

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Conover.

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

Motion by Loughlin, seconded Nitz to approve Resolution 2024-33, a Resolution Approving Agreement for Engineering Services between I & S Group, Inc. and the City of Cherokee for Services Related to a Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

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

Approve City Council Minutes of August 27, 2024.

Approve August Police Report.

Approve Wescott Park Pay App #5.

Approve Tax Abatement – 1300 S. 2nd St., Cherokee Locker Investments, Inc.

Approve SCE Invoice.

Approve Trojan Technologies Invoice.

Approve Willow St. Curb & Gutter Pay App #2.

August Treasurer’s Report and Receipts as follows: General \$48,006.00; Police Forfeiture \$399.04; County Library \$20.23; Road Use \$54,600.77; Employee Benefits \$1,982.56; Emergency \$0; Other Street Monies/Local Option Sales Tax \$78,449.93; Hotel/Motel Tax \$6,368.77; Tax Increment Financing \$0; Wilson School Reserve \$0; Library Memorial \$149.82; Park & Rec Capital Improvement \$253.68; Cemetery Special Care \$7.19; Debt Service \$3,510.18; 2016 Capital Projects \$0; Floods of 2018/19 \$0; Flood Buyout Program \$0; Roosevelt St. Prj. \$2,513.80; Willow St. Bridge \$0; American Rescue Funds \$0; Emergency Set-Aside \$406.10; Oak Hill Perpetual Care \$0; Water Utility \$76,003.28; Water Utility – Industrial \$0; Water Main Project Bond & Interest \$5,367.50; Water System Maintenance \$9,662.72; Sewer \$112,941.02; Sewer Facility Bond & Interest \$5,285.08; Sewer System Maintenance \$8,650.09; Beech St. Lift Relocation \$0; CDBG Sanitary Sewer Euclid/Spruce \$0; Aviation Authority \$0; Solid Waste \$31,469.99; Landfill \$29,235.75; Storm Sewer Utility \$7,225.36; Self-Insurance \$241.49; Police Dept. Special Acct \$0.

Bills totaling \$787,042.41

ABRYL MONGAN	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
ADDYSON WILKIE	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #1	\$65.00
ALAYNA KREMER	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #1	\$65.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$155.44
AMELIA BO ELLIS	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #1	\$65.00
AVA BOUCHARD	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #1	\$65.00
BAKER & TAYLOR INC.	BOOKS	\$639.37
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	WESCOTT PARK RELOCATION	\$10,151.00
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	WILLOW CURB & GUTTER	\$8,419.50
BECK EXCAVATING, INC.	WILLOW CURB & GUTTER	\$410,782.75
BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	EAR PLUGS & SAFETY GLASSES	\$213.70
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER & SOFTNER RENT	\$132.15

BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,189.19
C-M-L TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$1,214.35
CASEY CARPENTER	9/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
CATALIS LLC	WEBSITE RENEWAL	\$1,685.40
CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES	WESCOTT PARK & WILLOW CURB/GUTTER	\$4,796.50
CHEROKEE CHRONICLE TIMES	8/24 LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$482.39
CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE	8/24 ASSESSMENT & DISPOSAL	\$29,810.91
CHEROKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT	VOLUNTEER FIREMAN PAYROLL	\$780.00
CHRIS HORTON	9/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
CONNOR BEECK WINDOW CLEANING	CLEAN WINDOWS	\$115.00
CORE & MAIN LP	BUFFER SOLUTION KIT	\$51.78
CORRA KAY	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	\$169.88
CULLY MIZNER-FUNDERMANN	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
DARCI BOLING	FLAG FOOTBALL REFUND	\$50.00
DEMCO, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$199.48
DENNY'S SERVICE	TOILET REPAIRS	\$147.50
ELECTRIC PUMP	GRUNDFOS PUMP	\$6,602.98
ELISE ERLANDSON	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$13.45
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$769.00
GRACE WOODALL	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SV	COPY CONTRACT	\$169.97
GROVES EMERGENCY LIGHTING	SET UP SQUAD CAR	\$7,612.34
HAWKINS, INC.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$1,140.23
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOK	\$13.19
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	MMPI EVALUATION	\$150.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FY25 MEMBER DUES	\$3,081.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$21.60
JACOB STALLMAN	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	\$150.00
K & M TREE SERVICE	CUT TREES & CLEAN UP TREES	\$8,820.00
KALEXIS HYNDMAN	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
LEAH ELLIS	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #1	\$65.00
MACEY ROSS	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC	TRUCK PARTS	\$736.65
MADELINE GRIFFIN	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
MALLORIE PUFFER	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	CLAIMS THROUGH 8/28/24	\$241.30
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$1,229.87
MOTOR PARTS SALES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$36.52
NATE JAMES	9/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
NORA HARE	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	COPY CONTRACTS	\$188.21
PAYTON REINERT	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #1	\$65.00
R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC.	PICK UP AFTER DOG SIGNS	\$1,600.00
REESE CAREY	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #1	\$65.00
ROB STINES	9/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
SANITARY SERVICES	FEMA-HAUL TRASH, 8/24 ASSESSMENT	\$29,494.35
SARA LUCAS	9/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
SCE, LLC	FEMA-FLOOD CLEAN UP & SEWER JETTING	\$71,211.56
SENSIBLE PRODUCTS INC.	CHANL PANL AND PARTS	\$1,642.95
SIOUX CITY JOURNAL	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$627.00
SMITH CONCRETE SERVICE INC	CONCRETE-ROOSEVELT & CRAIG	\$1,929.00

SOPHIE SCHERBRING	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #1	\$65.00
SOPHIE THORSON	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #1	\$65.00
THE ACCURATE COURT REPORTER	QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTION	\$39.00
THOMPSON PROPANE & SUPPLIES	FUEL	\$873.92
TODD LARSEN	9/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TODD MILLER	9/24 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	8/24 SALES & WET TAX	\$5,577.52
TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES	FEMA-UV LIGHTS	\$156,643.28
TRU TIMMERMAN	LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT #2	\$65.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC.	GUTTER BROOM	\$555.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	T & A PROJECT MANAGEMENT	\$1,650.00
U.S. BANK	MISC. SUPPLIES	\$5,557.50
USA BLUE BOOK	LAB SUPPLIES	\$84.17
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$481.84
VERIZON WIRELESS	HOT SPOTS & CELL PHONES	\$576.58
VISUAL EDGE IT	COPY CONTRACT & OVERAGE	\$169.86
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASE	COPY CONTRACT	\$207.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$4,109.28
WORKSHOP	REPAIR VIBRATORY SCREED	\$290.00

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel, to approve a Wage Authorization for Tammy Olson, Wastewater Operator effective October 1, 2024, \$22.00/hour. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Morgan Young, was present to discuss the future of the downtown horse arena. Young is asking the City to appoint a committee to run the horse arena at its current location. The horse arena began in 2003, it started with large community involvement and donations. Young has several community members who would like to see the horse shows, barrel races, and roping events brought back to the arena. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel, to have Young and supporters address the Park and Rec Committee about the horse arena at their October meeting and report back to City Council. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz to table the Skate Park Change Order until Tyler from OC Ramps can attend the meeting. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Justin Pritts, Emergency Management has been working with the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and they would like to place several trailers for flood victims at Spring Lake Park. They would lease these spots at a rate of \$20/day/space, not to exceed \$500 per month for 90 days. Justin also has an applicant who would like to have a trailer placed on a private site. This homeowner would be responsible for the electrical and sewer hookup expense. Attorney Vondrak will work with Mayor Schmidt to get the trailer placed at the private site. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel, to approve a Cooperative Agreement between Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the City of Cherokee. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Pingel had a conversation with Todd Larsen regarding the bids for crushing concrete, Larsen is working on getting some more bids for the next meeting. Loughlin stated that Beech St. Lift Station is up and running on its own and the Starlink rental has been returned.

Motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Media Present: *Tom Cullen, Cherokee Chronicle Times*

Craig Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Lucas

City Clerk-Treasurer