

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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, Wilberding, Wych, City Administrator Letsche, and City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to approve the amended agenda adding a pass through payment of \$360,000 to Zoul Properties for the Downtown Housing Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilberding, seconded by Pingel, to approve Resolution #2024-11, a Resolution Supporting the Submittal of a Grant Application through the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association for Funding for the Surface Transportation Grant (STBG) Projects. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

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

Approve City Council Minutes of February 13, 2024.

Wescott Park Relocation – Pay App #2.

Approve Rodeo Parade Request.

Approve New Class C Retail Alcohol License for Pub Bar & Grill, LLC.

Bills totaling \$585,704.71

ALEJANDRO RAMIREZ	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$64.38
BAC INVESTMENTS	UTILITY BILL CREDIT REFUND	\$37.24
AGSTATE	FUEL	\$2,618.58
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	URBAN RENEWAL	\$34.00
AL'S CORNER OIL CO.	PARK FUEL	\$80.85
ALEX AIR APPARATUS, INC.	ANNUAL MAINT. OF EXTRACT TOOLS	\$688.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$4,057.18
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	UNION ST. BOX CULVERT IMP.	\$39,240.00
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	COOLER RENT & WATER	\$40.25
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$970.54
BRUMMER LEGACY FOUNDATION	CATALYST PASS THROUGH GRANT	\$60,000.00
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	STUMP GRINDER PARTS	\$1,497.62
CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC.	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$80.00
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	LIGHT REPAIR	\$110.00
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	2/24 PROPERTY TAX DRAW	\$88.25
CHEROKEE COMMUNITY THEATRE	TOURISM GRANT	\$4,000.00
CHEROKEE NAPA	VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	\$47.31
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	VEHICLE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$870.94
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	PLOW BLADE	\$782.85
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	OFFICE/OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$95.78
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$255.00
GRACE WOODALL	VB REFEREE	\$60.00
GREGG COMPUTER SERVICE	ROKU TV	\$120.00
H & S ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL	\$102.21
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS	\$100.00
HIWAY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC	SS SPREADER	\$24,000.00
HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO.	REPAIR HEATER	\$277.86
HY-VEE, INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$58.88

IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	\$96.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$26.10
KALEXIS HYNDMAN	VB REFEREE	\$90.00
KRISTI EBEL	VB & BB REFEREE	\$210.00
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$416.90
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$25,854.95
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	CLAIMS	\$4,805.88
MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY SERVICE	CAMERA & INSTALL	\$446.90
MOTOR PARTS SALES	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$182.89
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	WATER SUPPLIES	\$7,271.93
NICOLE RICE	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$100.00
NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE	FIRST AID MEDICAL KIT	\$97.78
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$27.97
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$89.49
PITNEY BOWES	REFILL POSTAGE	\$1,385.01
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FIN.	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	\$159.57
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	JET VAC	\$885.00
SCE, LLC	SEWER REPAIRS	\$11,047.76
SCHMILLEN CONSTRUCTION INC	WESTCOTT PARK RELOCATION	\$30,822.80
SETH THILL	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	\$150.00
SHELLY HAHN	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$30.80
SIOUX SALES COMPANY	EMPLOYEE UNIFORM	\$411.20
TYLER EBEL	VB & BB REFEREE	\$210.00
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$477.11
VISUAL EDGE IT	COPY OVERAGE	\$30.95
ZOUL PROPERTIES	DOWNTOWN GRANT PASS THROUGH	\$360,000.00

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Wilberding, to set a Public Hearing Date for the FY 24/25 Proposed Property Tax Levy for Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Wych, to write off a past due utility bill for Laurie Bibler at 345 E. Cedar St. in the amount of \$119.14. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Letsche meet with representatives from IMWCA last week to discuss implementing a number of safety procedures. Motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin to adopt the updated Safety Manual and require all new hires to undergo a post-job offer pre-employment physical/functional capacity examination. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

John Snapp, representing the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission, presented the commission's annual report of activities to the council.

Casey Carpenter, Fire Chief, discussed with Council the possibility of building a Burn Tower on a portion of the City owned land by the Industrial Sewer Plant. Carpenter is looking for approval of the site location so that the Fire Department can begin fundraising. Consensus of the Council was to begin fundraising and add to the next agenda for approval.

Motion by Wych, seconded by Pingel to go into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. to discuss Land Sale Strategy (closed pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(l)(j)). Roll call: AYES: Loughlin, Nitz, Pingel, Wilberding, Wych. NAYES: None.

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Loughlin to resume regular session at 7:25 p.m. Roll call: AYES: Loughlin, Nitz, Pingel, Wilberding, Wych. NAYES: None.

Letsche and Mayor Schmidt meet with Shawn Foutch, Wilson School Apartments to get an update on the projects progress. Most of the interior demo is complete, they are going to begin building walls and replacing the ceilings. Foutch hopes to repair the sidewalks and entrance this summer. Foutch hopes to have the project complete in a year.

On a motion by Loughlin, seconded by Wilberding, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Media Present: *Erin Rydgren, Cherokee Chronicle Times*

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