$2,832.74

REBECCA BLOOM	OVERPAYMENT REIMBURSEMENT	\$59.98
RECREONICS, INC.	VACUUM HOSE	\$202.91
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	JET VAC	\$885.00
SCE, LLC	SNOW REMOVAL	\$945.00
SIOUX SALES COMPANY	PD UNIFORM	\$1,140.25
THE WALLING COMPANY	PARTS FOR SANDPIPER PUMP	\$2,064.00
TOM MUMMERT	SNOW REMOVAL	\$690.00
TOM MUMMERT & SON CONSTRUCTION	SNOW REMOVAL	\$812.50
TYLER EBEL	INDOOR SOCCER REFEREE	\$225.00
UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$3,436.05
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$342.54
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASE	COPIER LEASE	\$144.00
WILLIAM ORTWINE	YACHT CLUB DEPOSIT	\$150.00
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE	\$322.89
WOODALL ELECTRIC	INSTALL VULCAN STAIR CLEANER & REPLACE HEATER	\$8,593.50
YOUR FLEETCARD PROGRAM	PARK FUEL	\$259.94

Change Order #1 – Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Phase 2

Amanda Goodenow, engineer with ISG, explained two options for Change Order #1 for the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project Phase 2. The old railroad bridge piers were left in the ground when Hwy. 59 was reconstructed in the 1970s, and the exact location of the buried piers are unknown. Option 1A is to move the bore location to a location where the piers can be visually located, no guarantees can be made that further obstacles wouldn't be found under the highway. The cost for option 1A is \$72,385.00. Option 1B elects to stay in the same location but increases the size of the casing pipe to 36" but leaves the sewer pipe the same size. This will allow for manual removal or drilling through any obstacles under the highway. The cost for Option 1B is \$54,950.00. Motion by Pingel, seconded by Brown to approve Option 1B. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Ratify Labor Agreement with Cherokee Policeman's Assn.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Brown to approve a recently negotiated labor agreement between the City and Cherokee Policeman's Assn. covering the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consider Proposals for Vacuum Excavator

Two bids were received for the purchase of a vacuum excavator, to be used by water and sewer personnel and funded in FY22 with revenue in the Water and Sewer System Maintenance Funds as follows: Ditch Witch, Sumner IA - \$84,585.28; Vermeer, Marcus IA, \$61,650.00. Motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel to approve the low bid of Vermeer. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consider Proposal for Willow St. Traffic Controller

List presented a proposal from Champion Electric, Cherokee IA, for a new traffic controller for Willow St. and Hwy. 59 at a cost of \$20,290 including installation. Motion by Pingel, seconded by Loughlin to approve the bid. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Roosevelt Ave. Easements

Motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel to approve two temporary construction easements for the Roosevelt Ave. Reconstruction Project. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None

Magnetic Trail Easements

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Brown to approve three temporary construction easements for the Cherokee Trail (Magnetic) Expansion Project. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consider Proposal for Capping Well #1

Two bids were received for the capping of well #1, which is no longer in use due to poor water quality and quantity and its location in the flood plain. The bids are as follows: B&B Drilling, Fredericksburg IA - \$17,350; Cahoy Pump Service, Sumner IA - \$12,687.50. Motion by Pingel, seconded by Brown to approve the low bid of Cahoy Pump Service. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Set Bid Letting and Public Hearing Dates – Trail Expansion Project Phase II

Motion by Miller, seconded by Loughlin, to set a bid letting date of April 22, 2021, at 2 p.m. and a public hearing date of April 27, 2021, at 7 p.m. for Phase 2 of the Magnetic Park Trail Expansion. Roll call was: AYES: all. NAYES: None.

Consider Bid for Demolition of 218 E. Elm St. – FEMA Flood Buyout

Only one bid was received for the demolition of 218 E. Elm St., FEMA flood buyout property, as follows: SCE, LLC, Cherokee IA - \$11,974.50. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Brown to approve the bid of SCE, LLC. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Reports/Other

List reported that he has been working with Ahlers & Cooney, legal counsel, about an option to increase the residential tax abatement incentives in order to spur new home construction in Cherokee. Ahlers & Cooney has advised that the city could create a “blighted” subarea of the current urban revitalization area and offer a greater tax exemption for residential properties in that area. The council discussed implementing a 10 year, 100% tax exemption of actual value added by improvements in years 2021-2023, with a reversion back to the current 5 year, 100% tax exemption on the first \$75,000 of actual value of added improvements in 2024 and beyond. List will continue discussions with Ahlers & Cooney.

Adjournment

On a motion by Loughlin, seconded by Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Media Present: None.

Craig Schmidt
Mayor

ATTEST:
Diane Cargin
City Clerk-Treasurer