

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 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, Loughlin, Miller, Pingel, City Administrator List and City Clerk-Treasurer Cargin. Absent was Councilperson Johnson.

Approve Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

City Council Minutes of June 25, 2019.

Class C Beer Permit for Sparky's One Stop.

Class B Native Wine Permit for Jane's Salon.

Class C Beer Permit for Hy-Vee Gas.

June Police Report.

June Treasurer's Report and Receipts as follows: General \$184,431.13; Police Forfeiture \$961.34; County Library \$3,506.40; Road Use \$54,979.81; Employee Benefits \$7,958.36; Emergency \$377.64; Other Street Monies/Local Option Sales Tax \$46,029.99; Hotel/Motel Tax \$13,339.01; Wilson School Reserve \$0; Revolving Loan \$1.59; Library Memorial \$5,563.60; Park & Rec Capital Improvement \$8.79; Cemetery Special Care \$2.60; Debt Service \$353,884.60; Road Use Equipment \$0; 2016 Capital Projects \$0; Floods of 2018/19 \$0; Emergency Set-Aside \$9,804.21; Oak Hill Perpetual Care \$490.65; Water Utility \$57,697.04; Water Utility – Industrial \$930.22; Water Treatment Fac. Project \$0; Water Main Project Bond & Interest \$5,365.00; Water System Maintenance \$8,895.21; Sewer Utility \$168,477.68; Sewer Utility – Industrial \$9.11; Sewer Facility Bond & Interest \$31,241.50; Sewer System Maintenance \$8,474.97; Aviation Authority \$209.82; Solid Waste \$25,992.66; Landfill \$27,933.35; Storm Sewer Utility - \$6,534.22; Self-Insurance \$80.34; Police Dept. Special Acct. \$.93

Bills totaling \$280,213.97

ACCO	LIQUID CHLORINATING SOLUTION	\$797.00
ALEX AIR APPARATUS, INC.	AIR COMPRESSOR SERVICE	\$740.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$213.79
ALYSSA A. HERBOLD PLC.	6/19 WILSON SCHOOL	\$270.00
ALYSSA A. HERBOLD PLC.	6/19 LEGAL SERVICE	\$594.00
ARMOND RIDER	7/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
BAN-KOE SYSTEMS, INC.	FIRE ALARM SUPPORT	\$1,220.00
BENSON CONSTRUCTION	REPAIR COMMUNITY CENTER WALLS	\$1,520.00
BLACKTOP SERVICE CO.	ELM ST. MILLING	\$54,324.00
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER & SOFTNER RENT	\$158.60
BLOOMING HOUSE	PLANTS	\$1,395.42
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,887.17

BRAD'S TIRE SERVICE	2019 BAD BOY RENEGADE MOWER	\$6,400.00
BROWN SUPPLY CO.	BEEHIVE	\$183.00
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	MOWER REPAIRS & PARTS	\$21,495.55
C-M-L TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$627.92
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	YOUNG LEADER DUES	\$25.00
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	MATERIAL	\$118.21
CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE	6/19 ASSESSMENT	\$29,688.51
CHEROKEE COMMUNITY THEATRE	GRANT FOR STAGE LIGHTING	\$5,000.00
CHEROKEE COUNTY RECORDER	RECORD EASEMENT	\$22.00
CHEROKEE NAPA	DRILL & BELTS	\$270.25
CHRONICLE TIMES	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$436.05
CINTAS	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$37.89
CONCRETE SURFACING INC.	POLISH COMMUNITY CENTER FLOOR	\$23,115.75
CONTROL SYSTEM SPECIALISTS	FY 19/20 SERVICE CONTRACT	\$1,332.36
CORE-MARK MIDCONTINENT, INC	CONCESSIONS	\$5,454.19
COUNSEL	COPY CONTRACTS & OVERAGE	\$100.73
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	OIL CHANGE, BATTERY	\$210.26
DENNY'S SERVICE	A/C REPAIRS	\$140.00
DIABETIC LIVING MAGAZINE	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$19.96
DUANE MUMMERT	7/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
ELECTRIC PUMP	SPRUCE LIFT STATION PUMP & PANEL	\$29,500.00
FREMONT INDUSTRIES INC.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$668.98
GEORGE SCHMIDT	7/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE	COPY CONTRACTS	\$163.00
GREG EATON, FIRE CHIEF	VOLUNTEER FIREMAN PAYROLL	\$1,060.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	FEMA-ROAD GRAVEL, STONE	\$6,898.06
HOLZHAUER MOTORS, LTD.	REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB	\$85.06
INNOVA DISC GOLF	DISC GOLF BASKETS	\$7,767.00
IOWA FIRE CONTROL, LLC	7/12-10/11/19 FIRE MONITORING	\$90.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FY 19/20 MEMBER DUES	\$2,727.00
J & M DISPLAYS, INC.	4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS	\$500.00
JAMIE HODGDON	7/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
JJSS, LLC	JET SEWER	\$360.00
JONES NURSERY	TREES	\$322.99
JUDY GRIENKE-MILLER	DEEP FREEZE LICENSE, CORDS	\$95.08
K & M TREE SERVICE	REMOVE TREES	\$1,350.00
KILEY KUHL	SWIM LESSON REFUND	\$30.00
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$316.90
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$1,346.25
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	CLAIMS THROUGH 7/2/19	\$5,017.00
MIKE MCLAUGHLIN	WATER PERMIT REFUND	\$80.00
MODERN HEATING & COOLING	PLUGGED SINK	\$122.50
MOTOR PARTS SALES	HOSE CLAMP, PURPLE POWER	\$10.02
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	SMART POINTS & WATER METERS	\$2,480.36
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICE	FIRE SUPPLIES	\$1,104.00

NATE JAMES	7/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATI	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$28.95
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	LAB SUPPLIES	\$312.62
O'HALLORAN INTERNATIONAL	2009 INTERNATIONAL REPAIRS	\$242.76
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$541.04
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC.	FY 19/20 EDISPATCHES	\$1,548.00
PERSPECTIVE INSURANCE	POLLUTION POLICY	\$840.32
PETTY CASH - LIBRARY	POSTAGE & NEWSPAPERS	\$131.65
R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC.	SHIRTS FOR POOL STAFF, PET WASTE SIGNS	\$861.25
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	JET 336 E. SPRUCE ST.	\$285.00
SANITARY SERVICES	6/19 GARBAGE PICK UP	\$25,138.05
SCE, LLC	PARTS	\$169.95
SIOUX SALES COMPANY	FLEX BADGES, VESTS	\$1,609.90
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	CLEAN LIBRARY WINDOWS	\$90.00
SUPER CITY DOTS, LLC	DIPPIN DOTS	\$200.64
THE BOOK VINE	BOOKS	\$171.83
TODD LARSEN	7/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TODD MILLER	7/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	TAXES	\$6,433.00
TYLER HAHN	MAKER MONDAY SUPPLIES, BOOKS	\$37.87
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	FY 19/20 SUBSCRIPTION FEES	\$7,092.00
U.S. BANK	MISC. CHARGES	\$1,209.97
USPS	CYCLE 1 UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$310.03
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$3,498.03
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LT	FUEL	\$2,862.27
WINDSTREAM	EMAIL	\$3.03
WOMEN'S HEALTH	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$5.00
WOODALL ELECTRIC	SEWER PLANT REPAIRS	\$6,424.00

Utility Bill Adjustment

Albin Carlson, 315 W. Locust St. addressed the council asking for a reduction to the sewer portion of his utility bill. His last bill was about \$58 higher than normal and he has not had any leaks that he is aware of. The water department checked the reading and found it was accurate and obtained another reading and noted that his water consumption has returned to normal. The Clerk stated that even though the cause of the additional water usage could not be determined, the meter readings have to be considered correct and usage billed accordingly. As the council historically does not grant a reduction in the sewer charge unless it can be ascertained that the additional water used did not go into the sewer system, the council denied the request for adjustment.

Proposal from CGI Communications

List reported that Cherokee has been selected to receive a free community video program from CGI Communications that will include four promotional videos ranging from 1 to 2 ½ minutes in length, to be used on the city's website as well as other platforms. One will be a "Welcome" video and the other three are options of our choosing. List reached out to other communities that

have had these videos done and they have been satisfied. CGI will attempt to recoup their costs by reaching out to Cherokee businesses for support. Businesses are under no obligation to contribute. He suggests advising the Chamber, CAEDC and CIC about the proposed project so they can help explain it to local business and industry. Motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel to provide a letter of support from the City to CGI Communications for this project. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Sanitary Services Rate Increase Request

Eric Lundell, Sanitary Services, is requesting a \$2 per month per household increase for the solid waste and recycling collection service they provide. Their last increase was over five years ago and costs for fuel, labor, equipment, maintenance and insurance continue to rise. He also encouraged the city to make the use of standardized garbage carts mandatory as most other cities have done. The carts make cities cleaner and neater by preventing excess garbage from being set out and blown around, and safer for his employees. One employee handling garbage has been stuck with a heroin needle. Brown asked how residents are doing with recycling and Lundell replied that Cherokee is doing terrible. Other area towns that have mandatory standardized garbage carts have a recycling rate of 30% - 50%, Cherokee's rate is 8%. Use of the carts will improve that as it will limit the amount of garbage to be picked up to the one cart which should encourage people to recycle. Tags for \$1.00 for additional garbage items are available for purchase at City Hall. Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Miller to go ahead with the drafting of an Ordinance to include a rate increase. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Spring Lake Park Drive/Trail

Brown stated that it was his understanding that Spring Lake Park users would continue to have access from the east trail into the park and vice versa after the spring flooding but that is not the case. He recently looked at it and said there is no pedestrian access through the flood gate. He thinks we need to open the road and clean off the walking trail and mow the weeds immediately. He originally supported the road closure but no longer does, the closure really changed the feel of our park and it is just not the same. Westcott Park lower ballfield has not been used in ten years and won't ever be used again, the fence and lights need to be removed and the area leveled out. Miller commented that we can't just let it grow weeds. The other councilpersons are in agreement. Miller asked that Duane Mummert and Dave Ellis attend the next council meeting.

Award Bid for 2019 Street Work

One bid was obtained for 2019 street work from Blacktop Service Co., Humboldt IA, in the amount of \$66,418.61 for the seal coat of N. 1st St., Wilson St. from Sioux Valley Drive to N. 1st St., Sioux Valley Drive from Wilson to N. 1st, N. Roosevelt St. from Spruce St. to Fountain St. and E. Cedar St. from Roosevelt to Euclid, along with asphalt level before seal coat on N. 1st St. Motion by Miller, seconded by Brown to approve the bid. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Planning & Zoning Recommendation

The Council reviewed the minutes of the July 2, 2019, Planning & Zoning Commission meeting and their recommendation of approval for the alley vacation located to the north of and adjacent to Cherokee State Bank and the south of and adjacent to the former Cherokee Family Practice

building, as long as there is written consent from Snowy Mountain Investments, LLC., the owner of the former Cherokee Family Practice building.

Adjournment

On a motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Media Present: None.

Craig Schmidt
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Cargin
City Clerk-Treasurer