

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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 Brown, Johnson, Loughlin, Miller, Pingel, City Administrator List and City Clerk-Treasurer Cargin.

Approve Agenda

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

Ordinance #674 Utility Users Outside of the Corporate Limits

Motion by Brown, seconded by Loughlin to approve the third reading of Ordinance #674, an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for Utility Users Outside of the Corporate Limits and ordered its publication. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Ordinance #675 Mowing Nuisance Abatement Procedure

Motion by Miller, seconded by Loughlin to approve the first reading of Ordinance #675, an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinance Nuisance Abatement. This Ordinance stipulates that annual publication in the newspaper of Section 50.02.9 pertaining to allowable height of grass and weeds (8” developed residential, 10” undeveloped residential, 8” business and industrial areas, 12” agricultural areas) will serve as notice to property owners and the city will be authorized to respond to violations **without any additional written notice being given**. If the property owner fails to comply with the grass/weeds height restriction, the City may perform the required action and the costs will be billed to the property owner and may be assessed against the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Resolution #2019-24 Proposing to Vacate Alley

Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution #2019-24, a Resolution Proposing to Vacate Alley, Dispose of Real Property and Publishing a Notice of Public Hearing. The alley runs east and west and is generally located in the block along the west side of N. 2nd St. and between Cedar St. and Willow St., directly north of Cherokee State Bank and south of Cherokee Family Practice. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consent Agenda

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

City Council Minutes of May 28, 2019.

Renewal of Cigarette Permits for the following: Hy-Vee Gas, Hy-Vee Food Store, Fareway, Sparky’s One Stop, Casey’s General Store, Liquor on the Corner, Dollar General Store, Cherokee Country Store, and A to Z Liquor & Smoke Shoppe.

Class B Beer License for Pizza Hut.

Class E Liquor License for Liquor on the Corner.

Class C Liquor License for Gasthaus Bar & Grille.

Special Class C Liquor License for Family Table Restaurant.
 Class C Liquor License for VFW Post 2253 KeeStirs LLC.
 May Police Report.

Pay Request #2 for 2018 Storm Water Improvements Project.

May Treasurer's Report and Receipts as follows: General \$145,529.92; Police Forfeiture \$332.51; County Library \$7.16; Road Use \$63,328.72; Employee Benefits \$53,078.90; Emergency \$3,061.15; Other Street Monies/Local Option Sales Tax \$46,079.62; Hotel/Motel Tax \$120.96; Wilson School Reserve \$0; Revolving Loan \$1.83; Library Memorial \$344.12; Park & Rec Capital Improvement \$10.71; Cemetery Special Care \$3.16; Debt Service \$25,750.91; Road Use Equipment \$0; 2016 Capital Projects \$0; Floods of 2018/19 \$28,127.48; Emergency Set-Aside \$26.73; Oak Hill Perpetual Care \$302.00; Water Utility \$60,139.99; Water Utility – Industrial \$57.96; Water Treatment Fac. Project \$0; Water Main Project Bond & Interest \$5,365.00; Water System Maintenance \$9,856.51; Sewer Utility \$152,589.04; Sewer Utility – Industrial \$10.58; Sewer Facility Bond & Interest \$31,241.50; Sewer System Maintenance \$9,028.36; Aviation Authority \$1,700.68; Solid Waste \$27,827.45; Landfill \$29,923.77; Storm Sewer Utility - \$7,050.93; Self-Insurance \$92.85; Police Dept. Special Acct. \$0

Bills totaling \$189,951.10

ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$522.23
ALYSSA HERBOLD, PLC	5/19 LEGAL SERVICE	\$2,416.50
ARMOND RIDER	6/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT	DISCHARGE HOSE, IMPACT SUPPLIES	\$539.25
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	SOFTNER & COOLER RENT, WATER, PARTS	\$253.60
BLOOMING HOUSE	MEMORIAL FLOWERS	\$418.17
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	RAILROAD CREEK HYDRAULICS	\$10,480.00
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	2019 GENERAL ENGINEERING	\$2,547.50
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	2018 STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS	\$4,331.50
BUGH WELDING	FLAP FOR SWEEPER	\$104.00
C-M-L TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$779.70
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	CONDUITS ON NODES, STOPLIGHTS REPAIRS	\$486.11
CHEM-SULT, INC.	CALIQUEST LIQUID	\$1,843.30
CHEROKEE NAPA	CEMETERY SUPPLIES	\$4.44
CHEROKEE STATE BANK	PRIN & INT. PAYMT-FIRE PUMPER	\$32,995.42
CHRONICLE TIMES	5/19 LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$386.78
COUNSEL	COPY OVERAGE	\$62.06
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	HEADLIGHT REPAIR	\$40.49
DEMCO, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$325.22
DUANE MUMMERT	6/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	POP FOR COMMUNITY CENTER	\$24.80
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$437.25
GEORGE SCHMIDT	6/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE	COPY CONTRACT	\$168.00
GREG EATON, FIRE CHIEF	FIREMAN PAYROLL	\$1,080.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	STONE	\$623.89
HIGH COUNTRY AUTO	TOW VEHICLE	\$75.00

HILLYARD	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$234.64
HOLZHAUER MOTORS, LTD.	REPLACE MOTOR MOUNT	\$529.09
I.M.W.C.A.	FY 19/20 WORKERS COMP PREMIUM	\$41,131.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$101.70
JAMIE HODGDON	6/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
JANITOR'S CLOSET, LTD.	SOAP	\$141.96
LUKE KLASCHEN	DNR PERMIT FEES	\$60.00
MARCUS LUMBER COMPANY	STRINGER & DECKING, LOCKS	\$370.66
MENARDS-SPENCER	WRENCH SETS, HOSE & SUPPLIES	\$198.88
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$878.73
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	CLAIMS THROUGH 6/5/19	\$1,141.84
MODERN HEATING & COOLING	STOOL REPAIRS	\$105.00
MOTOR PARTS SALES	BATTERY, TAILLIGHT	\$228.64
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	FLAGS & PAINT	\$86.20
NATE JAMES	6/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
NORLAB INC.	TRACING DYE	\$227.00
NORTHSIDE TIRE	MOUNT SPARE TIRE	\$12.50
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$345.95
PETTY CASH	POOL START UP	\$180.00
PETTY CASH - LIBRARY	POSTAGE & NEWSPAPERS	\$144.03
POWERPLAN	LAMP	\$226.60
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	JET SEWERS	\$1,425.00
RON'S REPAIR, INC.	VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$379.00
SANITARY SERVICES	5/19 GARBAGE PICKUP	\$25,178.10
SCE, LLC	2018 STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS	\$42,804.61
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	CLEAN WINDOWS	\$90.00
THE ACCURATE COURT REPORTER	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$39.00
THE BOOK VINE	BOOKS	\$105.84
TODD LARSEN	6/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TODD MILLER	6/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TRACES CENTER FOR HISTORY	UNDERWRITING FOR TRACES	\$35.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX, SALES TAX	\$4,567.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC.	BUSHINGS	\$53.34
U.S. BANK	MISC. SUPPLIES	\$1,500.48
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$311.36
VALLEY VETERINARY CENTER	BOARD STRAY'S, MEDICATION	\$353.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES & HOT SPOT	\$397.19
WADE RANNALS	CAMPING REFUND	\$225.00
WALDNER'S LAWN SERVICE	LAWN MOWING & SPRAYING	\$285.00
WATCHGUARD VIDEO	ADAPTER	\$32.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$3,628.88
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LT	PARK FUEL	\$420.13
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE	\$310.08
YOUR FLEETCARD PROGRAM	PARK FUEL	\$114.88
ZACH FREKING-SMITH	MILEAGE & FACEBOOK ADS	\$131.58

Workmen's Compensation Renewal

Terri Brown, Perspective Ins., reported that the City's I.M.W.C.A. (worker's comp) premium for FY20 is down about \$7,000 from last year due to a reduction in the mod rate and also a low volume of claims. List reported that an individual from I.M.W.C.A. is coming next week to discuss the City's safety program.

Pollution Liability & Flood Insurance

Terri also advised the council that the City's deductible on the pollution liability policy with Nautilus is rising from \$5,000 to \$25,000, due to the age of the fuel tanks. She reached out to other companies and found one that does offer a \$5,000 deductible, but the premium would be \$1,521.06 compared to the Nautilus premium of \$833.25. The tanks are above ground with containment, and due to the low risk of an incident and the fact that there have been no spill incidents in the past, the council decision was to keep the coverage with Nautilus with the higher deductible. The City received word that damage to a pump located at the W. Beech St. lift station during the June, 2018, flood event due to overwork will be covered under the City's property insurance with I.C.A.P. To be eligible for FEMA reimbursement for damages to the pump/lift station, the City would be required to purchase NFIP insurance coverage. Due to the premium cost and the limited coverage available, the council did not take action to purchase flood insurance on the facility.

Repairs to Community Center Floor

List reported that the tile on the community center floor in the lower level has been removed and a concrete polish applied. He doesn't believe the final produce is what had been anticipated. The appearance is relatively rough. Concrete Surfacing, George, IA, the company that did the work, has quoted an amount of \$31,482 to apply an epoxy finish to the floor. List also received a quote from Luft Custom Landscape & Design, Newell IA, of \$28,500 to apply a similar type of finish. The council will take a look at the floor before making a decision to go ahead with the overcoat.

Adjournment

On a motion by Pingel, seconded by Loughlin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Media Present: None.

Craig Schmidt
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Cargin
City Clerk-Treasurer