

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 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, Miller City Administrator List, and City Clerk-Treasurer Cargin. Absent were Councilpersons Johnson and Pingel.

Approve Agenda

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

Public Hearing – E. Main St. Bridge Project

The Public Hearing on the E. Main St. Bridge Project which had been opened on February 11 had been continued to tonight’s meeting. The Mayor called for any oral or written comments, as there were none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

City Council Minutes of February 11, 2020.

Bills totaling \$120,802.89

ACCESS SYSTEMS	NETWORK SECURITY AUDIT	\$500.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$3,908.03
ALYSSA A. HERBOLD PLC.	1/2020 LEGAL SERVICE	\$648.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	RAGS, RUGS, MOPS	\$67.75
BAKER & TAYLOR INC.	BOOKS	\$994.68
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	FEMA-ENGINEERING	\$2,020.00
BOMGAARS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,241.03
BROWN SUPPLY CO.	METER & PARTS	\$7,323.20
CAMILLE ZWIEFEL	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$75.00
CHAMPION ELECTRIC, INC.	NEW TRAFFIC CONTROLLER	\$23,016.25
CHEROKEE AREA YOUNG LEADER	HOTEL/MOTEL GRANT	\$740.54
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY	TAX DRAW	\$109.96
CINTAS	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$26.96
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE	OIL CHANGE	\$35.31
CRAIG SCHMIDT	MILEAGE TO LEAGUE MEETING	\$43.12
DENA CLAYCAMP	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$25.00
DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410	WATER & CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$22.50
EMMA GOOD	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$100.00
FAREWAY STORES, INC.	LIBRARY & PD SUPPLIES	\$152.37
FASTENAL COMPANY	NUTS & BOLTS	\$25.32
FASTLANE MOTOR PARTS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$358.06
FELD FIRE	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS & SUPPLIES	\$1,614.55
FIRST COOPERATIVE ASSOC.	FUEL	\$4,239.82
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES	\$1,033.00
FRANK DUNN CO.	HIGH PERFORMANCE PATCH	\$799.00
GOVOFFICE	2020 EMAIL ACCOUNTS	\$100.00
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERV.	COPY CONTRACT	\$74.00
GREGG COMPUTER SERVICE	COMPUTER & HARD DRIVE	\$1,499.98

HACH CO.	LAB SUPPLIES	\$652.69
HIWAY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC	DUMP TRUCK LIGHTS	\$183.58
HOLZHAUER MOTORS, LTD.	TAHOE REPAIRS	\$3,097.09
I & S GROUP, INC.	CENTRAL ST. SANITARY SEWER	\$18,750.00
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	ELECTRICITY	\$91.00
JANITOR'S CLOSET, LTD.	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$254.17
JOHN MEIS	SIMPCO MEETINGS	\$417.75
KATES-BOYLSTON, LLC	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$49.00
KRISTI EBEL	VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL	\$225.00
KYRSTIN AGNITSCH	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$40.00
LEAF	COPY CONTRACT	\$132.00
MEDIACOM LLC	INTERNET	\$326.90
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$25,235.56
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	3/20 FLEX & ADMIN FEES, CLAIMS	\$4,494.64
MIDWEST LIVING	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$8.00
MIDWEST LUBRICANTS, INC.	ARTIC BLUE & TRACTOR FLUID	\$1,210.00
MILLS & MILLER INC.	DEICING SALT	\$1,892.10
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	WATER METERS & SMARTPOINTS	\$6,881.56
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$124.96
PARIS MENDEZ	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$100.00
PITNEY BOWES	RELOAD POSTAGE	\$1,400.00
SCE, LLC	WATER LEAKS, CURB STOP REPAIR	\$2,336.19
SHARE CORPORATION	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$132.66
STREICHER'S	AMMO	\$195.50
TABITHA ENDERLIN	BASKETBALL SCOREKEEPER	\$25.00
TYLER EBEL	VOLLEYBALL REF	\$100.00
U.S. BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPY CONTRACT	\$89.94
UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	3/20 LIFE & DISABILITY INS.	\$1,232.19
USPS	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	\$331.98

Copier/Printer Lease – City Hall

Four bids were received for a new copier/printer/scanner lease for City Hall to replace a Ricoh unit which is also leased. Motion by Miller, seconded by Brown to award the low bid to Counsel for a 63 month lease for a HP Color LaserJet Model E77830dn which is projected to save an average of \$75 per month over the current Ricoh contract. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Hotel/Motel Advisory Board Grant Recommendation

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Brown to approve a Hotel/Motel Advisory Board Grant application for Cherokee Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of a new Lavalier microphone unit. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Review Proposed FY21 Budget

List explained the proposed FY21 budget has a decrease in the levy rate of about .30/\$1,000 taxable valuation. The current year's tax levy is 15.89347 and the proposed levy for FY21 is \$15.59159 with the general fund projected to have a June 30, 2021, year-end balance of \$553,417.

Set Public Hearing Date for FY21 Proposed Budget

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Miller to set the Public Hearing date and time on the FY2020-

21 proposed budget for Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at Cherokee City Hall. Roll call was:
AYES: All. NAYES: None

Consider E. Main St. Bridge Repairs Project Bid

Only one bid was received for repairs to the E. Main St. bridge, that bid being from Christensen Bros., Inc., Cherokee IA, in the amount of \$270,047. The bid is \$109,495 over the engineer's estimate of \$160,552.00. Tom Wilson, Beck Engineering, stated he was surprised at the amount of the bid and that about \$50,000 of the higher than estimated amount comes from the paint containment cost. Christensen's has agreed to reduce the mobilization cost by \$3,000. Wilson recommends awarding the base bid of the project which includes Items #1-27 in the amount of \$161,347 and processing a change order immediately to remove Items #28-32 which include the painting and containment costs. The city could then go out for bid for just these items. Miller asked if the City could get more and lower bids by combining this project with another bridge project. Brown wondered if it would be better to not accept the bid and re-bid the entire project later. Wilson is skeptical that rebidding the entire project will result in receiving a lower bid. Brown asked how the condition of this bridge ranks to the other bridges. Armond Rider replied that the E. Main St. bridge is probably the only bridge we can just do repairs to and not have to replace. Wilson stated that proceeding with the change order and rebidding the painting portion of the project could hopefully result in receiving four or five competitive bids from painting contractors. Motion by Brown, seconded by Miller to table the issue until the March 10, 2020, meeting. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Consider Bids for Water Dept. Pickup

Two bids were received from Holzhauser Motors for a new 2020 pickup for the Water Dept. to replace a 2003 GMC ¾ pickup, 2020 Ford Super Duty F-350 for \$28,894 and a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD for \$30,350. Motion by Brown, seconded by Loughlin to award the low bid of \$28,894. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Adjournment

On a motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Media Present: *None*

Craig Schmidt
Mayor

ATTEST:
Diane Cargin
City Clerk Treasurer