

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Adam Lantz called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom video teleconference instead of in person due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and the inability to practice social distancing in the small quarters of the council chambers. All votes were done by roll call vote.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members April Fountain, Marty Halverson, Cheyenne Mikkola-Rahja, and Adam Lantz

Absent: Council Member Travis Vake and Mayor John Champa

Also present: Administrator Stephanie Skraba, Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Zah, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Ambulance Director Jess Davis, Fire Chief Chris Masucci, Police Chief Vern Manner, Building Official Mandy Galli, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad, Recreation Director Tammy Nevalainen, Administrative Assistant Margaret Gornick, Marie Tolonen with the Chisholm Tribune Press, Steve Rahkola with Mesabi Community TV, Shelli Lappi, Shannon Kishel-Roche and Stacy Strand

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to adopt the agenda with two additions: Resolution No. 0222-32 Approve Charitable Gambling Authorization to Eveleth Elks Charitable Gambling Organization and Letter of Support for Essential Air Service for the Range Regional Airport.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Shelly Lappi, Shannon Kishel-Roche and Stacy Strand presented information regarding a splash pad that the Chisholm Kiwanis Club would like to have built.

**REPORTS**

Councilor Lantz reported that with the mayor being gone for a few days, he was able to see the emails and phone calls that occur at odd hours.

Ambulance Director/Emergency Manager Jess Davis reported the ambulance service has had 147 calls year to date, 1 mutual aid call and two calls to French Township. The fire department will now be automatically dispatched to all automobile calls. Rig 2 has been down since late last week but is back in service now. She received the AED trainer.

Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson reported the public hearing for the mill and overlay project will be at 5:00 p.m. on March 9<sup>th</sup> and the informational meeting will be next week at 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad reported his department is fully staffed at this time. He had a new employee start at 4:00 a.m. during the recent snowstorm. The campground is picking up. There was a sewer main collapse and water main breaks recently.

Administrator Stephanie Skraba reported the Polar Bear Pedal was cancelled with the current snowstorm. She will be working with Margaret to get the positions for the Trails, Parks and Recreation Director and the Confidential Administrative Assistant posted on Friday.

**ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to accept the Consent Agenda, including the List of Bills, Minutes of the previous February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting, Payroll and Overtime

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 0222-30 ACCEPT DONATION OF MANNEQUINS**

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to adopt Resolution No. 0222-30 to accept the donation of one adult and one child mannequins from Park Dental.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**EMT HIRING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to approve the hiring of Peyton Johnson to serve as an Emergency Medical Technician for the ambulance service.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

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**GAMBLING APPLICATION FOR FISHING WITH VETS**

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Halverson to approve the gambling application from the Fishing with Vets for a raffle event to be held on September 10, 2022 at Tom & Jerry's.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**GAMBLING APPLICATION FOR UNITED WAY OF NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA**

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Fountain to approve the gambling application from the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota for a raffle event to be held on June 16, 2022 at Valentini's.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**GAMBLING APPLICATION FOR THE ARMADILLO PROJECT**

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Fountain to approve the gambling application from the Armadillo Project for a raffle event to be held on March 4, 2022 at the Chisholm Armory.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NO. 0222-32 APPROVE CHARITABLE GAMBLING AUTHORIZATION TO  
EVELETH ELKS CHARITABLE GAMBLING ORGANIZATION**

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to adopt Resolution No. 0222-32 for the Eveleth Elks Lodge to begin to provide charitable gambling activities to Jim's Sports Club pursuant to Minnesota Gambling Control Board rules and regulations and obtain the proper permits and licensure to do so to begin no later than April 1, 2022 at Jim's Sports Club.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**MELHORN EXTENSION REQUEST**

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to grant a six (6) month extension to Melhorn Construction to submit plans, complete the permit process and to start construction on parcel 020-0084-00130.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NO. 0222-31 ACCEPT MONETARY DONATION FROM THE  
TOWN OF BALKAN FOR THE CHISHOLM SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to adopt Resolution No. 0222-31 to accept the \$1,500.00 donation from the Town of Balkan for the Chisholm Summer Recreation Program.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SUMMER RECREATION AIDE**

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Halverson to approve the job description for the summer recreation aide.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**ADVERTISE AND HIRE UP TO NINE SUMMER RECREATION AIDES**

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Halverson to advertise and hire up to nine summer recreation aides.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**WENTON ADDITION WORK PLAN**

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Halverson to approve the Wenton Addition work plan along with engineering, research and design for a total of \$162,400.00.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**REQUEST FROM KIWANIS FOR SPLASHPAD**

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Halverson to grant the request from the Chisholm Kiwanis Club for a splashpad to be located between the bocce ball courts and playground in the Memorial Park complex.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja supported by Councilor Fountain to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

Attest:

/s/ John A. Champa,  
Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Skraba,  
Administrator