

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Jugovich called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilors Alexander, Cook Drow, Novoselac, and Mayor Jugovich

Absent: Councilor Benson

Also Present: City Administrator Casey and City Attorney Cianni

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Drow and supported by Councilor Cook to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eugene Beckman discussed concerns over the 1st Avenue reconstruction, and over his proposed property tax statement. Tim Kuznia addressed the Council on behalf of his neighbors' concern regarding the Auditor's Statement on their proposed property taxes. A Truth in Taxation meeting will be held December 8, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

REPORTS

Interim Engineer-Jim Johnson, SEH, advised the Council of the one year warranty list for the 1st Avenue project. The NW Area project bids will be received and opened on December 3rd at 2:00 pm at City Hall. These will be presented to the Council at the December 8th meeting. An update was given on the alley between 5th & 6th Street North. City Administrator-Mark Casey reported he had attended the NLEAC meeting with Chief Erickson. He had met with MNDOT to do a walk through on Lake Street and the Causeway, and will meet with them one more time. The Arrowhead Athletic Commission met to discuss bylaws. Deer hunters were advised not to leave carcasses at the compost site or in City refuse canisters. The Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held during the December 8th City Council meeting at 6:00 pm.

Other-Councilor Alexander reported the Safety Committee discussed safety issues and reviewed the return to work policy. Councilor Drow reported she had attended the Community Ed meeting, and classes will be published in January in the Manny's Shopper. An update was given on the Library Board meeting. A vacancy still exists on the Library Board. Friends of the Library are sponsoring a fundraiser through Schwan's Sales. A folk dance will be held at the Library on November 25th at 10:00 am. Councilor Cook attended the Rec Board meeting. They met at the football field to see what items need repair. He advised the public there are openings on both the Planning and Zoning and Recreation Board, and reminded citizens that there is an ordinance for pets running at large. Mayor Jugovich announced the Chisholm Fire Department made the cover of the State Fire Chief magazine. Congressman Oberstar will be at Chisholm City Hall on November 29th at 2:00 pm to discuss issues in the area, and ENLEAC will present him with an award for his help with grants they had received. The Holly Jolly Holiday will be held at the Armory on December 3rd from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Cook and supported by Councilor Novoselac to accept the Consent Agenda, including the List of Bills, Communications, Minutes of the previous City Council meetings of November 10th and 17th, Payroll and Overtime.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

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MUNICIPAL UTILITY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

This was an informational item at this time.

RES. NO. 1109-108 SALE OF PROPERTY FOR ASSISTED LIVING

Moved by Councilor Drow and supported by Councilor Novoselac to adopt Resolution No. 1109-108 for conveyance of property to David Kotula and Raisa Pavlovna Kotula dba Wendigo Pines Assisted Living and Memory Care Inc., for the sum of \$7,400 plus attorney's fees.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

2010 SEWER UTILITY RATE

Moved by Councilor Novoselac and supported by Councilor Alexander to adopt an amended Resolution No. 1106-106 to lower the proposed sewer utility rate service fee from 8% to 5% for 2010, and to review the rate again in six months.

Voting Aye: Councilors Alexander, Drow, Novoselac, and Mayor Jugovich

Voting No: Councilor Cook

Motion Carried

TIME THEATER DEMOLITION

Moved by Councilor Drow and supported by Councilor Alexander to approve the stage one demolition of the Time Theater Building, and accept the low bid of Radotich Enterprises, LLC for the sum of \$42,800.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION PAYMENT REQUEST

Moved by Councilor Novoselac and supported by Councilor Cook to authorize payment of \$36,793 as requested by the Chisholm Fire Relief Association, per their letter dated November 12, 2009.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RES. NO. 1109-107 CERTIFY ASSESSMENTS & LIENS TO COUNTY

Moved by Councilor Cook and supported by Councilor Drow to adopt Resolution No. 1109-107 to authorize the City Clerk to certify assessments and liens as listed and forward these to the St. Louis County Auditor.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RES. NO. 1109-109 SEH AGREEMENT FOR NW AREA PROJECT

Moved by Councilor Cook and supported by Councilor Novoselac to adopt Resolution No. 1109-109 to enter into an agreement with SEH Engineering for professional services for design and construction assistance for the Northwest Area Infrastructure Project.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

SEH AGREEMENT FOR 6TH AVENUE NE ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION

Moved by Councilor Cook and supported by Councilor Drow to accept the agreement for professional services with SEH for services in connection with the preparation of a feasibility study for the reconstruction of the alley located east of 6th Avenue NE, between East Lake Street, and 1st Street NE.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

GAMING APPLICATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moved by Councilor Cook and supported by Councilor Novoselac to approve the gaming application of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for a raffle to be held January 4, 2009.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

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RETIREMENT BENEFIT ACCOUNT DEPOSIT OF \$100,000

Moved by Councilor Drow and supported by Councilor Cook to authorize deposit of \$100,000 to the Retirement Benefit Account.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

POLYMET LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROJECT AND EIS

This was an informational item.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Moved by Councilor Cook and supported by Councilor Drow to appoint Greg Skalko to the Planning Commission.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Moved by Councilor Drow and supported by Councilor Novoselac to recess to Executive Session at 6:11 pm for labor negotiations.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION & RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Councilor Cook and supported by Councilor Drow to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene the regular City Council meeting at 7:05 pm.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

ADJOURN

Moved by Councilor Cook and supported by Councilor Novoselac to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:06 pm.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk-Treasurer