

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 25, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mary Jo Rahja called the City Council Meeting to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Campbell, Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Scaia, Varda and Mayor Rahja
Absent: None
Also Present: City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator Jennifer Sterbenz, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Trevor Thompson of SEH, Library Supervisor Katie Christenson, Police Chief Vern manner and Administrative Assistant Gornick

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to adopt the Agenda with change to item 7E2) City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator Contract & add Item 7D3) ATV Trail
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steve Cook gave an overview of the history of the RedHead Mountain Bike Trail.
Joe Sacco addressed the council with his support of the RedHead Mountain Bike Trail.

REPORTS

Councilor Halverson attended a phone conference with the League of MN Cities, he attended the Public Facilities Building committee meeting, a RedHead Mountain Bike Trail meeting and the Laurentian Division Partnership meeting.
Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson gave an update on the Lakeview and 8th Street NW projects.
Library Supervisor Katie Christenson requested closing the Library on May 2, 2018 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm to attend training with the League of MN Cities. Motion by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to close the Library on May 2, 2018 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.
Police Chief Manner talked about the ongoing blight sweeps. They received the new 2018 squad and have a 2011 Dodge Charger available.
City Attorney Bryan Lindsay has been in conversations with Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson regarding easements for the Lakeview project. Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to direct City Attorney Bryan Lindsay to start the eminent domain procedures.

ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to accept the Consent Agenda, including the List of Bills, Minutes of the previous City Council meeting of April 11, 2018 (with corrections) Regular Meeting, Payroll and Overtime.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Per City Attorney Bryan Lindsay's opinion, a motion is an effective means to make a change. Suggestion would be to use a formal resolution for any structures by committees. The motion from the previous City Council meeting (as stated below) was effective.
Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to revert back to the original compilation of the Personnel Committee which consisted of three council members and the City Administrator and City Attorney to serve as advisory members only (per Resolution No. 0114-16 dated January 28, 2014). Current appointed members are Councilors Varda, Halverson & Mikkola-Rahja.
Voting Aye: Councilors Campbell, Halverson & Mikkola-Rahja
Voting No: Councilors Scaia & Varda Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 0418-52 AWARD BID – 8TH ST NW PROJECT

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Halverson to adopt Resolution 0418-52 to accept the bids and award the low bid of \$1,588,887.65 to Mesabi Bituminous of Gilbert, MN for the 8th Street NW project.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

SEH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Halverson to enter into agreement with SEH for the 8th Street NW project for an amount not to exceed \$149,000.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

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APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 4 UTILITY SYSTEMS OF AMERICA FOR LAKEVIEW

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Halverson to authorize payment application number 4 of \$57,805.50 to Utility Systems of America for the Lakeview project.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

REQUEST FROM JIM'S SPORTS CLUB

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to grant the request of Jim's Sports Club to hold outdoor events during the summer months from 8:00 pm – 12:00 pm that will not be in compliance with the City Noise Ordinance from 10:00 pm to 12:00 pm. The dates requested are as follows: May 12, June 2, June 9, June 23, June 30, July 14, July 20, July 21, August 4, August 18, August 19 & September 1. Councilor Scaia and Mikkola-Rahja amended the motion and support to drop the dates of May 12 and June 30th.
Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Scaia and Varda
Voting No: Councilor Campbell and Mayor Rahja Motion Carried

SLIDE THE CITY WATER REQUEST

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Varda to supply 125,000 gallons of water for the Slide the City event on July 14, 2018 at no cost to the Chisholm Community Foundation.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 0418-50 FEE FOR
NON-CITY PROVIDED SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Varda to adopt amended Resolution No. 0418-50 to change the amount of the administrative fee for a sewer lateral inspection not performed by the City of Chisholm from \$30.00 to \$50.00.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT DIRRR

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Campbell to enter into agreement with the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and the City of Cohasset for the RedHead Mountain Bike Trail.
Voting Aye: Councilors Campbell, Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Scaia and Mayor Rahja
Voting No: Councilor Varda Motion Carried

SUBMIT TAX FORFEIT LAND CONVEYANCE APPLICATIONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to apply to St. Louis County for tax forfeited land.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

ATV TRAIL

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Scaia to support the ATV trail.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0418-53 ACCEPT DONATION FOR LIBRARY

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 0418-83 to accept the \$100.00 donation from Robert Levis for the Library.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

CITY CLERK-TREASURER/ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Campbell to terminate the City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator contract effective immediately.
Voting Aye: Councilors Campbell, Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja & Mayor Rahja
Voting No: Councilors Scaia & Varda Motion Carried

DIRECT ATTORNEY TO PERFORM INVESTIGATION

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Varda to direct City Attorney Bryan Lindsay to perform a thorough and unbiased investigation for any potential violations of law including but not limited to any open meeting violations.
Voting Aye: Councilors Scaia and Varda
Voting No: Councilors Campbell, Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja & Mayor Rahja Motion Failed

ADJOURN MEETING

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Halverson to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 6:23 p.m.
Voting Aye: Councilors Campbell, Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja & Mayor Rahja
Voting No: Councilors Scaia & Varda Motion Carried

/s/ Mary Jo Rahja
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ David Carlstrom
Interim City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator