

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 28, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Tracy Campbell, April Fountain, Adam Lantz, Travis Vake, Jim Varda, and Mayor John Champa

Absent: None

Also Present: Administrator Bill Manney, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Building Official Mandy Galli, Police Chief Vern Manner, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad, Recreation Director Tammy Nevalainen and Administrative Assistant Gornick

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Campbell to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Monte Speidel with the Summer Work Outreach Project (SWOP) gave an overview of the activities that SWOP performed over the past six weeks. They had a total of 366 hours.

**REPORTS**

Councilor Campbell attended the Special Joint meeting with the Chisholm Hibbing Airport Authority and the Hibbing City Council on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Lantz attended the unveiling of the art mural yesterday and thanked artist Adam Swanson. He attended the Special Joint meeting with the Chisholm Hibbing Airport Authority and the Hibbing City Council on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Department participated in the Delta Airlines Health Days for their employees along with Lifelink and EMS.

Councilor Fountain gave a speech at the Range Center and recognized Tim Impila, a longtime employee with the Range Center. He has been a positive impact on our community and they are very proud of him. September is library card sign up month. You can use your library card at 28 different libraries in the library system. You can sign out free books for your devices. School will begin soon, watch for busses. MN State Law requires you to be 20 feet from a stopped bus. She congratulated Tina Valentini on her first place win in the Chisholm Beautification Association large yard contest. Dennis & Monica Carlson took second place and Councilor Fountain placed third in the contest. Lora & Dennis Ryan won first prize in the small yard contest, William Taramelli took second place and Tom Gregorich placed third in the contest.

Councilor Varda attended the airport authority meeting.

Mayor Champa announced former Mayor Marge Peterson passed away. She was responsible for getting the battery powered Zamboni at the ice arena and for the Chisholm Inn & Suites coming to town. He gave an overview of items that the HRA has been working on such as identifying all of the problems with the buildings and they have prioritized them. They just have to figure out how to pay for everything. The PUC is still talking about garbage bags.

Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson reported on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street NW project, there are two items left on the punchlist. The Lakeview Area project has six items on the punchlist. The 13<sup>th</sup> St NW project is moving along. Mesabi Bituminous should start the street reconstruction next week. The watermain is done. The sanitary sewer and storm sewers should be done in two weeks. We are proceeding with the Request for Proposals for the Public Safety Facility. The mandatory pre-proposal meeting is next week at City Hall. Mayor Champa attended the Hibbing Committee of the Whole meeting where they discussed smoking/vaping. He thinks the state should ban vaping.

City Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad is working on a fair and equitable plan for garbage bags. He would like to look at chipped garbage cans where you get charged when the can is dumped. He reported the storage unit was moved.

Administrator Bill Manney reported the 2018 audit is complete. Deputy Clerk Zah & Administrator Manney met with the auditors. Jeff Sterle will be at the next council meeting. The election machine has arrived. There will be three elections next year. The Presidential Primary will be in March, the Primary Election will be in August and the General Election is in November. He received the financial information from the arena but has some questions on the statements. The bonding committee will be in Chisholm to tour the fire hall and the arena on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. He will have more information on the comprehensive plan at the next meeting. He will explore working with the same company that is doing the comprehensive plan for the MN Discovery Center. He attended the Redhead Mountain Bike Trail meeting. Safety items will need to be purchased for the trail. This facility is really unique as the soil is a dry base. There are inspection tours every Friday at 2:00 p.m.

**ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to accept the Consent Agenda, including the List of Bills, Minutes of the previous August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting, August 19, 2019 Joint Meeting with the Chisholm Hibbing Airport Authority & Hibbing City Council, Payroll and Overtime.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION ON FIELD HOUSE AND HOCKEY ARENA**

Administrator Manney was asked by School Superintendent Dr. Janey Blanchard to set a meeting with the school to be held on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month after 5:00 p.m. Administrator Manney will set the meeting with the City's Sports Complex Committee and representatives of the school board per their request. This was an informational item at this time.

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**UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP 59-21 FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Lantz to amend the motion and support on August 14, 2019 for the Unorganized Township 59-21 Fire Protection Agreement. It was originally for a 3% increase from 2019 for 2020. It was amended for the way the agreement was written at \$15,459.00 to be paid twice per year. This represents a zero (0%) percent increase from 2019.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REJECT BIDS FOR LIBRARY REROOF PROJECT**

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Vake to reject the two bids received for the library reroof project due to one contractor bidding on the sloped roof only and the other contractor bidding on the flat roof only and to rebid the project.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**GAMBLING APPLICATION FOR ANGEL FUND**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Fountain to approve the gambling application for the Angel Fund for a raffle event to be held on October 25, 2019 at Valentini's Supper Club.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**QUOTES FOR REFUSE BAGS**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Lantz to accept the low bid from Sanco Supply of Superior, WI for 100 cases of 30 gallon refuse bags for \$1,980.00, 200 cases of 15 gallon refuse bags for \$4,648.00 and 50 cases of 8 gallon refuse bags for \$1,680.50 for a total of \$8,309.50.

Voting Aye: Councilors Campbell, Lantz, Varda and Mayor Champa

Voting No: Councilors Fountain & Vake

Motion Carried

**DUMP TRUCK DRIVER & UTILITY / LABOR PERSON JOB DESCRIPTION**

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Campbell to ratify the title of the Dump Truck Driver & Utility / Labor Person.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**POST EXTERNALLY FOR DUMP TRUCK DRIVER & UTILITY / LABOR PERSON**

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Campbell to post externally for a Dump Truck Driver & Utility / Labor Person.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**CAMPGROUND**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to schedule a meeting with Councilor Vake, Administrator Manney, Mayor Champa and City Attorney Lindsay to meet with Iron Trail Campground owners Lance & Debbie Lokken to discuss the purchase of the campground.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**DOG PARK DISCUSSION**

This was an informational item at this time.

**FALL CO-ED SOFTBALL**

This was an informational item at this time.

**FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

This was an informational item at this time.

**ALLEYS**

Consultant City Engineer provided some information on the condition of the alleys in town. His recommendation is to do seven (7) blocks of alleys per year at the rate of \$14,000.00 per block. This was an informational item at this time.

**SPLASHPAD**

This was an informational item at this time.

**SCHEDULE BUDGET WORKING SESSION MEETING**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to schedule a special budget working session on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Voting Aye: Aye

Motion Carried

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR DRAFT OF JOB DESCRIPTION**

This was an informational item at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mayor Champa brought up the Schnorr ATV ride which will take place on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. He would also like to discuss a sewer credit policy for when residents fill their swimming pools or water their sod.

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**ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Moved by Councilor Lantz and supported by Councilor Campbell to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

/s/ John A. Champa

Mayor

Attest:

/s/ William Manney

City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator