

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTE
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019, 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, Miller, Johnson, Pingel, City Attorney Herbold and City Clerk-Treasurer Cargin.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller, to approve the agenda with no additions. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Public Forum

Bryan Byerly spoke to the council on behalf of his mother, Viola Byerly, 424 Greer St. As a result of the March 14, 2019, flood, Viola's house is unlivable and she is displaced. Byerly does not see any sense in rebuilding the house as it has been damaged by floods three times in the last five years. Bob Mahler, 418 Greer St., also addressed the council and stated his house has been damaged. Both urged that the city apply to FEMA for housing acquisition grant funds.

Eric Lundell, Sanitary Services, stated he feels that the city has done a very good job at getting the word out that garbage/recyclables will be picked up curbside only at the current time due to the condition of the alleys. He has fielded many calls from residents, and the response is about 50/50 supportive of keeping garbage/recycling pickup out of alleys permanently. Lundell is supportive of whatever the city decides and understands that keeping 50,000 lb. garbage trucks out of alleys will reduce maintenance costs for the city. The Mayor commented that a considerable amount of money is spent on alleys and maybe this would be the time to move pickup from alleys to curbside permanently. Lundell reported that of all the cities where Sanitary Services is the contracted garbage hauler, only Cherokee and Marcus have alley pickup. Brown stated he feels people will put their garbage/recyclables wherever it needs to be to get it picked up. As this was not an agenda item, no action was taken.

Resolution #2019-12 Local Match for HMGP Grant

Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2019-12, a Resolution Providing Local Match for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Armond Rider explained that this grant application, if approved, would fund a backup generator for the water plant and well. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consent Agenda

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

City Council Minutes of March 12, 2019.

Bills totaling \$138,501.42.

ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$4,947.49
ATLAS COPCO COMPRESSORS LLC	FAN & HOSE	\$1,071.50
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	RAILROAD CREEK WATERHSED ENG.	\$1,590.00
BERT GURNEY & ASSOCIATES	REPAIR PUMP @ MAIN ST. LIFT	\$3,976.71

BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT	LAB SUPPLIES, PUMP RENTAL	\$916.15
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	RAILROAD CREEK HYDRAULIC	\$8,134.00
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	2018 STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS	\$512.00
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	WATER TREATMENT PLANT REHAB	\$4,446.00
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	STREET LIGHT REPAIRS	\$5,982.72
CHEM-SULT, INC.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$2,882.80
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	TAX DRAW	\$763.49
CINTAS	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$311.95
COUNSEL	COPY OVERAGE	\$51.91
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	HAUL SNOW, TIRE REPAIRS	\$2,212.48
COVERT TRACK GROUP, INC.	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$600.00
CRAIG SCHMIDT	MILEAGE, MEAL, DOOR PRIZES	\$97.61
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	WATER SUPPLIES	\$63.88
FASTENAL COMPANY	NUTS & BOLTS	\$285.61
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$938.65
GRUNDMAN-HICKS L.L.C.	WATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS	\$21,989.11
HACH CO.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$348.47
HALLETT MATERIALS	SAND	\$2,808.07
HAWKINS, INC.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$967.00
HOLLY WILLIAMS	YACHT CLUB REFUND	\$120.00
I & S GROUP, INC.	UV DISINFECTION IMPROVEMENTS	\$11,188.00
IOWA DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	UV DISINFECTION REPLACEMENT	\$100.00
IOWA FIRE CONTROL, LLC	YACHT CLUB ALAMRS	\$90.00
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	\$82.41
ISU EXTENSION & OUTREACH	ORNAMENTAL TURF	\$35.00
J.R. JOHANSEN, D.C.	SCE BILL REIMBURSEMENT	\$187.25
JJSS, LLC	JET PILOT SEWER LINE	\$240.00
JOLLY TIME KOATED KERNELS	POPCORN FOR FATHER/DAUGHTER	\$240.00
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$316.90
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$22,479.43
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	4/19 ADMIN & FLEX FEES, CLAIMS	\$1,824.60
MODERN HEATING & COOLING	BUSHING & PIPE	\$30.94
MOTOR PARTS SALES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$20.22
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	METERS & SMARTPOINTS	\$3,198.00
NATE JAMES	TOLL FEES	\$21.00
NOGGIN WATER	WATER & COOLER RENT	\$26.25
NORTHSIDE TIRE	TIRE REPAIR	\$67.81
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$83.24
PILOT ROCK SIGNS	DECALS & LETTERS	\$344.00
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	JET VAC & STORM SEWER CLEANING	\$1,140.00
SCE, LLC	SNOW REMOVAL	\$18,401.25
TIM SMITH	DEFERRED COMP	\$5,076.67
TOM MUMMERT	SNOW REMOVAL	\$1,530.00
UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	4/19 LIFE & DISABILITY INS.	\$1,028.93
USA BLUE BOOK	VACUUM	\$179.00

USPS	CYCLE 2 UTILITY BILLS	\$325.92
WALDNER'S LAWN SERVICE	2/19 KNODES SNOW REMOVAL	\$2,400.00
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LT	FUEL	\$1,827.00

Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project

Josh Pope, Bolton & Menk, explained that the water treatment plant improvement project is essentially complete and recommended approval of Change Order No. 2, modifying contract completion dates, as well as the final pay request of \$21,989.11 which includes the retainage. Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to approve Change Order No. 2. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Brown, seconded by Johnson to approve Pay Request #10 to Grundman-Hicks, L.L.C. in the amount of \$21,989.11. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Request for Utility Bill Adjustment

Motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel, to approve an adjustment to the sewer charge for David Bennett, 301 E. Cedar St., since the increased water usage resulted from a water line break and the water did not go down the sewer. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Vehicle Purchase – Street Dept.

Three bids were received for a new vehicle for the Street Dept. as follows: Rasmussen Ford - \$29,048 for a 2019 Ford F250; Holzhauser Motors - \$29,142 for a 2019 GMC Sierra 2500; Holzhauser Motors - \$29,078 for a 2019 Chevy Silverado 2500HD. Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to award the low bid of \$29,048 from Rasmussen Ford. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Vehicle Purchase – Wastewater Dept.

Three bids were received for a new vehicle for the Wastewater Dept. as follows: Holzhauser Motors - \$29,228 for a Chevy Silverado 2500 HD; Holzhauser Motors - \$31,041 for a 2019 Ram 1500 Tradesman; Rasmussen Ford - \$30,324 for a 2019 F-250 Super Cab. In addition Holzhauser's is allowing \$3,500 trade-in value for a 2006 Chevy truck and Rasmussen's is allowing \$2,200 for the trade. Motion by Agnitsch, seconded by Brown, to award the low bid of \$29,228 from Holzhauser Motors. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Koser Spring Lake Park Flooding Mitigation

Duane Mummert, Park Superintendent, presented a slide show of the damage to Spring Lake Park from the recent flood. Damage to the park and entrance road is extensive. Due to the numerous flood events over the past few years and the costs involved in repairing the damage, Mummert recommends the permanent closing of the road entering the park from Hwy. 59 and limiting access into the park from Lake St. only. A more permanent dike would then be constructed. A floodgate that can be opened would permit use of the trail on the current disc golf area. The council expressed their support for Duane's recommendation.

Replacement of Variable Force Drive at Beech St. Lift Station

Public Works Director, Armond Rider, reported that the variable force drive at the Beech St. Lift Station quit working during the recent flooding. The drive was 20 years old and probably overheated while running full speed. He has obtained quotes for a replacement drive as follows:

Primex - \$7,911.80; Electric Pump - \$15,727. He recommends accepting the low bid. Motion by Miller, seconded by Brown to purchase the VFD from Primex at a cost of \$7,911.80. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Adjournment

On a motion by Pingel, seconded by Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Media Present: None.

Craig Schmidt
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Cargin
City Clerk Treasurer