

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2024, 6:00 P.M.  
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

A special meeting was called to order on this date by Mayor Schmidt. Roll call: Present: Councilpersons Loughlin, Nitz, Pingel, Wych and City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent None.

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

Cindy Wilberding and Sheree Hausmann, Skatepark Committee ask the Council to still support the building of the Skatepark. They have located the foam pieces that floated away during the flood and are asking for the cities help to retrieve the pieces. Loughlin will help arrange equipment to retrieve the pieces. OC Ramps is checking with their insurance to see if they have coverage for this type of event.

City Council will continue to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. until further notice to discuss matters related to the recent flood event.

Justin Pritts, Cherokee County Emergency Management gave an update on FEMA, we still do not have the presidential declaration from FEMA, hopefully will hear something in the next few days. Pritts has done everything possible to get the declaration, at this point it is in FEMA's hands. Pritts is asking residents not to abandon their house if they are not going to returning to them, please at get the house dried out to help prevent another public health issue. Residents are also encouraged to document and take lots of pictures of damages.

Pingel & Nitz toured the Wastewater facilities last week to look at the flood damages. The Wastewater plant took on water levels that had never been seen before covering all the electrical components. Currently the pumps from the Beech St. Lift Station have been taken to Des Moines to be baked and put back together. Wednesday ISG will be in town to assess the Wastewater plant and help to come up with a plan to move forward. Significant damage has been done to our Wastewater plant, Council is still asking residents to conserve their wastewater discharge to ease the stress on our wastewater system.

Due to the resignation of the Parks Director, Loughlin would like to appoint an employee to be the interim Parks Director. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Wych to appoint Jeremiah Mullins as interim Parks Director for two weeks. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Media Present: *Erin Rydgren, Chronicle Times*

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