

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
WORKING SESSION – JANUARY 21, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Jim Varda, April Fountain, Travis Vake, Jed Holewa, Marty Halverson, and Mayor Adam Lantz.

Absent: None

Also Present: Administrator Stephanie Skraba, Clerk-Treasurer Devin Ceglar, Ambulance Director Tiffany Larson, Interim Fire Chief Jason Worlie, Police Chief James Vukad, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad, Parks, Trails, and Recreation Director Collin Luke, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Confidential Administrative Assistant Susan Trunk, Joe Keys from Precious Paws, and Randy Costley from Department of Transportation.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Varda to adopt the agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Councilors Varda, Fountain, Vake, Holewa, Halverson, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

PRECIOUS PAWS

Joe Keys from precious paws discussed the 2026 Precious Paws contract, answered questions. He reviewed animal intake numbers for the last five years, animal inventory analysis, and the base rate and contract year for the City of Chisholm. He discussed how they determine if a feline is feral, Precious Paws insurance requirements, owners receiving their animals back versus being adopted. Attorney Lindsay will update the contract to be presented for approval at an upcoming City Council Meeting.

HIGHWAY 73 CORRIDOR

Representatives from MnDOT, Council Members, and City Staff reviewed and discussed the Highway 73 Corridor Study and the hybrid alternative model. They discussed the location, current traffic volumes, and destination. Issues MnDOT seeks to address are traffic speeds, multimodal connections, enhanced pedestrian safety crossings, and a design to fit future needs. Councilor Halverson presented alternative options, discussed the history of the area and the tradition of an urban grid design. MnDOT will review Councilor Halverson's alternative proposals and plan to return to the council with additional discussion and consideration.

ADJOURN WORKING SESSION

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Vake to adjourn the Working Session at 6:55 pm.

Voting Aye: Councilors Varda, Fountain, Vake, Holewa, Halverson, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

/s/ Adam Lantz, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Stephanie Skraba, Administrator