

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 28, 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, Scaia, Varda and Mayor Rahja
Also Present: City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator Jennifer Sterbenz, Colleen Kosluchar of Trenti Law Firm, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Police Officer Brandon Zubke, and Administrative Assistant Gornick

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Scaia 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

John Koppel & Kerri Halberg with the Chisholm Food Shelf made an appeal to the council and the public to bring awareness of the need for monthly donations of cash or non-perishable/non-expired food items and for people to support the food shelf to help the many individuals & families in need. The month of March has a partial match by churches for donations to the food shelf. Anne Varda addressed the council with concerns of accessibility issues / handicap signage in front of the elementary school on 3rd Ave SW, she has discussed this with Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson and would like this situation remedied. She also suggested that the city should notify applicants that are not chosen for various boards/commissions or city council positions and to send thank you letters for applying.

Tom Novoselac shared his ideas to honor Olympic Gold Medalist John Shuster and recognized John and his teammates for the outstanding job they did in bringing a gold medal home from the 2018 winter Olympics for curling.

REPORTS

Councilor Campbell thanked the Public Works staff for working overtime to plow snow and repair the recent water main breaks. She congratulated Olympic Gold Medalist John Shuster and welcomed our new Police Officer, Ms. Harley Figgins.

Councilor Halverson congratulated Olympic Gold Medalist John Shuster. He attended the North St. Louis County Trails Task Force meeting and updated them on the proposed Mountain Bike Trail in Chisholm. He asked Administrator Sterbenz why the snow on the main street has not been removed; she responded by telling him that Public Works staff was down two people and are scheduled to remove the snow and clean the main street on Thursday, March 1, 2018 starting at 4:00 a.m.

Councilor Varda congratulated Olympic Gold Medalist John Shuster and his curling team and all of the USA teams that participated in the 2018 winter Olympics in South Korea.

Councilor Scaia attended the PUC meeting last Wednesday, he gave an overview of the frozen water line thawing policy and asked the public to contact Denise Kealy at city hall if they have questions. He also advised the public not to plow snow in their yards as the frost is moving down and water lines can freeze without the snow cover. He congratulated Olympic Gold Medalist John Shuster & his curling team and announced the City plans to do something to honor them.

Mayor Rahja congratulated Olympic Gold Medalist John Shuster & his team.

ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Halverson to accept the Consent Agenda, including the List of Bills, Minutes of the previous City Council Meetings of February 13, 2018 Special Meeting, February 14, 2018 Regular Meeting, Payroll and Overtime. Councilors Campbell & Halverson amended the motion and support to include accepting the minutes from February 14, 2018 with changes.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to add the Comprehensive Plan as an item for the working session scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, to discuss the need to establish a committee to update the Comprehensive Plan.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

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(Continued)**

RESOLUTION NO. 0218-32 APPOINTMENT FOR COUNCIL VACANT SEAT

Moved by Councilor Scaia to adopt Resolution No. 0218-32 to appoint Brandan Fiedler to serve as City Council Member for the City of Chisholm until the next general election to be held in November of 2018. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Mayor Rahja to adopt Resolution No. 0218-32 to appoint Cheyenne Mikkola-Rahja to serve as City Council Member for the City of Chisholm until the next general election to be held in November of 2018. Roll call vote was taken.
Voting Aye: Councilor Campbell, Councilor Halverson & Mayor Rahja
Voting No: Councilor Scaia & Councilor Varda Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0218-33 CHISHOLM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (CCF)
GRANT REQUEST FOR CURLING CLUB WINDOWS

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 0218-33 to authorize the City Administrator to apply and receive grant funds from the CCF in the amount of \$2,679 (changing the grant request from \$5,000 to \$2,679 due to a third quote which came in substantially lower than the other two quotes) to be used for the purchase of new safety glass and the removal of the old safety glass at the Chisholm Curling Club. The grant request shall be combined with funds from the Chisholm Curling Club Budget and from in-kind services from curling club members and donations made available to the Chisholm Curling Club through other sources. Councilors Scaia and Campbell withdrew the motion & support and asked for further research to be done to review the quotes.
Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Halverson to table this item until March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 0218-34 STATE OF MN LIBRARY
CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR LIBRARY LED LIGHTING PROJECT

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Scaia to adopt Resolution No. 0218-34 to authorize the City Administrator to apply and receive grant funds from the State of MN Library Construction Grant Program in the amount of \$19,000 to be used to replace the existing lighting with LED lighting at the Library. The grant request shall be combined with a match from the City of Chisholm in the amount of \$19,000.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

SUMMER WORK OUTREACH PROGRAM (SWOP)

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to sponsor the Summer Work Outreach Program for the amount of \$500.00 in exchange for services rendered in 2018.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

SCHEDULE LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION MEETING

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to schedule the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization (LBA&E) meeting for Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 4:00–5:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS IRONBOUND STUDIOS

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to recess the Regular Council meeting to Closed Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss Ironbound Studios.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

ADJOURN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Halverson to adjourn the Closed Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Campbell to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting at 6:32 p.m.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

ADJOURN MEETING

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Halverson to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 6:32 p.m.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

/s/ Mary Jo Rahja
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Jennifer A. Sterbenz
City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator