

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

A regular meeting was called to order on this date by Mayor Pro-Tem Pingel. Roll call: Present: Councilpersons Brown, Loughlin, Miller, Johnson, City Administrator List, and City Clerk-Treasurer Cargin. Absent was Mayor Schmidt.

Approve Agenda

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

Ordinance #703 – Requirement for Stop Signs

Motion by Miller, seconded by Brown to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #703, an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Requirement for Stop Signs and ordered its publication. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Ordinance #705 Requirement for Age Limits of Passengers on ATVs

The council discussed the current ordinance regulating ATVs/ORVs which stipulates that no person under the age of 10 shall be allowed to ride as a passenger on such vehicle. Ordinance #705, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Requirement for Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Utility Vehicles would delete this provision. Miller commented that when the original ordinance was passed the concern was that children would be riding unsecured in ATVs/ORVs. Car seats are required for children passengers in automobiles. List replied that children would still be secured with seatbelts in the ATVs/ORVs. The council would like Police Chief James to attend the next meeting to discuss this further. Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance #705. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Resolution #2021-49 Fixing Date for Public Meeting

Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to set a date of November 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall for a public hearing on the Matter of the Proposed Authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$720,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes, and the Public Hearing on the Authorization and Issuance Thereof. Roll call was: AYES: Johnson, Miller, Brown, Loughlin. 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 October 12, 2021.

Agreement with Cherokee County – FY22 Library Funding

Agreement with Cherokee County – FY22 Contribution to Magnetic Trail Project

Change Order #8 – S. 5th St. Reconstruction Project

Pay Application #7 & Final Acceptance – Magnetic Trail Project Phase I

Approve Class C Liquor License for Little Sioux Events Center LLC

Approve Class C Liquor License for Mud on Main LLC

Approve Class C Beer Permit for Dollar General #283

Bills totaling \$86,330.89

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| 3B'S HONEY HAULING | WASTE | \$8,686.45 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | NATURAL GAS | \$315.70 |
| ALLISON DAUM | SOCCER REFEREE | \$200.00 |
| BARBARA CONNOR | HALLOWEEN DANCE REFUND | \$20.00 |
| BOCKMANN, INC. | 218 E. ELM ST. ASBESTOS ABATE | \$3,100.00 |
| BRAD'S TIRE SERVICE | TIRE REPAIR & BELT | \$172.72 |
| BRODY FARVER | FOOTBALL OFFICIAL | \$200.00 |
| BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE | OPERATING SUPPLIES | \$285.08 |
| CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY | SCREW ANCHORS | \$61.35 |
| CARTER KRUSE | FOOTBALL OFFICIAL | \$25.00 |
| CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY | 10/21 TAX DRAW | \$9,205.96 |
| CHEROKEE CO. ENVIRONMENTAL | POOL & SLIDE INSPECTION | \$493.00 |
| CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE | DUMPING | \$25.62 |
| CHEROKEE NAPA | AIR FILTER FOR SWEEPER | \$13.51 |
| CHEROKEE ROTARY CLUB | MEALS | \$110.00 |
| CLAYTON REIS | PD ACADEMY MEALS | \$35.59 |
| CONNOR MAHNKE | FOOTBALL OFFICIAL | \$25.00 |
| CRAIG SCHMIDT | MEETING MILEAGE | \$129.92 |
| DAKOTA TRAFFIC SERVICES | TRAFFIC CONTROL | \$1,690.00 |
| DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410 | TOWELS | \$26.00 |
| FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB | WASTEWATER SAMPLES | \$117.00 |
| GCC ALLIANCE CONCRETE INC. | CONCRETE | \$500.00 |
| HACH CO. | LAB SUPPLIES | \$1,130.00 |
| HEIDI ELLIS | SOCCER REFEREE | \$200.00 |
| HIWAY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC | EMERGENCY LIGHT STROBE | \$134.73 |
| HY-VEE, INC. | CLEANING SUPPLIES | \$10.66 |
| IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP | ELECTRICITY | \$91.79 |
| IOWA ONE CALL | LOCATES | \$54.90 |
| IOWA PUMP WORKS | PUMP | \$1,336.79 |
| JACK WALDNER | SOCCER & FOOTBALL REFEREE | \$275.00 |
| JANITOR'S CLOSET, LTD. | CLEANING SUPPLIES | \$98.06 |
| JJSS, LLC | 110 LINN ST. SEWER HOOK UP | \$5,545.90 |
| K & M TREE SERVICE | TRIM TREES | \$2,490.00 |
| KASSIE LEEDS | SOCCER REFEREE | \$200.00 |
| KOENIG PORTABLE TOILETS | PORT A POTS | \$350.00 |
| LONDON STOWATER | FOOTBALL OFFICIAL | \$25.00 |
| LEAH ELLIS | SOCCER REFEREE | \$200.00 |
| LOGAN THORSON | FOOTBALL OFFICIAL | \$25.00 |
| LUKE ROSENTRATER | FOOTBALL OFFICIAL | \$250.00 |
| MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS | WOOD CHIPS | \$457.38 |
| MEKHI SCHUEDER | FOOTBALL OFFICIAL | \$250.00 |
| MID AMERICAN ENERGY | ELECTRICITY | \$27,039.54 |
| MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC | 11/21 HRA ADMIN FEES & CLAIMS | \$1,196.00 |
| MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY SERVICE | CAMERAS AT GILLETTE PARK | \$2,196.34 |
| MOTOR PARTS SALES | SWEEPER BULB | \$7.54 |
| MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. | WATER SUPPLIES | \$1,471.38 |
| NICK ALINGH | FOOTBALL OFFICIAL | \$100.00 |
| NORTHERN BALANCE & SCALE | CLEANING & CALIBRATION | \$2,817.70 |

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| ONE OFFICE SOLUTION | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$49.47 |
| PEYTON KOHN | SOCCER REFEREE | \$200.00 |
| REHAB SYSTEMS, INC. | JET VAC | \$1,032.50 |
| RILEY MILLER | FOOTBALL OFFICIAL | \$250.00 |
| ROGER SEEL | VARIANCE REFUND | \$150.00 |
| SAM GEBERS | FOOTBALL OFFICIAL | \$50.00 |
| SCHMILLEN CONSTRUCTION INC | CRUSH CONCRETE | \$5,561.41 |
| STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE | CLEAN WINDOWS | \$26.00 |
| TYLER EBEL | SOCCER REFEREE | \$200.00 |
| U.S. BANK | MISC. CHARGES | \$3,076.60 |
| UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA | 11/21 LIFE & DISABILITY INS. | \$1,209.27 |
| USPS | UTILITY BILL POSTAGE | \$459.03 |
| VALLEY GLASS & FRAMING | PLEXI GLASS WINDOW FRAME | \$75.00 |
| WESTERN IOWA LANDSCAPING | SEEDER RENTAL | \$600.00 |

SUDAS Exception Request – 230 N. Roosevelt

List reported that Trinity Lutheran Church, 230 N. Roosevelt Ave., is requesting an exemption from the adopted SUDAS standard regarding driveway setbacks. The SUDAS standard for a driveway located on Greer St. would be 75' from Roosevelt Ave., the church is requesting an exemption from this to build the driveway 28' from Roosevelt Ave. If the council were to approve the exemption request, it is recommended that the driveway be one-way only entering from Roosevelt Ave. and exiting onto Greer St. to limit impact to the traffic flow in the area. The south exit to Greer St. would be barricaded if this one-way pattern is not followed. Motion by Miller, seconded by Loughlin, to approve the exemption from the SUDAS standard and allow for a driveway 28' from Roosevelt Ave. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Approval and Appointment of Fire Chief/Building Inspector

Motion by Miller, seconded by Loughlin to appoint Casey Carpenter from Creston, IA to the position of Fire Chief/Building Inspector. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Wheel Loader Purchase – Street Dept.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to approve the trade-in of a 2014 Wheel Loader for a new John Deere 544 wheel loader. The trade allowance for the 2014 is \$90,000, cost after trade-in will be \$102,250. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Pick-up Purchase – Street Dept.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson to approve the trade-in of a 2016 Dodge Ram in the street department and purchase a 2022 Ford Super Duty-F-250 for a price of \$7,106 after trade. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Civil Engineering Contract – Euclid Bridge Project

Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to approve a contract with Beck Engineering in the amount of \$116,500 for engineering services for the Euclid St. Bridge Replacement. List reported that the city is receiving up to \$1,000,000 of state funding for construction costs of the bridge but the city has to pay 100% of the engineering costs. The construction cost of the bridge is estimated at \$600,000. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Approval of Title VI Plan

List explained that since the City obtains and uses state and federal funds for road and bridge construction projects, it is required that the City pass a Title VI plan that states that no person shall be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (23CFR 200.9 and 49 CFR 21), and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259) with regard to any program or activity receiving federal assistance. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Johnson to approve and adopt the City of Cherokee Title VI Plan. Roll call was AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Employee Health Insurance

Rick Angell, the city's Wellmark health insurance agent presented options for the plan for 2022. The current plan renewal has a 19.47% premium increase for next year. The base rate increase for groups in our size range for 2022 is 8%, but because of an increase in claims this year the premium for the city was increased an additional 11.47%. To keep premiums down, the city can assume more risk by increasing the deductibles and out of pocket maximums from the current levels of \$3,000/\$9,000 and \$6,000/\$18,000 to \$4,000/\$12,000 and \$8,000/\$24,000 and self-insure down to our current levels. This would increase the risk exposure to the city, but the premium cost would rise by 9.83% instead of the 19.47% if we stay with the current plan. The city is saving a considerable amount of money by self-insuring a portion of the insurance costs and that will likely continue. Motion by Miller, seconded by Brown to purchase the Wellmark plan which increases the deductible and out of pocket maximum cost to the employee, increasing the premium by 9.83% and the city will continue to offer employees the current level deductible/out of pocket costs by self-insuring down to the existing benefit schedule. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Fixing Date of Public Hearing

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Miller to set a date of Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Cherokee City Hall concerning a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) in the amount of \$14,332 for federal grant funds to cover the state and local acquisition and demolition costs of a property at 218 E. Elm St., a flood buyout property. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Adjournment

On a motion by Loughlin, seconded by Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Media Present: None.

Wayne Pingel,
Mayor Pro-Tempore

ATTEST:
Diane Cargin
City Clerk-Treasurer