

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 22, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Campbell, Rahja, Kevin Scaia, Varda and Mayor Todd Scaia
Absent: None

Also Present: Interim City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator Steve Cook, Deputy Clerk Susan Schweiss, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Building Official Steve Erickson, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Emily Major of SEH, and Administrative Assistant Gornick

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor K. Scaia and supported by Councilor Varda to adopt the Agenda with additions: 7A1) Emergency Demolition; C10) Bituminous Bid; 8) Recess to Closed Session add: 2) Ironbound Studio's and Delete 6B) Alley Vacation Request Amendment.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tony Jeffries, Jim McClosky and Beth Pierce with the Iron Range Tourism Bureau (IRTB) gave an overview of the IRTB.
Anne Varda gave an overview of the Hull Rust Mineview in Hibbing and the economic impact they have in the area.

REPORTS

Councilor Campbell met with Joe Sertich and Roland Shoen of the ambulance service, they are looking at purchasing an ambulance. She attended the superintendent search committee meeting and the interview meeting for the City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator. She announced there are pet stations throughout the City that have plastic bags for picking up after your pets and encouraged the public to use them. The search committee for superintendent will be hosting an open meeting for the public to attend on February 28th.

Councilor Rahja attended the CIRSSD meeting, they are on target to meet the MPCA March 23rd deadline. Norm Miranda received an award letter from the MPCA.
Councilor Kevin Scaia attended the PUC meeting and the EDA meeting last Wednesday. The Iron Range Youth in Action had 425 students attend their annual conference. He wished City Attorney Bryan Lindsay a happy birthday. He congratulated the girls Hibbing Chisholm hockey team. He thanked the applicants that applied for the open council seat.

Mayor Todd Scaia attended the breakfast Rotary where Bob Rupp was named the "Person of the Year". He congratulated Bob & Nan Rupp. He attended the Range Broadband meeting. The EDA will have their retreat on March 22, 2017.
Interim City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator Steve Cook thanked the Council and the residents for the opportunity to serve in the interim administrator capacity and his 8 years on the City Council. He is working on the fat bike project which is going to legislation.

Building & Zoning Official Steve Erickson reported the City has done 600 sewer lateral inspections of which 300 have required repair. We have had 120,000 hits on our website annually.

ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Rahja to accept the Consent Agenda, including the List of Bills, Communications, Minutes of the previous City Council Meeting of February 8, 2017 Regular Meeting, Payroll and Overtime.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES – 5TH AVE NW – MESABI BITUMINOUS

The Council directed Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson to draft an itemized list of fees for 5th Ave NW to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. for their review.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 0217-28 ACCEPT DONATION FROM BALKAN FOR CHISHOLM
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor K. Scaia to adopt Resolution No. 0217-28 to accept the \$1,000 donation from the Town of Balkan for the Chisholm Summer Recreation Program.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0217-26 APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH CENTER ATTENDANT

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Rahja to adopt Resolution No. 0217-26 to appoint Marcella Cherne as a Youth Center Attendant.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION BOARD

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor K. Scaia to appoint Jeffrey S. Hancock to the Recreation Board for a three year term.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF BUILDING

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor K. Scaia to authorize the demolition of 200 1st Avenue SW due to the unsafe condition of the building. The City Administrator was directed to track expenses incurred.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0217-27 APPROVE PLANS & SPECS 11TH STREET NW

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Rahja to adopt Resolution No. 0217-27 to approve the plans and specs and ordering advertisement for bids for the 11th Street NW infrastructure improvements.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0217-24 DECLARE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Moved by Councilor K. Scaia and supported by Councilor Varda to adopt Resolution No. 0217-24 to declare five (5) sets of turnout gear for the Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department as surplus equipment.

Voting All: All

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NO. 0217-29 COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT THE TURNBACK OF STATE
AID HIGHWAY 136 TO THE CITY OF CHISHOLM**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Rahja to adopt Resolution No. 0217-29 to accept the turnback of State Aid Highway 136 to the City of Chisholm. St. Louis County must apply a chip seal treatment to the remnant of County State Aid Highway 136 prior to the City of Chisholm accepting the turnback.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NO. 0217-30 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO HOUSING &
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Moved by Councilor K. Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 0217-30 to authorize the transfer of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Block 1 of Nelson Acres to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0217-31 APPOINT MAYOR

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Rahja to adopt Resolution No. 0217-31 to appoint Todd Scaia to serve as Mayor of Chisholm, effective January 11, 2017 until the next general election.

Voting Aye: Councilors Campbell, Rahja, Varda and Mayor T. Scaia

Abstained: Councilor K. Scaia

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0217-32 APPOINT CITY CLERK-TREASURER/ADMINISTRATOR

Moved by Councilor K. Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 0217-32 to appoint Katherine Bobich as City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator, effective March 6, 2017.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

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CITY CLERK-TREASURER/ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Moved by Councilor Rahja and supported by Councilor Varda to enter into agreement with Katherine Bobich to serve as City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator from March 6, 2017 through March 5, 2019.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

QUOTES FOR DUMP TRUCK REPAIR

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Rahja to accept the low bid of \$6,120.00 from Northland Tractor Repair of Buhl, MN for the repair of the 2001 International Dump Truck.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0217-25 APPOINT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Moved by Councilor Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 0217-25 to appoint Jed Holewa to serve as City Council Member of the City of Chisholm until the next general election. Motion Failed Due to Lack of Second.

Moved by Councilor K. Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 0217-25 to appoint Marty Halverson to serve as City Council Member of the City of Chisholm until the next general election.

Voting Aye: Councilor Campbell, K. Scaia and Varda

Voting No: Councilor Rahja and Mayor T. Scaia

Motion Carried

SCHEDULE LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL MEETING

Moved by Councilor Rahja and supported by Councilor K. Scaia to schedule the Local Board of Appeal meeting for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

BITUMINOUS BID

Motion by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to allow Public Works to order bituminous from Unique Paving of Cleveland, OH for the amount of \$5,625.00.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Rahja to recess the Regular Council meeting to Closed Session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss the MAPE grievance and Ironbound Studio's.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to adjourn the Closed Session at 7:09 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Rahja to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

ACTION ON GRIEVANCE

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Rahja to accept the settlement on the MAPE grievance.

Voting Aye: Councilors Campbell, Rahja, and Mayor T. Scaia

Voting No: Councilors K. Scaia and Varda

Motion Carried

IRONBOUND STUDIO'S

Moved by Councilor K. Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to instruct the City Attorney to commence default proceedings on Ironbound Studio's.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

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ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councilor Rahja and supported by Councilor K. Scaia to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

 /s/ Todd A. Scaia

Mayor

Attest:

 /s/ Steve Cook

Interim City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator