

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024, 6:00 P.M.  
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

A regular meeting was called to order on this date by Mayor Schmidt. Roll call: Present: Councilpersons Conover, Nitz, Pingel, Wych, Attorney Vondrak via phone and City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent Loughlin.

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Conover to approve the agenda. Roll call: AYES: Conover, Nitz, Pingel. NAYES: Wych.

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Nitz to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Ordinance 726, an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cherokee, Iowa, by Implementing a One-Year Sewer Rate Schedule. Roll call: AYES: Conover, Nitz, Pingel. NAYES: Wych.

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Conover to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 727, an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cherokee, Iowa, by Implementing a One-Year Water Rate Schedule. Roll call: AYES: Conover, Nitz, Pingel. NAYES: Wych.

On a motion by Nitz, seconded by Pingel the following was approved under Consent Agenda. Roll call: Conover, Nitz, Pingel. NAYES: Wych.

Approve City Council Minutes of November 12, 2024.

Approve Class E Retail Alcohol License for World Liquor & Tobacco + Vapors.

Approve Ownership Update for Dollar General #2837 Alcohol License.

Bills totaling \$123,701.17

A-OX WELDING SUPPLY CO.	Q CYLINDER	\$56.45
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GROUP	OIL FILTERS	\$498.35
AGSTATE	FUEL	\$2,624.22
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$458.21
ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATION	INSTALL MOBILE IN PUMPER	\$600.04
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS MIDWEST	FIX SWEEPER BRUSHES	\$100.10
AUDITOR OF STATE	FY24 AUDIT FILING FEE	\$625.00
BARB BUSCH-MOTT	REIMBURSE HP DOMAIN	\$33.90
BLACKTOP SERVICE CO.	SPRING LAKE PARK ROAD	\$10,191.20
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$124.79
BRAD'S TIRE SERVICE	REPAIR MOWER	\$724.54
CHEM-SULT, INC.	PHOSPHATE	\$2,634.90
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	11/24 PROPERTY TAX DRAW	\$577.94
CHEROKEE CO. TREASURER	PROPERTY TAXES	\$458.00
CHEROKEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	LWCF SKATEPARK GRANT REIMBURSE	\$39,554.68
CHEROKEE TRUCK & TRAILER	FIRE TRUCK REPAIRS	\$1,295.46
CHRIS HORTON	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	\$150.00
CORE & MAIN LP	LAB SUPPLIES	\$1,395.18
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	OIL CHANGE & TIRE REPAIR	\$227.33
CREATIVE SERVICES	INK FOR STEELE TOURS	\$20.00

CRYSTAL THOMPSON	UTILITY BILL REFUND	\$24.99
ELECTRIC PUMP	REPAIR GRUNDFOS PUMP	\$3,504.60
EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINT.	NFPA PUMP TEST	\$1,866.24
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$101.18
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$540.00
GARY DODD, LLC	FEMA-INSULATE PARK SHOP	\$3,500.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	ICE CONTROL SAND	\$2,135.88
HAWKINS, INC.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$50.00
I & S GROUP, INC.	NEW WASTEWATER PLANT, GPS LOCATIONS	\$18,802.42
IMS ALLIANCE	SAFETY OFFICER BOARD	\$235.24
IMT INSURANCE CO.	FIDELITY BOND	\$900.00
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	\$87.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$455.00
JANITOR'S CLOSET, LTD.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$495.15
JEREMIAH MULLINS	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	\$150.00
JSS, LLC	JET SEWERS & CLEANOUT CAMPING	\$850.00
JOHN MEIS	SIMPCO MEETING	\$80.00
K & M TREE SERVICE	REMOVE ASH TREES	\$220.00
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$416.90
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$162.08
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, LLC	CLAIMS THROUGH 11/20/24	\$1,597.59
MODERN HEATING & COOLING	CHECK GAS VALVE	\$100.00
MOTOR PARTS SALES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$40.93
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	ALTERNATOR REPAIRS	\$1,746.24
NOGGIN WATER	COOLER RENT & WATER	\$30.00
NORTHSIDE TIRE	TIRE REPAIRS	\$1,464.06
NORTHWEST IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEETING REGISTRATIONS/CS/TL	\$120.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$356.73
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FIN. SERVICE	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	\$159.57
SARA LUCAS	BUDGET WORKSHOP MILEAGE	\$64.32
SCE, LLC	CURB STOP REPAIRS	\$6,503.10
SHANE ZELLAHA	UTILITY BILL REFUND	\$61.63
SMITH AND WEST LAWN ENFORCEMENT	WEED CONTROL/FERTILIZER	\$2,470.00
THOMPSON PROPANE & SUPPLIES	OIL	\$258.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC.	JOHNSTON BUSHING	\$75.04
UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	12/24 LIFE & DISABILITY INS.	\$1,516.14
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$511.73
VISUAL EDGE IT	COPY CONTRACT	\$59.12
VONDRAK LAW FIRM, LLC	9/24 LEGAL SERVICE	\$9,640.00

The City must annually request TIF funding from the County for next fiscal year by December 1. Motion by Pingel, seconded by Nitz to request funding from the Foundation URA, South Industrial URA, and South URA for approved rebates for Foundation Labs, Lopez Foods, Nor-Am Cold Storage and Cherokee Locker. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Hope McCollam, Part-Time Library Staff requested that the City consider including the part-time regular staff in the city Wellness Reimbursement Program. McCollam stated that we are the only entity she has worked for that does not offer benefits to part-time employees. Pingel suggest this be considered during the next budget process. Motion by Wych, to add part time employees to the same policy as full-time employees starting today. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Conover, seconded by Wych to include the regular part-time employees in the City Wellness Program during the next budget season. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Three quotes were presented from Woodall Electric to get new power to the Office Building (\$29,229.00), Sludge Building (\$18,750.00) and Pre-treatment Building (\$24,150.00) at the Wastewater Plant. Motion by Wych, seconded by Conover to approve the three quotes from Woodall Electric. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

In September the City signed a Lease Agreement with the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for FEMA camper rent at Spring Lake Park. The effective date in the original lease was 8/23/24 through 2/22/24, this amendment is to correct those dates to be 8/23/24 through 2/22/25. Motion by Wych, seconded by Conover to approve Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement for Leased Space at the City of Cherokee. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Wych, seconded by Pingel, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Media Present: *Allison Moore, Cherokee Chronicle Times*

Craig Schmidt, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Sara Lucas  
City Clerk-Treasurer