

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

A regular meeting was called to order on this date by Mayor Schmidt. Roll call: Present: Councilpersons Agnitsch, Brown, Pingel, Johnson, City Administrator Kooiker, City Attorney Herbold and Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent was Councilperson Miller.

Approve to Agenda

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

Vacation accrual adjustment for Police Officer Mike McGee

Pingel stated that he was not at the last council meeting, but was not in favor of giving Officer McGee an additional 40 hours of vacation, he feels the \$1/hour raise is a fair compromise. Brown stated that he feels the City needs to have some sort of incentive to recruit Certified Officers, and feels this is a case by case situation. Motion by Pingel, seconded by Brown to approve along with the \$1/hour raise a one time allotment of 40 hours vacation for Officer McGee after completion of field training and allow him to accrue vacation per the contract after that. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Public Hearing – 1st Reading of Ordinance 595, Gas Franchise Ordinance

At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Schmidt opened the Public Hearing for the 1st reading of Ordinance 595, repealing Ordinance 515 and granting to Interstate Power and Light Company (Alliant Energy) its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive franchise to erect, construct, reconstruct, maintain and operate in the City of Cherokee, Iowa, a natural gas system and to furnish and sell natural gas to the City and its inhabitants and authorizing the City to continue collecting franchise fees for a period of 25 years.

Josh Murray, Senior Operations Manager with Alliant Energy updated the Council that they are looking at plans to close the call center in Cherokee and move them to a newly constructed Operations Center in Storm Lake. The change would not take effect until approximately 2021. Council's major concern is the response time of Alliant Energy employees in case of emergency if they have to come from Storm Lake. Josh said the response time, operations, and support we currently have should have little to no change. Pingel said he doesn't like having a community that is trying to grow and having to give up that level of service. Mayor Schmidt asked Alliant Energy to keep in mind that we are a growing city and will probably need more employees based here. Josh said they will definitely monitor that, and if they need to they can possible look at making Cherokee a home base. Pingel stated closing or not closing has nothing to do with the franchise fee? Josh stated that is correct they are two different topics. Hearing no more comments Mayor Schmidt closed the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Brown stated that all we are doing is authorizing them to collect a franchise fee. Motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel, approved the first reading of Ordinance 595. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Resolution 2018-82 Accepting 2018 Street Improvement Work

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 2018-82, a Resolution accepting the 2018 Street Improvement Work. Roll Call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Resolution 2018-83 Ordering Preparation of Final Plat and Schedule of Assessments

Motion Pingel, seconded by Brown to adopt resolution 2018-83, a Resolution Ordering Preparation of Final Plat and Schedule of Assessments. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Resolution 2018-84 Adopting and Levying Final Schedule of Assessments

Motion by Brown, seconded by Agnitsh to adopt Resolution 2018-84, a Resolution Adopting and Levying Final Schedule of Assessments. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consent Agenda

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

City Council Minutes of November 13, 2018.

Final Pay Request for W. Elm St. Storm Sewer Project.

Class C Liquor License for Monterrey Mexican Restaurant.

Class C Beer Permit for Cherokee Country Store.

Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission minutes of October 16, 2018.

Class C Liquor License for Little Sioux Event Center, LLC.

Bills totaling \$108,432.05

A & B CONSTRUCTION LTD	FABRIC SALT SHED	\$45,316.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE	\$440.00
AL'S CORNER OIL CO.	PARK FUEL	\$52.60
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$279.17
AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT FILING FEE	\$425.00
AVENET, LLC	EMAIL SET UP	\$50.00
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	WATER TREATMENT REHAB	\$2,795.00
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	STARTER MOTOR	\$283.72
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	TAX DRAW	\$1,600.64
CHEROKEE REGIONAL MED. CENTER	DRUG TEST	\$170.00
CHRONICLE TIMES	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$1,104.98
CINTAS	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$19.62
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	TIRE PATCH	\$22.33
DIANE CARGIN	MILEAGE STORM LAKE BUDGET MEETING	\$27.25
DIVERSIFIED FASTENING SYSTEM	NUTS, BOLTS, WASHERS	\$313.28
DKJR ROOFING, LLC	BEECH ST. & MHI LIFT STATIONS ROOF	\$10,230.00
FASTLANE MOTOR PARTS	TOWELS	\$24.62
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$210.75
GENA REED	UTILITY BILL REFUND	\$15.43
GPM	REPAIR METER	\$3,667.20
HALLETT MATERIALS	GRAVEL, STONE, SAND	\$4,760.91
HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO.	STREET PARTS	\$67.50
HY-VEE, INC.	EAP MEETING APPETIZERS	\$17.78

IMT INSURANCE CO.	FIDELITY BOND	\$900.00
IOWA COMM. ASSURANCE POOL	NEW STREET HOOP BUILDING	\$52.00
IOWA COMM. ASSURANCE POOL	MULTIPLE WATER LINE BREAK DEDUCTIBLE	\$2,500.00
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	\$96.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$63.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$375.00
JEBRO, INC.	CRS-2	\$707.00
JIM GANO	AMERICAN FLAG	\$30.00
JR'S SALES AND SERVICE	SALT SHED DOOR	\$2,548.00
KOENIG PORTABLE TOILETS	SPOT A POT RENT	\$62.00
LUKE KLASCHEN	IAMU MEALS & HOTEL	\$228.94
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$324.40
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$260.70
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	CLAIMS	\$3,022.61
MODERN HEATING & COOLING	FURNACE REPAIRS	\$164.72
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	WATER SUPPLIES	\$2,159.50
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	SEWER LAB SUPPLIES	\$687.60
NORTHSIDE TIRE	TIRES	\$7,219.50
OMEGA ORGAN & AUDIO LLC	INSTALL WALL MOUNT FOR TV	\$735.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$97.37
R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC.	DOME LIDS	\$80.00
SIOUX VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL	SVENFLOC	\$1,320.00
THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	PAINT FOR CITY HALL	\$175.75
TODD MILLER	IAMU MEALS, MILEAGE, HOTEL	\$465.51
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE	DPRD PERMIT	\$100.00
UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	12/18 LIFE & DISABILITY INS.	\$1,081.93
USPS	UTILITY BILL & TRAILS POSTAGE	\$575.57
VANDER POL EXCAVATING, LLC	WEST ELM STREET STORM SEWER	\$5,433.65
WIESE OIL & SUPPLY CO., LT	OIL & FUEL	\$2,922.52
WINTHER, STAVE & CO., LLP	FY18 AUDIT FEES	\$2,150.00

Employee Insurance

Rick Angell, agent for the City's Wellmark Health Insurance Policy, explained that the current plan premium increase for 2019 is 6.5%. Motion by Brown, seconded by Pingel to approve the health insurance renewal and medical expense reimbursement plan as presented. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Brown to acknowledge the dental insurance renewal plans from Delta Dental effective January 1, 2019. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Federal Migratory Bird Depredation Permit

Motion by Agnitsch, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2018 Annual Report, and an application to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for a 2019 permit for vultures and geese, which allows for extermination of up to ten turkey vultures and ten geese with the provisions that goose

extermination will occur only by order of the City Council or Airport Authority. Roll call:
AYES: All. NAYES: None.

2018 Storm Water Improvements Change Order No. 1

Motion by Agnitsch, seconded by Brown to approve 2018 Storm Water Improvements Change Order No. 1. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Council Comments

Attorney Herbold stated that the City Administrator opening has been posted in several places. We are accepting applications until January 11, 2019.

Agnitsch presented a plaque to Kookier recognizing him for his service to the City of Cherokee and wished him nothing but the best in Sheldon.

Administrator's Report

Kookier presented a memo to council volunteering his service when needed during the interim as long as it doesn't interfere with his new position.

Adjournment

On a motion by Agnitsch, seconded by Pingel, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Media Present: None.

Craig Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Lucas
Deputy City Clerk Treasurer