

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 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, City Administrator Letsche, and City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent Wych.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to amend the agenda adding approving the bill list. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Jackie Miller, 359 Fountain St., Kevin Halder, 401 N. Roosevelt Ave., and Tom Tushla, 409 Magnetic St. were present to ask questions concerning the 2021 Roosevelt St. Assessment letters that they received. Letsche will get back to them with answers to their questions.

Sara Jones, 711 N. 2nd St. requested a hearing for the Nuisance Abatement notice she received regarding a 1960 car in her yard. She is currently working with the State of Mississippi to get the title so she can get it licensed. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz to give Sara Jones 30 days to get the car moved, running or have it licensed. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Courtney Hatch, 735 W. Willow St., request Council consider changing the City Ordinance regarding Animal Rescue Operations within city limits. Hatch is the owner of Max Wildlife Foundation which rehabs wildlife including bats and raccoons. Loughlin request that Hatch present a plan to the City on how the operation would run including support from the neighbors.

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

Approve City Council Minutes of May 14, 2024.

Approve 3B's Honey Hauling Invoice.

Approve Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Pizza Hut.

Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Gasthaus Bar & Grille.

Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Jobie's Pastime.

Approve New Class C Retail Alcohol License for Little Sioux Event Center, LLC.

Bills totaling \$70,576.05

3B'S HONEY HAULING	CHEROKEE SPRING 24	\$13,517.66
ACCO	CHEMICALS & REG. FEE	\$3,772.10
ADDISYN JENSEN	RED CROSS LIFEGUARD REVIEW	\$600.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$1,270.71
AXON ENTERPRISE INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$414.40
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$2,783.08
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	CHAIN	\$31.20
C-M-L TELEPHONE	INTERNET & TELEPHONE	\$196.73
CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC.	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$168.00
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	5/24 TAX DRAW	\$2,733.94
CHEROKEE REGIONAL MED. CENTER	PRE EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL	\$384.00
CHEROKEE SKATEPARK COMMITTEE	CHEROKEE TOURISM GRANT	\$5,000.00
CONNOR BEECK WINDOW CLEANING	CLEAN WINDOWS	\$26.00
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	OIL CHANGE	\$73.25
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	DOOR BAR AND HANDLE	\$565.00
DIAMOND VOGEL, INC.	PAINT	\$829.26

DOHENY'S LLC	CHAISE LOUNGE	\$1,829.88
FELD FIRE	WATER CAN CARRIER	\$121.52
FIVE-STAR AWARDS & MORE	CHEROKEE PLATES	\$54.00
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$245.00
GODFATHER'S PIZZA	PIZZA FOR CITY WIDE CLEAN UP	\$115.82
HAWKINS, INC.	GRUNDFOS PUMP	\$889.89
HY-VEE, INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$42.43
I & S GROUP, INC.	WATER SYSTEM IMP.	\$812.50
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	\$88.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	MMPI TESTING	\$150.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FY25 MAYORS MEMBERSHIP	\$30.00
JANITOR'S CLOSET, LTD.	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$459.23
LISA HARE	CONCESSIONS REIMBURSEMENT	\$38.49
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$416.90
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$21,858.63
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, LLC	6/24 HRA ADMIN FEE & CLAIMS	\$2,204.36
MIKE'S LAWN SERVICE	BROAD LEAF WEED CONTROL	\$905.53
MODERN HEATING & COOLING	CHECK POOL WATER HEATER	\$100.00
MOTOR PARTS SALES	BACK UP LAMP	\$12.09
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	EVIDENCE LIB/ANNUAL FEE	\$1,462.48
NOGGIN WATER	COOLER RENT	\$25.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	RUBBERBANDS	\$6.09
PETTY CASH	POOL START UP CASH	\$220.00
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FIN.	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	\$159.57
R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC.	CEMETERY SIGN UPDATE	\$90.00
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	JET VAC CLEANING	\$1,180.00
SCE, LLC	DIGGING GRAVES & JETTER USE	\$1,068.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY	\$30.00
SHELLY HAHN	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$16.34
SIOUXLAND DISTRICT HEALTH	FOOD SERVICE LICENSE	\$150.00
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	CLEAN WINDOWS	\$115.00
TODD MILLER	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	\$139.09
TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC.	GUTTER BROOM	\$431.66
UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	6/24 LIFE & DISABILITY INS.	\$1,355.93
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$479.37
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	REPAIR CLAMPS	\$907.92

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz, to approve Rob Stines to carry over 6 hours of unused vacation time. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Wilberding, seconded by Nitz, to approve the Lease Agreement with Cherokee Aviation Authority. Roll call: AYES: Nitz, Pingel, Wilberding. NAYES: None. Loughlin abstained.

Wilberding request a salary increase for Duane Mummert, Parks Superintendent for extra duties he has been completing. This was tabled until the June 11, 2024 meeting.

Due to a recent issue with the siphon between the East Industrial and West Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants, ISG is requesting authorization to begin the planning, design, and permitting process for replacing the siphon that has been impacted by the recent flood event. ISG proposes opening a separate phase under our existing general services contract. Consensus of the Council is to proceed with the planning as recommended by ISG.

Nitz gave an update on the MHI Land Sale. He is still in discussion with representatives from the state. The state will be getting back to Nitz in 2 weeks regarding their discussion.

Loughlin request that Shawn Foutch, Wilson School Apartments be at the next council meeting. Letsche stated that he cannot get Foutch to return any phone calls or emails. Jim Adamson will try to help get ahold of Foutch. Pingel would like Letsche to research how other cities are reacting to dead trees on private property. Mayor Schmidt, and Council Member Wych are running for County Supervisor, Pingel asked for clarification if they are able to hold both positions at the same time. Mayor Schmidt stated that if they were to win, they would be able to hold both positions at the same time because they are two different levels of government.

Motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Media Present: *Erin Rydgren, Cherokee Chronicle Times*

Craig Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Lucas

City Clerk-Treasurer