

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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 Brown, seconded by Loughlin to approve the agenda. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Ordinance #703 – Requirement for Stop Signs

Richard Boothby, 301 Centennial Dr. spoke about the need for a yield sign at the corner of Greta St. and Centennial Dr. In the last five to ten years traffic at that corner has increased considerably and since there is no traffic signage at that corner, there have been numerous accident close calls. He thinks a yield sign coming from the north on Greta St. onto Centennial Dr. is advised. Bruce Hiller, 300 Centennial Dr., also spoke in support of placing a yield sign at that corner. Neither Boothby nor Hiller are requesting a stop sign. Ordinance #703 provides that vehicles traveling south on Greta St. shall stop at Centennial Dr., and vehicles traveling north on Aspen St. shall stop at Sequoia Dr. Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance #703, an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Requirement for Stop Signs. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consent Agenda

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

City Council Minutes of September 14, 2021.

Class B Liquor License – Cherokee County Fair Assn.

Tax Abatement Application – 1104 W. Cedar St., Isaiah Isaacs

Homecoming Parade Route Permit

Bills totaling \$106,001.40

ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$320.63
ALYSSA A. HERBOLD PLC.	LEGAL SERVICE	\$525.00
ALYSSA HERBOLD TRUST ACCOUNT	FEMA: PURCHASE 218 E. ELM ST.	\$32,000.00
ANGIE LUCAS	FLAG FOOTBALL REFUND	\$40.00
AURELIA LUMBER COMPANY	CHIPBOARD	\$400.00
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	COOLER RENT & WATER	\$32.00
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,692.34
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	MOWER HOOD & PARTS	\$348.97
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	REBAR	\$156.25
CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC.	MAT	\$345.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE	\$52.25
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	REPAIR PARKING LOT & STREET LIGHTS	\$129.73
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	TAX DRAW	\$1,907.22
CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF	INCOME OFFSET	\$34.00
CHEROKEE NAPA	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$92.15
COUNSEL	COPY OVERAGE	\$24.99
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	BATTERY & REPAIRS	\$646.94

CRAIG SCHMIDT	MILEAGE & LODGING LEAGUE MEETING	\$676.68
DAVE ELLIS	ADVERTISING SOFTWARE	\$60.00
DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410	WATER	\$10.00
DUANE MUMMERT	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	\$150.00
EBERT'S	DISHWASHER	\$529.95
EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINT.	NFPA PUMP TESTS	\$2,962.98
FASTLANE MOTOR PARTS	CLEANER & DEGREASER	\$79.02
FELD FIRE	FIRE PARTS	\$1,966.47
FIREICE FIREARMS LLC	AMMO	\$524.40
FIRST COOPERATIVE ASSOC.	SEED	\$191.50
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$444.00
FRANK DUNN CO.	HIGH PERFORMANCE PATCH	\$829.00
HACH CO.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$262.55
HAWKINS, INC.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$1,433.80
HOLZHAUER MOTORS, LTD.	FLAPS	\$98.00
HY-VEE, INC.	POOL CONCESSIONS	\$78.14
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	BATTERIES	\$27.00
IOWA ASSOC. OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	CLASS REGISTRATIONS	\$600.00
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	\$119.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR CLOTHING	\$32.00
IOWA STATE POLICE ASSOC.	2021 MEMBER DUES	\$200.00
KOENIG PORTABLE TOILETS	SPOT A POTS	\$188.00
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	2" CLEAN	\$408.55
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$406.90
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$28,928.24
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	10/21 HRA ADMIN FEES & CLAIMS	\$931.80
MILLS & MILLER INC.	DEICING SALT	\$5,598.25
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	WATER SUPPLIES	\$1,738.30
NORTHSIDE TIRE	PAYLOADER TIRE REPAIR	\$103.26
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$135.58
PETERSEN MFG. CO. INC.	GARBAGE CAN	\$50.00
R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC.	FLAG FOOTBALL SHIRTS	\$525.00
SCE, LLC	WATER LEAK & MAIN REPAIR, DIG GRAVES	\$12,698.48
SIOUX SALES COMPANY	SHIRTS	\$79.90
SIOUXLAND SEEDS	GRASS SEED	\$1,385.25
UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	10/21 LIFE & DISABILITY INS.	\$1,263.26
USA BLUE BOOK	LAB SUPPLIES	\$765.24
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$391.58
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASE	COPY CONTRACT	\$65.00
WIEMOLD SMALL ENGINE REPAIR	CHAINSAW REPAIRS & SHARPENING	\$60.00
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LT	PARK FUEL	\$256.85

Wastewater Treatment Plant Nutrient Reduction & Upgrades

Lenny Larson and Seth Lamb, engineers from ISG, Des Moines IA, presented a DNR mandated Nutrient Reduction Facility Plan for the City's wastewater treatment plant, as well as a wastewater treatment facility evaluation they recently completed. The plant currently meets nitrogen removal standards set by the DNR although not by much. The plant does not meet removal or concentration goals for total phosphorus. The City is required to implement the nutrient reduction strategy for reducing the total phosphorus in the final effluent as stated in the renewed NPDES permit, and the City needs to complete this process by June 1, 2023. ISG has explored various alternatives to meet the DNR phosphorus reduction requirement and recommends a chemical phosphorus removal by injecting a metal salt solution into the wastewater. The cost of this upgrade is estimated at \$164,000. The engineers also did a

walkthrough of all facilities at the plant. Key improvements were identified as necessary to get the plant up to date and extend its lifespan. These upgrades include updated pumps, valves, replacing and repainting pipes, relocation and updates to the HVAC system and electrical system, and updating aeration and air exchange. The upgrades are estimated to cost an additional \$4,693,000. With an estimated 20% for non-construction costs (includes engineering) and another 20% contingency costs, the total for the phosphorus removal and the other recommended work is \$7,052,000. ISG plans to apply for the next CDBG grant cycle, which if successful could result in \$600,000 in grant funding. American Rescue Plan revenue could be used to help fund the project, but the bulk of the funding would be obtained through a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan.

Larson recommends the city table the engineering contract which was on the agenda for approval at this meeting, and move forward with the approval and submission of the planning and design loan application to move the project forward. This will give the council the time to consider the various improvements recommended by the engineers. Proceeding with the planning and design loan application is more or less applying for a credit line, we are advising the DNR, State, and SRF and asking for an allocation of funds for the full amount of the project, but the amount can be reduced. Larson recommends going ahead with the aeration grid, he considers this essential and this will help keep the nitrogen removal under DNR mandated levels, as well as the electrical improvements needed. He stressed the importance of keeping the plant up to date, if it continues to deteriorate it will be much more expensive down the road. Constructing a new plant like ours today would cost \$40 to \$50 million.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Brown to table 501c, ISG contract for design and construction services for wastewater improvements, and approve the signing and submission of SRF planning and design loan application. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Adjournment

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Media Present: None.

Craig Schmidt
Mayor

ATTEST:
Diane Cargin
City Clerk-Treasurer