

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 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 Loughlin, Nitz, Pingel by phone, City Attorney Vondrak by Zoom and City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent Conover, Wych.

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

Drake & Elizabeth Cadwallader, 415 Euclid Ave., and Brianna Chase, 431 N. Roosevelt Ave., expressed concerns about the leash law and vicious animal ordinance not being enforced. Loughlin encouraged Cadwallader and Chase to call into the Police Department when issues arise with loose dogs.

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

Approve City Council Minutes of December 10, 2024.

Mayor's annual appointments per Ordinance 15.03:

- a. Mayor Pro-tem – Wayne Pingel
- b. Police Chief – Nate James

Council annual appointments:

- a. Council Liaisons:
  - Police – Mayor Schmidt
  - Street – Wayne Pingel
  - WWTP – Tim Wych
  - Fire – Mike Conover
  - Park & Rec. – John Nitz
  - Water – Amy Loughlin
- b. Labor Negotiations – Administrator, City Attorney, Mayor, John Nitz, Amy Loughlin
- c. Cherokee E911 Board – Mayor Schmidt
- d. Cherokee Co. Conference Board – Mayor Schmidt
- e. Cherokee Co. Emergency Management Commission – Mayor Schmidt
- f. County Landfill Commission – Tim Wych
- g. Cherokee Area Economic Development Board – John Nitz
- h. Siouxland Regional Housing Authority – Craig Schmidt
- i. Iowa Surface Trans. Policy committee – Craig Schmidt
- j. Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Board – Chamber Director
- k. City Clerk-Treasurer – Sara Lucas
- l. Official newspaper – The Chronicle Times

Mayoral re-appointment of Jim Adamson, Jonathan Caldwell, & Mark Younie to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 3-year term.

Council re-appointment of Barb Messerole to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 3-year term.

Approve SCE Invoice.

Approve Thompson Solutions Invoice.

Approve Woodall Electric Invoice.

Bills totaling \$263,774.64

360 CUSTOM DESIGNS	CLOTHING	\$82.00
AGSTATE	DIESEL	\$2,293.80
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$1,967.89
ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATION	EARPIECE	\$388.92
AURELIA LUMBER COMPANY	FLOOD-LUMBER FOR WOOD RACK	\$62.40
BENSON CONSTRUCTION	POUR PADS FOR GENERATOR	\$23,732.50

BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$450.81
CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$817.00
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	CONDUIT INSTALL FOR GENERATORS, REPAIR TRAFFIC POLE	\$6,452.10
CHEM-SULT, INC.	PHOSPHATE	\$856.40
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	PROPERTY TAX DRAW	\$847.42
CHEROKEE CHRONICLE TIMES	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL, 11/24 LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$466.15
CHEROKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT	VOLUNTEER FIREMAN PAYROLL	\$1,680.00
CHEROKEE HISTORIC PRESERVATION	REIMBURSE STEEL MANSION TOURS	\$4,020.00
CHEROKEE NAPA	AIR FILTER	\$87.68
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR, OIL CHANGE, BATTERY	\$447.24
EBERT'S	FLOOD-WASHER & DRYER	\$1,154.84
EVAN APPLEBY	UTILITY BILL REFUND	\$4.78
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$144.06
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$1,053.00
FRANK DUNN CO.	HIGH PERFORMANCE PATCH	\$949.00
HASELHOFF CONSTRUCTION, INC	CRANE TO SET GENERATOR	\$725.00
HAWKINS, INC.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$1,934.26
HOME ANTHOLOGY	PAINT FOR LOWER LEVEL COMM. CENTER	\$1,189.12
HY-VEE, INC.	COFFEE & WATER	\$25.94
I & S GROUP, INC.	WWTP & GENERAL ENGINEERING	\$34,870.75
IOWA D.O.T.	LIQUID SALT BRINE	\$243.00
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	\$79.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING/KL/AM	\$120.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$40.50
JSS, LLC	JET SEWER LINE	\$175.00
MAGUIRE IRON, INC.	WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE	\$68,790.56
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	CLASS A ROCK	\$1,082.79
MCNALLY OPERATIONS, LLC	COPY CONTRACT	\$199.11
MICHAEL GONZALEZ	UTILITY BILL REFUND	\$40.51
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$18,088.56
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, LLC	CLAIMS THROUGH 12/18/24	\$3,232.51
MIKE SPROUSE	PAINT LOWER LEVEL COMM. CENTER	\$5,050.00
MODERN HEATING & COOLING	PARK SHOP REPAIRS	\$4,253.29
MOTOR PARTS SALES	OIL & FILTERS	\$133.30
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	ALL BAND CONSOLETTTE	\$6,562.52
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	METERS & SUPPLIES	\$2,807.90
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	CUTTING EDGES	\$944.16
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$164.41
PITNEY BOWES	RELOAD POSTAGE	\$1,517.25
POLLY JANSEN	UTILITY BILL REFUND	\$11.84
POWERTECH GENERATORS	AIR & FUEL FILTER	\$92.49
SCE, LLC	VALVE REPAIR-HWY 59 & SEWRE JETTING	\$30,605.00
SHERRIE GARZA	UTILITY BILL REFUND	\$34.49
SIOUX SALES COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$3,778.35
SMITH AND WEST LAWN ENFORCEMENT	REMOVE 1 ASH TREE	\$700.00
THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP	N. TOWER PRESSURE TRANSMITTER	\$8,689.56
UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERI	1/24 LIFE & DISABILITY INS.	\$1,516.14
US BANK	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	\$2,375.10
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$486.38
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	WATER SUPPLIES	\$492.30
VAN HOLLAND LAWN SERVICE	WINTERIZE NEW WESCOTT PARK	\$525.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	HOT SPOTS	\$40.01
WIEMOLD SMALL ENGINE REPAIR	CHAINSAW REPAIR	\$135.25

The hiring committee continues to interview candidates for the City Administrator position. The deadline to have a City Administrator is the end of January.

Nitz stated that the real estate development on the Gustafson ground in the Rock Island area should happen in January. Pingel complimented Rob and Tammy from the Wastewater Department on their quick response to a sewer backup problem on Sunday evening.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Media Present: *Erin Rydgren, Cherokee Chronicle Times*

Craig Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Lucas

City Clerk-Treasurer