

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, Wych, City Attorney Vondrak and City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent None.

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

Lisa Carlson, 1711 Linden St., spoke about the many volunteers that helped to clean up the dog park on Saturday. They estimate that they will need about 50 post replaced for the fence, but should be able to salvage the fence that is there.

Tyler Large, OC Ramps, gave an update on the Skate Park. They should have 5 obstacles poured by the end of this week. They will have 1 obstacle and the flat concrete left to pour. OC Ramps plans to have a grand opening in mid-September.

Chris Jepsen, 5425 N Avenue, takes care of the downtown horse arena. After the recent flood, he would like to see the horse arena moved out of the flood plain. Jepsen is going to meet with the Fair Board and see if there is an option to move the horse arena to the fairgrounds.

Several residents effected by the June flood event have requested a utility bill credit due to the extra water usage during flood clean up. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to waive the sewer charges beyond the average use. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Shawn Foutch, Wilson School Apartments gave an update on the development of the Wilson School Apartments. Foutch is hoping to receive a round of funding in September or December to help with the development. Outside work has begun on the apartments including rebuilding the steps and new sidewalks. Inside work is progressing as well. Foutch will have the water hooked up and the new roof complete by the end of September, the project is slated to be complete in 2025. Foutch will be getting a meeting scheduled with the Planning and Zoning Board for several variance request.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded Pingel to approve Resolution 2024-32, a Resolution Terminating Administrator Employment Agreement. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz to approve Resolution 2024-31, a Resolution of Support for State Disaster Recovery New Housing Grant. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

On a motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin, the following was approved under Consent Agenda.

Roll call: AYES: Loughlin, Nitz, Pingel. NAYES: Wych.

Approve City Council Minutes of July 23, 2024.

July Police Report.

Approve Municipal Supply Invoices (2).

Approve Hi-Way Truck Equipment-Sand Spreader quote.

Approve FY 23/24 Street Finance Report.

Approve 3B's Honey Hauling Invoice.

Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for The Brightside Lounge.

Approve Special Class B Retail Native Wine License for Hy-Vee Pharmacy and Gift Store.

July Treasurer's Report and Receipts as follows: General \$195,582.48; Police Forfeiture \$281.30; County Library \$28.43; Road Use \$59,156.39; Employee Benefits \$7,041.22; Emergency \$293.09; Other Street Monies/Local Option Sales Tax \$78,953.78; Hotel/Motel Tax \$7,771.45; Tax Increment Financing \$1.11; Wilson School Reserve \$0; Library Memorial \$221.61; Park & Rec Capital Improvement \$285.52; Cemetery Special Care \$8.09; Debt Service \$6,686.12; 2016 Capital Projects \$0; Floods of 2018/19 \$374,993.62; Flood Buyout Program \$0; Roosevelt St. Prj. \$0; Willow St. Bridge \$0; American Rescue Funds \$0; Emergency Set-Aside \$457.07; Oak Hill Perpetual Care \$1,457.13; Water Utility \$84,452.82; Water Utility – Industrial \$0; Water Main Project Bond & Interest \$5,367.50; Water System Maintenance \$10,177.16; Sewer \$138,588.48; Sewer Facility Bond & Interest \$5,285.08; Sewer System Maintenance \$9,327.71; Beech St. Lift Relocation \$36,203.10; CDBG Sanitary Sewer Euclid/Spruce \$0; Aviation Authority \$167.13; Solid Waste \$32,888.26; Landfill \$30,233.91; Storm Sewer Utility \$7,748.04; Self-Insurance \$271.84; Police Dept. Special Acct \$0.

Bills totaling \$574,914.94

360 CUSTOM DESIGNS	EMPLOYEE CLOTHING	\$2,665.00
3B'S HONEY HAULING	FLOOD-PUMP SEWER LAGOONS	\$274,300.00
ACCO	CHLORINE	\$4,898.20
AGSTATE	FUEL	\$3,027.30
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	ROOSEVELT ST. ASSESSMENTS	\$7,913.37
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$190.23
AMERICAN TREE SERVICE LLC	CLEAN UP STORM DAMAGE	\$4,437.50
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS MIDWEST	OIL LEAK, FIX BRAKES	\$2,382.94
BAKER & TAYLOR INC.	BOOKS	\$905.41
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	WESCOTT PARK RELOCATION	\$9,500.00
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	WILLOW CURB & GUTTER	\$3,801.75
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	UNION ST. BOX CULVERT	\$4,905.00
BIBLIONIX	APOLLO SUBSCRIPTION	\$2,360.00
BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	SUCTION HOSE & PARTS	\$3,667.51
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	SOFTNER & COOLER RENT, WATER	\$126.15
BLOOMING HOUSE	PLANTS	\$102.68
BOMGAARS	BROOM HANDLE CREDIT	\$1,932.96
BRAD'S TIRE SERVICE	MOWER BLADES	\$733.50
BRUMMER LEGACY FOUNDATION	CATALYST PASS THROUGH GRANT	\$40,000.00
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	HOSE ASSY	\$141.73
CASEY CARPENTER	8/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC.	RAGS	\$196.00
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	FUSES	\$5.96
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	PROPERTY TAX DRAW	\$167.13
CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE	7/24 ASSESSMENT & FLOOD CLEAN UP	\$30,245.01
CHEROKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT	VOLUNTEER FIREMAN PAYROLL	\$560.00
CHEROKEE NAPA	AIR FILTER	\$38.21
CHEROKEE REGIONAL MED. CENTER	RANDOM SELECTS	\$192.93
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	POOL CONCESSIONS	\$343.20
CHRIS HORTON	8/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
C-M-L TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$1,214.23
CONNOR BEECK WINDOW CLEANING	CLEAN WINDOWS/LIB	\$230.00
CORE & MAIN LP	LAB SUPPLIES	\$1,605.24
CORE-MARK MIDCONTINENT, INC	POOL CONCESSIONS	\$4,460.28
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	SKID LOADER TIRE	\$1,134.93
DAVE ZELLE	TENNIS CAMP	\$500.00
DIANE KOCH	UTILITY BILL REFUND	\$44.33
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$145.93

FELD FIRE	REPAIR BUNKER GEAR	\$319.34
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$616.50
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SV	COPY CONTRACT	\$188.49
H & S ELECTRIC	FLOOD-RESTORE SPRING LAKE RR	\$273.49
HALLETT MATERIALS	SAND	\$2,510.19
HEARTLAND BACKFLOW INC.	BACKFLOW TESTING	\$880.00
HIWAY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC	EV150 SPREADER	\$22,827.00
HY-VEE, INC.	WATER & GATORADE	\$51.57
IMFOA	CERTIFICATION RENEWAL	\$50.00
J. D. ROGGE	KETCH POLE FOR ANIMALS	\$114.95
JJSS, LLC	FLOOD-JET SEWER LINES AT PARK	\$269.50
JOHN MEIS	SIMPCO MEETING	\$353.50
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC	FIRE SUPPLIES	\$1,332.79
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	3/8 WOOD CHIPS	\$254.48
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$1,233.34
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, LLC	CLAIMS THROUGH 8/7/24	\$7,019.83
MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	ALUM TRUCK BOX SIDES	\$2,260.00
MOTOR PARTS SALES	BUSHINGS	\$424.83
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	RACK MOUNT KIT	\$100.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	TOUCHPAD & METERS	\$46,288.03
NATE JAMES	8/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
NOGGIN WATER	COOLER RENT & WATER	\$52.50
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	COPY CONTRACT	\$302.66
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES	DOOR HANDLE	\$198.33
OVERDRIVE, INC.	BRIDGES SUBSCRIPTION	\$1,547.76
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	BOOKS	\$4,929.15
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	FY25 PEST CONTROL	\$1,005.11
R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC.	FLOOD-CAN LINERS	\$2,528.00
RECORD PRINTING	WATER RECEIPTS	\$1,010.80
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	STORM SEWER CLEANING	\$2,115.00
ROB STINES	8/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
SANITARY SERVICES	7/24 GARBAGE PICK UP	\$29,287.80
SARA LUCAS	8/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
SCE, LLC	PARTS	\$1,294.77
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR CO.	ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	\$1,843.78
SIMMERING-CORY, INC.	GRANT ADMINISTRATION-BRUMMER	\$1,260.00
STANARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.	SHIPPING & HANDLING TEST MATER	\$25.00
THE BOOK VINE	BOOKS	\$1,056.08
THOMPSON PROPANE & SUPPLIES	GASOLINE	\$7,906.00
TODD LARSEN	8/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TODD MILLER	8/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES	WHITE PAINT & CAUTION TAPE	\$394.63
TRACEY SIEVERS	UTILITY BILL REFUND	\$38.64
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	7/24 EXCISE & SALES TAX	\$6,567.77
U.S. BANK	MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	\$1,036.07
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCC. MED	RANDOM SELECTS	\$126.00
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$481.59
VERIZON WIRELESS	HOT SPOTS	\$576.66
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE INC	REPAIR JACK	\$1,045.09
VISUAL EDGE IT	COPY CONTRACT & OVERAGE	\$150.89
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASE	COPY CONTRACT	\$286.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$4,405.57
WOODALL ELECTRIC	BLOWER REPAIRS	\$6,685.20

Clerk Lucas received two letters of interest to fill the vacant Ward 2 Council seat from Mike Conover and Derek Nixon. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to appoint Mike Conover the motion died. Motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin to defer the appointment to the August 27, 2024 meeting. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Loughlin to form a hiring committee for the Parks Director position to include Councilmembers Nitz, Wych, and Mayor Schmidt. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

There were two estimates presented from Woodall Electric to restore power to the Wastewater Plant. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz to approve the estimates based upon the hourly rate getting fixed on the estimates. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Krystal Furgason, 308 West View Drive, requested a water bill credit due to a water heater leak. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz to disapprove the water bill credit. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

A Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services was presented to council for review to assist the City with development of a facility plan, coordination with IDNR, design and construction management services related to improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant including the potential relocation of the treatment plant outside of the floodplain due to damages incurred during recent flooding. Proposals must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on August 26, 2024 to City Hall.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to approve a wage authorization for Cassie Rupp, Utility Billing Clerk for \$22.00/hour. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz to approve a wage authorization for Luke Gravenish, Temporary Flood Plain Administration for \$20.00/hour. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to approve a quote from Electric Pump in the amount of \$64,380 for the Beech Street Lift Station-PLC Control Replacement. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz to approve a quote from Electric Pump in the amount of \$39,684.00 for the Saratoga Lift Station Control Sub-Panel & Inner Door Accessories. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin to go into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(j)). Roll call: AYES: Loughlin, Nitz, Pingel, Wych. NAYES: None.

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Loughlin to resume the Regular Session at 7:31 p.m. Roll call: AYES: Loughlin, Nitz, Pingel, Wych. NAYES: None. There was no action taken following the Executive Session.

Loughlin would like Council to think about what direction they would like to go with the Yacht Club after the recent flooding. This will be on the August 27, 2024 agenda.

On a motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Media Present: *Allison Moore and Madeline Combs, Cherokee Chronicle Times*

Craig Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Lucas

City Clerk-Treasurer