

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

A regular meeting was called to order on this date by Mayor Schmidt. Roll call: Present: Councilpersons Brown, Loughlin, Johnson, Miller, City Administrator List, and City Clerk-Treasurer Cargin. Absent was Councilperson Pingel.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to approve the agenda. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Public Hearing – Issuance of Not to Exceed \$230,000 Sewer Revenue Notes

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Schmidt opened the public hearing on the Authorization of a Loan & Disbursement Agreement & the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$230,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes. As there were no oral or written comments, the hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

Resolution #2020-51 Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action

Motion by Miller, seconded by Loughlin to adopt Resolution #2020-51, a Resolution Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action for the Authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$230,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes. . Roll call was: AYES: Johnson, Brown, Miller, Loughlin. NAYES: None.

Resolution #2020-52 Set Public Hearing Date for Acquisition of Land

Leon Freeman of Iowa Dept. of Homeland Security joined the meeting by phone and explained a proposed FEMA project spurring the potential acquisition of land for the relocation of Wescott Park. FEMA has offered the city an option to do an improved project consisting of federal financial assistance to move the park to another location in order to mitigate potential flooding hazards, rather than partially finance the repairs for the damage to Wescott Park caused by the 2018 and 2019 floods. Due to the frequent and costly flooding the park has undergone in recent years, Freeman considers the choice to move the park to a new location to be an intelligent decision. The city and FEMA have completed a project worksheet with damages incurred from the 2018 and 2019 flood events totaling in excess of 1.15 million. The city has entered into an Option to Purchase agreement with Larry Schlichting for the purchase of 26.78 acres of land directly north of the Hwy 3 bypass at a cost of \$300,000, the purchased land to be used for the relocation of the park. The agreement option expires on December 31, 2020. A Phase I study has been completed by FEMA on this parcel with no significant adverse findings. The next step is an environmental assessment of the proposed location which will not be completed by December 31. Freeman believes that the result of the study will be little or no environmental effects on this parcel of land resulting from development into park land. He does not foresee any issues arising from the study that would potentially cause the improved project to be abandoned.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Johnson, to approve Resolution #2020-52, a Resolution Setting Time and Place of Public Hearing on Proposed Exercise of an Option to Purchase Real Estate to Relocate Wescott Park for Tuesday, December 22, at 7:05 p.m. at City Hall. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consent Agenda

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

City Council Minutes of November 24, 2020.

November Police Report.

Re-appointment of Cindy Wilberding & Mick Samsel to Cherokee Historic Preservation Comm.

Re-appointment of Al Carlson, Myla Stoneking and Stephanie Zarr to Planning & Zoning Commission.

Pay Application #5 S. 5th St. Reconstruction Project – Vander Pol Const. \$1,052.72

November Treasurer's Report and Receipts as follows: General \$139,822.63; Police Forfeiture \$342.87; County Library \$.50; Road Use \$65,415.23; Employee Benefits \$44,125.86;

Emergency \$2,914.78; Other Street Monies/Local Option Sales Tax \$196,444.11; Hotel/Motel Tax \$28,542.38; Tax Increment Financing \$40,000.00; Wilson School Reserve \$0; Revolving Loan \$.16; Library Memorial \$1.77; Park & Rec Capital Improvement \$.84; Cemetery Special

Care \$.22; Debt Service \$27,906.81; 2016 Capital Projects \$0; Floods of 2018/19 \$0; S. 5th Street Improvement Project \$0; Emergency Set-Aside \$7.51; Oak Hill Perpetual Care \$225.00;

Water Utility \$56,778.05; Water Utility – Industrial \$3.73; Water Main Project Bond & Interest \$5,273.00; Water System Maintenance \$9,074.25; Sewer Utility \$90,304.78; Sewer Utility –

Industrial \$.14; Sewer Facility Bond & Interest \$34,006.00; Sewer System Maintenance \$8,423.47; CDBG Sanitary Sewer Euclid/Spruce \$0; Aviation Authority \$1,619.33; Solid Waste

\$29,293.74; Landfill \$27,731.90; Storm Sewer Utility \$6,393.26; Self-Insurance \$9.47; Police Dept. Special Acct. \$.00.

Bills totaling \$201,538.57

A-OX WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC	WELDING SUPPLIES	\$72.21
ABC BUILDING CONTROLS	ANNUAL FIRE ALARM CHECKOUT	\$1,172.00
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GROUP	HY-GARD	\$72.83
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	FOUNDATION URBAN RENEWAL	\$30.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$893.72
ALYSSA A. HERBOLD PLC.	11/20 LEGAL SERVICE	\$702.00
ARMOND RIDER	12/20 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT FILING FEE	\$425.00
BEAR CREEK ARCHEOLOGY, INC	FEMA-WESCOTT CULTURAL INVESTIG	\$5,825.00
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	FEMA-WESCOTT RELOCATION	\$672.50
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	ROOSEVELT ST. RECONSTRUCTION	\$13,460.00
BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING	RENTALS, WATER, SOFTNER SALT	\$216.40
BOKF, NA	BOKF - BOND PAYMENTS	\$58,907.50
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$726.41
BUILDERS SHARP. & SERVICE	BOBCAT REPAIRS & SAW	\$1,390.60
C-M-L TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$391.31
CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC.	FLOOR SQUEEGEE	\$90.00
CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE	11/20 ASSESSMENT	\$29,688.51
CHEROKEE NAPA	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$131.78
CHEROKEE STATE BANK	INTEREST ON LOAN	\$1,807.13
COUNSEL	COPY OVERAGE	\$62.74
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	OIL CHANGE	\$37.88
DENNY'S SERVICE	STOOL REPAIRS	\$133.50
DUANE MUMMERT	12/20 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00

ERIC LIST	12/20 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
FIRST COOPERATIVE ASSOC.	FUEL	\$1,408.79
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$207.00
GEORGE SCHMIDT	12/20 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
GREG EATON, FIRE CHIEF	VOLUNTEER FIREMAN PAYROLL	\$690.00
H. G. KLUG SONS, INC.	AIR COMPRESSOR	\$19,179.00
HOLZHAUER MOTORS, LTD.	BATTERY & TESTING	\$234.09
IOWA DEPT. OF AG. & LAND	PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION FEE	\$15.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SRF LOAN INTEREST PAYMENTS	\$8,236.25
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	2021 MAYORS ASSOC. DUES	\$30.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$375.00
IREAD	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	\$106.34
JAMIE HODGDON	12/20 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
LEAF	COPIER CONTRACTS	\$222.97
MCDYER TOOLS LLC	TOOLS	\$57.00
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$406.90
MENARDS-SPENCER	PUMP, HOSE, GOLVES	\$162.79
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$835.79
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	12/20 HRA ADMIN & FLEX FEE & CLAIMS	\$1,157.67
MODERN HEATING & COOLING	WATER SOFTNER & HEAT PUMP REPAIRS	\$479.79
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	WATER METERS & SMARTPOINTS	\$5,582.90
NATE JAMES	12/20 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$50.00
NOGGIN WATER	COOLER RENT & WATER	\$25.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$119.60
RAEGAN BUNTING	GRAB & GO MATERIALS	\$12.11
SANITARY SERVICES	11/20 GARBAGE PICK UP	\$28,965.45
SCE, LLC	AIR COMPRESSOR RENTAL	\$125.00
SCOTT LUSCHER	AUDITORIUM REFUND	\$70.00
SIOUX COMMERCIAL SWEEPING	CRACK SEALING	\$943.50
SIOUXLAND CONCRETE CO.	CONCRETE	\$129.07
STEVE'S WINDOW SERVICE	CLEAN WINDOWS	\$210.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT	UTILITY BILLS	\$1,052.35
SYNCHRONY BANK/AMAZON	INTEREST	\$1.00
THE ACCURATE COURT REPORTER	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$39.00
TINA FOX	YOUTH BASKETBALL REFUND	\$20.00
TODD LARSEN	12/20 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TODD MILLER	12/20 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	SALES & WET TAX	\$4,807.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC.	GUTTER BROOM	\$199.78
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$318.98
VANDER POL EXCAVATING, LLC	S. 5TH ST. RECONSTRUCTION	\$1,052.72
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC.	BEECH ST LIFT STATION RELOCATE	\$885.45
VERIZON WIRELESS	HOT SPOTS & CELL PHONES	\$365.02
VOGEL TRAFFIC SERVICES	YELLOW & WHITE PAINT	\$2,218.50
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASE	COPIER LEASE	\$142.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$2,012.01
WIEMOLD SMALL ENGINE REPAIR	DOLMAR CUT SAW	\$919.00

Approve Grant Writing/Administration Contract – Beech St. Lift Station

Motion by Miller, seconded by Brown to approve an agreement for grant writing and grant administrative services with Simmering Cory LLC involving working with FEMA in the relocation efforts for the Beech St. Lift Station, not to exceed \$2,000 for grant writing services and \$10,000 for grant administration services. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Approve Contracts for Magnetic Park Trail Expansion Project

Brown questioned Tom Wilson of Beck Engineering about the inclusion of the construction of a pedestrian bridge at a cost of \$150,000 to cross Railroad Creek included in their proposal for engineering services for Phase 1B of the Magnetic Park Trail Expansion Project. Brown commented that the nearby Maple St. bridge is likely to be closed to traffic in the future and could be used as a pedestrian bridge, eliminating the need for a new bridge. Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to approve the contracts with Beck Engineering as follows: Phase 1B – 7,900; Phase II - \$27,750, and Phase II (additional services) - \$44,750, with the provision that the exclusion of the construction of a new pedestrian bridge be included as an alternate provision in the Phase II contract.. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Approve Change Order #1 – Magnetic Park Trail

Motion by Miller, seconded by Brown to approve Change Order #1, VanderPol Excavating in the amount of \$10,399.43 for improvements to the drainage conditions in the vicinity of Riverview Drive and Spruce St. for the Magnetic Park Trail Expansion Project. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Update from Cherokee Area Economic Development

Bill Anderson and Brian Freed, representing Cherokee Area Economic Development Corporation, passed out the 2020 Annual Report and gave an update of recent activities of CAEDC. Through the Revolving Loan Fund, CAEDC has loaned in excess of \$1,000,000 to Cherokee County Businesses since its inception. They are working very aggressively to get those funds re-invested out into the community. Efforts on workforce development and housing development continue. Progress continues as Lopez Foods. Freed commented that the city is very fortunate to have the south industrial park shovel-ready. Anderson and Freed thanked the city for their continued support.

Adjournment

On a motion by Loughlin, seconded by Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Media Present: *None*

Craig Schmidt
Mayor

ATTEST:
Diane Cargin
City Clerk-Treasurer