

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 26, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adam Lantz called the City Council Meeting to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Marty Halverson, Cheyenne Mikkola-Rahja, April Fountain, Jed Holewa, Travis Vake, and Mayor Adam Lantz

Absent: None

Also Present: Ambulance Director Tiffany Larson, Fire Chief Chris Masucci, Building Official/Zoning/Safety Director Mandy Galli, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad, Parks/Trails/Recreation Director Bridgit Maruska, Library Supervisor Katie Christenson, Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Zah, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Confidential Administrative Assistant Susan Trunk, Eric Tweten from Mesabi Community TV and Francis Sega for public participation.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to adopt the agenda with the deletion of D2) Wendel Five Bugles Administrative Contract.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Francis Sega brought a petition to the City Council signed by 14 residents requesting that the assessment rate for street improvements along 5th Street Southeast, from Central Avenue to 1st Avenue be reduced.

REPORTS

Councilor Halverson reported that he attended the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meetings and the Wenton Addition Open House.

Councilor Mikkola-Rahja reported that she attended the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meetings, an HRA meeting, and Minnesota Museum of Mining Meeting. The Minnesota Museum of Mining opens on May 26th and they are looking for volunteers to assist in cleaning up as well as hiring a front desk person to work in their store and a custodial person.

Councilor Fountain did not have a report.

Councilor Vake reported that there is a Kiwanis designer purse bingo fundraiser for the splash pad on May 11th at Valentini's. Miss Chisholm started this week with a photo shoot for the 6 Miss Chisholm candidates. There are 15 Little Miss and Little Mr. Chisholm candidates. He attended the RAMS meeting and will attend another one this week. RAMS is electing a new director this month.

Councilor Holewa reported that he attended the Safety Committee meeting, PUC Meeting, and was able to fit in another ride-a-long with the police.

Mayor Lantz reported that he attended the Wenton Addition Open House which was very well attended. The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meetings have concluded. There are phone numbers on the back of the property tax evaluation sheet to reach the county for further appeals. The mayor attended the Range Mayor's Meeting where there was a stress on housing. He brought the Wenton Addition information to the meeting, the struggles the city is going to see as far as infrastructure funding, State funding for private residence development, and the lack of workforce housing. There were unfortunate results to Representative Lislegard request for an increase in LGA contribution. The ask was to the House for 150 million dollars due to LGA not keeping up with inflation and cost of living. The House signed off on approving 100 million dollars, the Senate knocked it down to 40 million dollars, then the Governor knocked it down to 30 million dollars.

Ambulance Director Tiffany reported that she has been with the city for about two months. There are a couple of interviews scheduled for EMT positions and she is working on getting the highway clean up scheduled. She is also working on tying up what the past Ambulance Director started such as the purchase of a new ambulance. Residents will be seeing crews out and about more often at athletic events and participation in community. They are working on getting funding for additional radios, attending meetings for the new building, and staffing is at 15 (plus Ambulance Director position).

Fire Chief Masucci did not have a report.

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Police Chief Manner was absent.

City Building Official/Zoning Galli did not have a report.

City Engineer Johnson did not have a report.

Public Works Supervisor Folstad did not have a report.

Parks/Trails/Recreation Director Maruska did not have a report.

Library Supervisor Christenson did not have a report.

Attorney Lindsay did not have a report.

Clerk-Treasurer Zah reported that Misti the accountant will be back on Monday, May 1st. Clerk-Treasurer Zah created a Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Department Heads in an easy to navigate PDF. She will share it with council via email and can provide a paper copy if requested. June 1st through the 10th is when budget season begins. Department heads will be involved in creating their preliminary budgets. Discussions with council will be scheduled for July. Next month she will be presenting some budget amendments and will again in August.

Administrator Skraba was absent.

ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Holewa to Accept the Consent Agenda including the List of Bills, Communications, Meeting Minutes from the April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting, Payroll and Overtime.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A NEW AMBULANCE

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Halverson to approve the purchase of a new ambulance from Braun Northwest, Inc. for \$273,063.00.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, and Fountain

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Councilors Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Absent: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 0423-26 APPROVAL OF THE 2023 ZONING MAP AND TEXT CHANGES

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Holewa adopting Resolution Number 0423-26 approving the 2023 Zoning Map and Text Changes.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: Councilor Fountain

Absent: None

Motion Carried

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE 153.25

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Vake to approve the first reading of Ordinance Amending City Code 153.25 with the effective date of April 12, 2023.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: Councilor Fountain

Absent: None

Motion Carried

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE 153.521

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Raja to approve the first reading of Ordinance Amending City Code 153.251 with the effective date of April 12, 2023.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: Councilor Fountain

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 0423-27 ACCEPT DONATION FROM UNITED WAY OF
NORTHERN MINNESOTA**

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Vake to adopt Resolution Number 0423-27 to accept a donation in the amount of \$2000.00 from the United Way of Northern Minnesota.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 0423-28 BLACK BEAR BAKERY PURCHAS OF VACANT LOT

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Holewa to adopt Resolution Number 0423-28 approving to sell Lot Eight, Block Thirteen, Chisholm to 88 Below Holdings, LLC.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Vake to appoint Mayor Lantz to the Public Safety Building Project.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**REQUEST TO CLOSE STREETS AND PROCLAIM A CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL FOR
TOM & JERRY'S 50 ANNIVERSARY EVENT**

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Fountain to approve closing Lake Street on June 24, 2023 from 9:00 am to midnight from 73 to Central Avenue.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Vake to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:31 pm.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Attest:

/s/ Adam Lantz, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Skraba, Administrator