


Fun Fact

On the roof of the nasal cavity (the space behind your nose) is the "olfactory epithelium," which contains millions of receptors that sense odor molecules. Through the air, odor molecules drift into the nasal cavity and stimulate some of the receptors, which then stimulate the brain to recognize that odor from among the many thousands of different smells cataloged in the brain.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHEROKEE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE – GRASS, WEEDS, BRUSH

Annual spring publication of this ordinance in an official newspaper shall serve as notice to property owners. The City will be authorized to respond to violations without additional written notice being given.

Grass, Weeds, Brush. Dense growth of all weeds, vines, brush or other vegetation in the City so as to constitute a health, safety or fire hazard. Unless a variance is allowed by resolution of the Council, the owners, agents or occupants of all lots and parcels of ground within the City shall cut or cause to have cut, mow and maintain all grass, weeds and brush upon the owner's property and adjacent to the curb line or outer boundary of any street, which includes the parking area abutting the owner's property, to a uniform height as defined. The provisions of this section also apply to all lands and lots abutting on any street or

public way to that portion of the property that lies between the property line of the property and curb line, grass, weeds, brush or other plants, except trees, shall be cut, mowed and maintained so as to not exceed the following height specifications:

A. Developed Residential Areas: not to exceed eight inches (8").

B. Undeveloped Residential Areas: not to exceed ten inches (10").

C. Business and Industrial Areas: not to exceed eight inches (8").

D. Agricultural Areas: not to exceed twelve inches (12").

FAILURE TO COMPLY. If the property owner fails to comply with this chapter, the Council or its appointee shall cause the property to be mowed. If the property owner fails to remove such offensive vegetation, the City may perform the required action and assess the costs against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as a property tax. (CT04-25/L#49)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Aurelia Electric Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2025 at Aurelia City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Redig at 4:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Redig, Johnson, Ballantyne, Langschwager, Weathers

Absent: None

Also, Present: Cedar, Kai, Denny Weathers, Diane Weathers, Kasey Reilly (on telephone)

Motion to approve consent agenda and bills was made by Johnson, second by Ballantyne. All members present voting "aye," motion carried. Approved by consent: minutes of previous meetings, financial reports, March receipts of \$62,916.35 and February monthly disbursements of \$88,496.18 and bills payable as follows:

AgState diesel – gas 304.56
Aurelia Electric March utilities 357.75
Bomgaars batteries/flashlights/glass seed 235.64
Cargin, Emelee mini split heat pump rebate 959.08
Central Iowa Distributing shop supplies/locate paint/ground sterilant 483.87
Cherokee Chronicle Times publish meeting minutes 57.32
Cherokee County Solid Waste commercial garbage landfill charges

663.75
City of Aurelia March billing (water/sewer/sanitation) 50,266.63
Del's Garden Center trees for park 3,749.00
Elan Financial meals/hotel; handbook; chainsaw parts; gas 609.75
First Net- AT&T cell phone 50.01
Iowa Department of Revenue March WET excise tax due 1,445.59
Iowa Department of Revenue March sales tax + goods consumed tax 1,311.87
Kai, Cindy mileage- IMFOA conference 197.50
MidAmerican gas service 360.43
North Lake Truck Repair garbage truck service 412.58
Nuvera phone, fax, internet, long distance 281.18
One Office Solution paper-post its-postage ink-envelopes 596.49
Sanitary Services 11 residential containers 825.00
Stille, Pierce & Pertzborn 2025-2026 property/liability insurance 28,103.00
Verizon Wireless cell phone 46.47
Visual Edge IT copier contract payment 137.11
WIMECA March purchased power 48,512.63
Payroll March payroll 17,180.08
Delinquent accounts were reviewed and line loss was (.14).
Denny Weathers, Diane Weathers

and Kasey Reilly were present to inform us of the plans of installing lights on the roof lines of Main Street buildings. It was discussed what we need to do to get electricity to the lights and the metering of usage for them.

The annual Friends of Aurelia "All for the Kids" golf tournament fundraiser will be held June 21, 2025. Motion to support Friends of Aurelia "All for the Kids" golf tournament as an Eagle Sponsor was made by Ballantyne, second by Langschwager. All members present voting "aye," motion carried.

Superintendent Report:
The street light at 2nd & Myrtle is not working and haven't been able to locate the fault. It was decided to first try to dig under the sidewalk by the curb stop and if not, will have to bore a line from the transformer.

Iowa Utility Board will be doing inspections in May. Pre-construction meetings are being held for new fire station. Blair Metzger from DGR Engineering is planning to be at our May meeting to discuss the rate study he has completed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Roger Redig, Chairman
Cindy Kai, Board Secretary
(CT04-25/L#104)

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 with Bryan Petersen, Cheryl Ellis, Dave Skou, Ray Mullins II and Shane Bellefy present. Erin Rytgden, Chronicle Times, represented the press. Steve Zarr, Kelly Puhrmann, Adam Glienke, Cody Simonsen, Lloyd Mattoon, Ramona Nitz, Chuck Stubbe, Derek Scott, Kent Ohlson, Laura Jones, Sam Boothby, Ryan Kolpin, Lonnie Benson, Joel Ehrig, Nat Story and Stu Hogg were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mullins, Ellis, Bellefy, Skou, Petersen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Chairman Petersen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Bellefy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Mullins to approve the minutes of the pre-

vious meeting. Motion carried. There were no comments from the public.

Kent Ohlson, Zoning Commission Chairman, provided an overview of the steps taken by the commission to date and provided an estimated timeline for completing a draft solar ordinance. Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, reviewed the ordinance process for the commission and supervisors. Chairman Petersen thanked the commissioners for their willingness to serve on the Cherokee County Zoning Commission and asked that they do their best to complete the draft document in a timely manner.

Steve Zarr, Survey Engineering Technician, presented a utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Bellefy to approve an underground construction on county right of way application for Westel Systems in Sections 4 and 5 of Spring Township, Section 10 of Amherst Township Sec-

tions 14 and 23 of Willow Township, and Section 35 of Marcus Township. Motion carried.

Kelly Puhrmann, County Engineer, provided an update on activities in the Secondary Roads Department.

Kenny Schlenger, Roads Superintendent, presented a listing of current fleet vehicles and discussed a replacement schedule.

Lonnie Benson, Benson's Sanitation, requested the opportunity to bid for county garbage pickup. The supervisors advised Benson to contact individual department managers about their needs and present them with quotes.

Vice Chair Ellis left the meeting.

Nathaniel Story, Deputy Assessor, presented the 2025 Slough Bill applications for consideration and discussed other agricultural exemptions.

Ramona Nitz, Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District Chair, requested clarification of the

Slough Bill process. After a lengthy discussion about what exemptions the county is responsible for accepting applications or verifying compliance; the consensus was to review this program at a future date with the intent of identifying a long-term solution.

Motion by Bellefy, seconded by Mullins to approve the 2025 Slough Bill applications as presented including tax exempt status for 3,537.64 acres of private properties classified as: Open Prairie & Forest Cover, Wildlife, Wetland, Native Prairie and Federal Forest Reserve. Motion carried.

Derek Scott, County Sheriff, presented a revenue report for consideration.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Bellefy to approve the County Sheriff's \$34,493.51 March 31, 2025 Quarterly Revenue Report with \$17,700.56 retained by the county. Motion carried.

Bellefy presented a plan to supplement the Sheriff's budget by transferring OPIOID Funds for use in educational programs in local schools. It was clarified that the County Attorney acts as administrator of the OPIOID funds and allowable expenditures are very restricted. A committee will be formed to develop an action plan to utilize OPIOID funds for the benefit of Cherokee County citizens.

Derek Scott, County Sheriff, reported that it will be a hardship for him to give additional raises to his employees next year since his proposed budget was frozen at the current year's total. All county department budgets were tightened due to tax revenue limitations and predictions of continued budget constraints in upcoming years.

Motion by Mullins, seconded by Skou to authorize the chairman to sign a certification of the 2023/2024 Cost Allocation Plan which provides reimbursement for expenses incurred

by Cherokee County for DHS office space. Motion carried.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Bellefy to appoint Dr. Sean Nelson as Cherokee County Deputy Medical Examiner effective April 14, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellefy, seconded by Skou to appoint Kyle Lowe as Medical Examiner Investigator effective April 15, 2025. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Petersen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Skou, seconded by Bellefy to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

All board agendas and minutes are available online at cherokeecounty.iowa.gov.

Bryan Petersen, Chairman
Attest: Kris Glienke, County Auditor
(CT04-25/L#149)

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Cherokee, Iowa is seeking proposals of qualifications from qualified architectural firms for a phased project that involves architectural services and construction administration services related to the design of plans and specification for restoration of the City's Yacht Club meeting event space and development of mitigation strategies for protection from future flood events. There are four phases to the services being procured as follows:

Phase 1 – Development of plans and specifications for restoration of the building to include the development of potential mitigation project(s) to include identification and cost estimates for proposed solutions.

Phase 2 – Design services related to the City's selected projects identified within the Phase 1 work. Work includes all FEMA review and approval needs.

Phase 3 – Bidding services for all the related projects.

Phase 4 – Construction administration services related to projects implemented by the City.

All work under the proposed architectural services agreement as well as construction work conducted as a part of the project is anticipated to have various levels of federal funding, including potentially Environmental Protection Agency funds, FEMA Funds, and Housing and Urban Development Funds.

The City will accept proposals in compliance with the full Request for Proposals until 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on Monday, May 5, 2025. Proposals may be emailed to

Sara Lucas, City Clerk, at cityclerk@evertek.net. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted.

A full copy of the Request for Qualifications is available by contacting the City Clerk by email at cityclerk@evertek.net. For more information you can call the City at 712-225-5749.

/s/ Sara Lucas
City Clerk
City of Cherokee

Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR

Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported viola-

tions to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subcontractor must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be

required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subcontractor wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subcontractor must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See § 200.323.
(K) See § 200.216.
(L) See § 200.322.
(CT04-18/25/L#261)

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHEROKEE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The following Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is for architectural services related to the restoration of the Cherokee Yacht Club public gathering space building and the potential development of mitigation strategies for protection from future flood events. The Cherokee Yacht Club is located in Spring Lake Park and is used as a rental facility for family and community gatherings. The facility was significantly damaged during the 2024 floods. Services included in the proposal include research and identification of projects to help mitigate flood damage at the Yacht Club, the design of a project(s), assistance to the City in bidding the projects, and providing construction observation and management services.

The City is working with Iowa Homeland Security and FEMA to identify solutions to restore the Yacht Club to the pre-disaster condition and to provide flood protection to help prevent future loss of services resulting from flooding events.

The selected architectural firm will be expected to provide services to the City to assist the City in researching and developing the potential mitigation solutions all the way through bidding and construction management services. These services will be provided in a phased approach with each phase being engaged independently of the current and previous phases by the City. The four phases of the project are as follows:

Phase 1 – Development of plans and specifications for restoration of the building to include the development of potential mitigation project(s) to include identification and cost estimates for proposed solutions.

Phase 2 – Design services related to the City's selected projects identified within the Phase 1 work. Work includes all FEMA review and approval needs.

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Phase 4 – Construction administration services related to projects implemented by the City.

Following review of the proposals the City will negotiate a reasonable fee with the consultant. Said reasonable fee shall be a not-to-exceed amount for each individual phase of the project. The consultant will not be able to exceed that amount without approval of the City and the federal funding sources.

Firms who are interested in submitting a proposal may do so in electronic format only. The proposal shall be in the form of a PDF document emailed to cityclerk@evertek.net. All proposals shall be emailed to the City by the deadline of 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025. Late proposals will not be accepted. Each proposal shall meet the following criteria:

- Each proposal should have a cover page. The cover page will not count in the total number of maximum pages for the proposal.
- Each proposal shall be signed by an authorized representative of the engineering firm.
- Each proposal shall be limited to a maximum number of 15 pages in length. (The cover page does not count toward the maximum number of pages count.)
- There shall be no blank pages in the proposal.
- At a minimum the proposal shall include the following information:
 - The firm's experience with the City of Cherokee, Iowa.
 - The firm's experience with the potential federal agencies that may provide funding for the project(s) implemented as a part of this solicitation, including, but not limited to, EPA, HUD, and FEMA.
 - The firm's experience with similar projects that involve the mitigation of damages to a public building from flooding.
 - The staff from the firm who will be involved in the project, their role in the project, their years of experience, and any other pertinent information.
- An overall understanding of the City's desired goals.
- A tentative timeline for achieving the desired results based solely on the firm's ability to do the work and not taking into consideration federal

review times.

The City of Cherokee anticipates that federal funding will be a critical part of the funding mechanism for these projects and as such it is critical that the firm selected have a good working relationship and understanding of the federal funding streams and the demands that impact the engineering services for these types of projects.

Questions regarding the proposed project or solicitation shall be directed to Sara Lucas, City Clerk, by email at cityclerk@evertek.net.

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