

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 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 Johnson, Loughlin, Miller, Pingel, City Administrator List, and City Clerk-Treasurer Cargin. Absent was Councilperson Brown and City Attorney Herbold.

**Approve Agenda**

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

**Public Forum**

Peg Hinkhouse from Bright Side Lounge and Scott Reinert from Pastime Lounge thanked the council for their cooperation in allowing the use of the city-owned parking lot for an event featuring bands that was held over rodeo weekend. The event went really well with no problems and was very successful, enabling them to donate \$1,000 from proceeds toward the Cherokee Mentoring Program. They expressed interest in holding another event this fall.

**Public Hearing – Alley Vacation**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the Vacation of an Alley Adjacent to Cherokee State Bank at 7:03 p.m. As there were no oral or written comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

**Ordinance #676 Vacating Alley Adjacent to Cherokee State Bank**

Motion by Miller, seconded by Loughlin to approve the first reading and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #676, an Ordinance Vacating the Alley Adjacent to Cherokee State Bank and ordering its publication. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

**Resolution #2019-27 Resolution Disposing of Vacated Alley**

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 2019-27, a Resolution Disposing of Vacated Alley. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

**Ordinance #677 Setting Garbage Collection Rates**

Eric Lundell of Sanitary Services spoke to the council regarding mandating that residents use a standardized garbage cart. The council has received some feedback from residents that set out one or two bags of garbage for collection each week and are opposed to using the carts. Eric stated that Correctionville had tried to allow one bag of garbage to be set out and that that one accessible bag seemed to attract all of the animals in the area. One bag fits in the standardized can just as well as three or four, and one bag can be a danger to his employees (broken glass, needles) just as much as three or four. He would like to see only carts allowed for garbage collection. He reiterated that if someone needs help getting their garbage to the collection point they will be more than glad to assist. He wants to supply top quality service and realizes that it's difficult for people to make a change. Motion by Miller, seconded by Pingel to approve the first reading of Ordinance #677, an Ordinance Amending Garbage Collection Fees. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

## Consent Agenda

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

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

City Council Minutes of July 9, 2019.

Bills totaling \$147,048.27

ACCO	LIQUID CHLORINATING SOLUTION	\$1,263.20
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	WILSON SCHOOL DA	\$586.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$957.03
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	RAGS, RUGS, MOPS	\$58.82
ARMOND RIDER	BOOTS	\$139.99
BAKER & TAYLOR INC.	BOOKS	\$889.34
BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT	SEALING RING	\$29.70
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$110.16
C-M-L TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$189.12
CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC.	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$327.00
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	\$5,000.00
CHEROKEE AREA ECONOMIC	FY 19/20 CONTRIBUTION	\$15,923.00
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	TAX DRAW	\$262.88
CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE	C. CENTER FLOORING DEBRIS	\$68.04
CHEROKEE CO. TREASURER	ASSESSMENTS	\$201.00
CHEROKEE ROTARY CLUB	MEALS & DUES	\$170.35
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	POP FOR BAC	\$504.40
COMES INVESTMENTS (PIZZA HUT)	PIZZA FOR BAC	\$27.46
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	TIRE REPAIRS, OIL CHANGES	\$309.89
DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$75.75
DON GROVES REPAIR	INSTALL EQUIPMENT FOR PD	\$1,789.03
EBERT'S	FREEZER	\$549.95
ERIC LIST	7/19 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$85.17
FELD FIRE	FIRE SUPPLIES	\$1,023.92
FIRST COOPERATIVE ASSOC.	CHEMICALS	\$1,316.02
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$425.25
FREMONT INDUSTRIES INC.	FLOCCULANT	\$1,344.13
GCC ALLIANCE CONCRETE INC.	CONCRETE	\$652.00
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE	COPY CONTRACT	\$79.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	ROAD GRAVEL	\$34.10
HILLYARD	CLEANER	\$31.30
HY-VEE, INC.	POOL CONCESSIONS	\$15.16
JJSS, LLC	HAULTO LAGOONS, JET SEWER	\$520.00
L. G. EVERIST, INC.	VOLLEYBALL COURT SAND	\$594.01
MCGILL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT	REMOVE COMMUNITY CENTER FLOOR	\$23,320.00
MENARDS-SPENCER	TOOL CHEST, TOOL CAB	\$1,098.00
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$640.59
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	CLAIMS THROUGH 7/17/19	\$1,069.73

MODERN HEATING & COOLING	REPAIRS & FILTERS	\$591.24
NOGGIN WATER	COOLER RENT & WATER	\$58.75
NUTRIENT AGRI PRODUCTS	COPPER SULFATE PESTICIDE	\$860.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$504.61
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE, CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$67.06
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$441.07
POWER SOLUTIONS	GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	\$1,000.00
R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC.	PD VEHICLE GRAPHICS	\$1,189.64
RASMUSSEN'S CORP.	2019 FORD F250	\$29,193.00
RENT-ALL, INC.	INFLATABLE RENTALS	\$370.00
SANFORD MUSEUM	MUSEUM UPGRADES	\$12,500.00
SCE, LLC	2018 STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS	\$16,507.21
SCHOLASTIC, INC.	BOOKS	\$118.61
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR CO.	ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	\$1,653.69
SHARE CORPORATION	PEAPODS	\$101.77
SIMPCO	FY 19/20 MEMBER DUES	\$4,977.70
STAR ENERGY FS	SPECTRA	\$38.60
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	CLEAN WINDOWS	\$26.00
SUPER CITY DOTS, LLC	DIPPIN DOTS	\$200.64
U.S. BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPY CONTRACT	\$188.87
UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$1,223.83
USPS	UTILTIY BILL POSTAGE	\$327.60
VERIZON WIRELESS	HOT SPOT & CELL PHONE	\$397.15
WALDNER'S LAWN SERVICE	MOWING	\$190.00
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICE	TOOLCAT PAYMENT	\$1,841.69
WIT	CHEROKEE COUNTY PROMISE	\$10,000.00
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LT	FUEL	\$310.64
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE	\$306.92
YOUR FLEETCARD PROGRAM	PARK FUEL	\$131.49

### **Railroad Creek Hydraulic Analysis**

Josh Pope, Bolton & Menk, reported on the recently completed Railroad Creek Hydraulic Analysis. This report is necessary in order to supply information on the condition of the city's bridges to the Iowa D.O.T. for funding consideration. The bridges in town are old and in bad shape and very undersized. If we experience a 5" rain we have problems. The watershed area is large and the channel itself is way too small, if the channel were to be rebuilt it should be built three time the existing size. He added that we need to work within the footprint we have and provide the maximum amount of flood prevention we can. Josh talked about two methods of funding bridge replacement, one is the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) which is federal funding, and the other is the Iowa D.O.T. City Bridge Fund. The D.O.T. looks at bridges across the state and determines who gets funding. The hydraulic analysis report looked at the six bridges located within the city and determined the condition of each, options and cost estimates for bridge improvements.

### **E. Willow Street Bridge**

The City received notice earlier in July from the Iowa D.O.T. that the E. Willow St. bridge is ranked high enough on the city bridge candidate list to receive funding for replacement. The D.O.T. makes final determination of whether a project will receive Federal-aid Swap City Bridge funds or State City Bridge funds. Bridges funded with either Federal-aid Swap funds or State City Bridge funds are eligible for 80% reimbursement of all eligible construction costs. Federal-aid Swap funds are eligible for up to \$1,000,000 in reimbursement and State City Bridge funds are eligible for up to \$500,000 in reimbursement. The city needs to decide whether or not to accept the funding for this project by August 9, 2019. Accepting this grant would require the replacement of the bridge within three years. Josh Pope stated that the E. Willow St. bridge is not considered to be in the worst shape of the six bridges, however because it has been load posted it jumped to the top of the list. He advised that the city accept the funding for this bridge and provide the D.O.T. with the hydraulic study and other information showing that there are three other bridges in worse shape than the E. Willow bridge and ask them to shuffle funds around. Armond Rider stated that if funding would become available for the Union St. bridge next year, possibly construction could be done on both bridges at the same time. Cost estimate for both bridges is \$1,293,000. Motion by Pingel, seconded by Miller to accept the offer of City Bridge funding for the E. Willow St. bridge. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

### **Wescott Park and Spring Lake Park Dr./Trail Discussion**

Duane Mummert, Parks Superintendent, reported that city personnel will be meeting with Iowa Homeland Security representative Leon Freeman again next Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The city should get a better idea of the status of mitigation of flood-prone areas from this meeting. Miller asked if clean-up of the silt and debris in the parks can't be undertaken yet? Duane replied that he doesn't want to start a project that will be FEMA mitigated and that then FEMA will say that the city has resources. He also stated that there is so much mud underneath the sand/silt that it has not been possible to clean it up. Miller replied that he doesn't think the city is jeopardizing anything by picking up tree limbs and disc golf equipment. Dave Ellis, Recreation Superintendent, mentioned that the disc golf course is now up and running on the MHI grounds and he is hopeful of having 27 holes soon.

### **Award Bid for Sealcoat in Spring Lake Park**

Motion by Miller, seconded by Loughlin, to accept the proposal from Blacktop Services in the amount of \$16,379.43 for sealcoating work in Spring Lake Park. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

### **Proclamation**

Mayor Schmidt read a Proclamation declaring August 11 – 17<sup>th</sup> as American Wind Week in Cherokee, supporting wind energy and the fact that Iowa is the second largest state producing wind power.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Pingel, seconded by Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Media Present: *KCHE Radio*

Craig Schmidt  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Cargin  
City Clerk Treasurer