CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH TOWN OF BALKAN
FEBRUARY 5, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mary Jo Rahja called the special meeting to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Campbell, Varda and Mayor Rahja
Absent: Council Members Halverson & Scaia

Also Present: Administrator Jennifer Sterbenz; Town of Balkan Board Members: Brad Strgar, Lyle Salo, Pete Clevenstine, Kent Fredeen, Anita Novak & Marie Tolonen of the Chisholm Tribune Press

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Balkan Town Board Supervisor Pete Clevenstine to adopt the Agenda as presented.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FIRE / AMBULANCE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Fire Chief Bob Brown will provide a report to Balkan with the number of calls that the Chisholm Fire Department has made to Balkan & the Fire Department Budget. In 2017 there were 2 building fires, 3 grass fires, 2 powerlines down from storm/wind, 4 extraction calls & 3 cancellations in route. Discussed procedures for shutting off gas and power during a structure fire.

CANISTER SITE AGREEMENT

Due to budget cuts, the City of Chisholm will no longer pay Balkan $9,000.00 annually for the use of the recycling center located in Balkan. The City contracts with Waste Management to provide residents with recycling services and residents pay for this service monthly. Without Chisholm's financial support, the Town of Balkan may have to reduce the hours of operation at the recycling center to one day per week.

JOINT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Discussed the possibility of consolidating services and sharing a Public Works Building. Balkan has one employee and Chisholm has a full time mechanic. Would like to look at helping each other out with services. The location is convenient for both Balkan & Chisholm. The existing building in Balkan cannot accommodate the equipment & Chisholm employees at this time. A new structure would need to be built or the existing building added on to in order to consolidate services. The County levy services will need to be looked at and the City & Town of Balkan attorneys would need to assist with this. A committee was formed consisting of Mayor Rahja, Administrator Sterbenz, Town of Balkan Board Members Brad Strgar & Pete Clevenstine to pursue this concept. This is in the preliminary stages and would need to be presented to the citizens of Balkan.

ADJOURN

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to adjourn the special meeting at 6:05 p.m.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

/s/ Mary Jo Rahja
Mayor

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