

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 10, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Champa called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom video teleconference instead of in person due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and Minnesota Governor Walz's Executive Order to "Stay at Home". All votes were done by roll call vote.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Tracy Campbell, April Fountain, Adam Lantz, Travis Vake, Jim Varda, and Mayor John Champa

Absent: None

Also present: City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator Bill Manney, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Building Official Mandy Galli, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Fire Chief Bob Brown, Library Supervisor Katie Christenson, Police Chief Vern Manner, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad, Recreation Director Tammy Nevalainen, Administrative Assistant Margaret Gornick, Terry Hartikka with Mesabi Community Television, and Marie Tolonen with the Chisholm Tribune Press

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Lantz 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

None

REPORTS

Councilor Campbell attended the Police Commission meeting on June 3rd. She gave an overview of the 1st quarter report. They had 964 incidents this quarter, 26 traffic citations, 21 traffic warnings, 353 walk ins to the Police Department. They have had 51 calls in Buhl and spend about 4.5 hours per day there.

Councilor Lantz reported the EDA is in the process of hiring two consultants to work with businesses.

Mayor Champa gave an update on the HRA building that burned down. Their attorney will be contacting the insurance company to try to get this resolved. He said the video of the incident in Minneapolis was concerning.

Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson reported the contractor did the paving on 4th Avenue West and the overlay on the tennis courts, some work at the public works garage and the campground. The striping will be done on the pickle ball court soon. The work at the Public Safety Building is progressing. KGM will adjust the manholes on 4th Avenue West.

Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad reported the multi-use trail at the campground was done at no cost to the City. He thanked Tammy & Terry Nevalainen for their grant writing skills. His staff has been sweeping. The emergency generators responded appropriately to the power outage this morning at the water plant and the 2nd Street lift station.

Fire Chief Bob Brown reported there have been 5 incidents and 77 year to date. He acknowledged Mike Nadeau's 8th anniversary and Steph Holewa's 14th anniversary. The department escorted the 2020 graduating seniors. They are having weekly webinars with the fire marshall's office. He is working with Mandy on the occupancies that is changing daily. The annual ladder testing will take place. They were at the Redhead Mountain Bike Park upwards of three hours on Saturday. Most of the signage has been installed. This will help monitor the trail system. They are working on getting the ATV set up. They drove an ambulance through the park. There is a temporary ATV trail. He feels comfortable with the trail system.

Library Supervisor Katie Christenson reported they are offering curbside service at the library. They have had 80 patrons utilize the service. The Arrowhead Library System has \$57,000.00 for ebooks. Libby is the app for ebooks.

Police Chief Vern Manner said they are working on blight in Chisholm and Buhl. He gave an update on the hiring process, they are looking at hiring two officers.

Recreation Director Tammy Nevalainen reported the skating rink block work will start next week. She will be attending a Kiwanis meeting tomorrow night to brainstorm on movie night.

Administrator Bill Manney said the COVID plans need to be in place by June 29th. They can be more restrictive than the Governors orders but cannot be less restrictive. There were four candidates that signed up for the three council positions. Incumbent Vake, previous council members Cheyenne Mikkola-Rahja and Marty Halverson and Jed Holewa. He received a call from Chris Ismil with the IRRRB. Our two projects for 3rd and 4th Street will need to be withdrawn and resubmitted after July 1st. The Aspen Grove request was approved for up to \$300,000.00. Mr. Gargano thanked the Mayor and City Council.

ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Fountain to accept the Consent Agenda, including the List of Bills, Minutes of the previous May 27, 2020 Regular Meeting, Payroll and Overtime.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

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IVANCA EXTENSION REQUEST

Motion by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Vake to grant the request of Jenifer Ivanca to allow her to extend her land purchase for two years due to a MN Department of Transportation Right-of-Way issue on the property.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0620-45 ORDER REPAIR / REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Vake to adopt Resolution No. 0620-45 to declare the property located at 203 First Avenue NW a hazardous condition and to order the repair of removal of the hazardous conditions.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

ORDER TO REMOVE BUILDING

Moved by Councilor Lantz and supported by Councilor Vake to authorize the City Attorney to issue an order to remove or correct the hazardous property located at 203 First Avenue NW.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

PICKLE BALL FENCING & FENCE POST BY HOCKEY ARENA

Moved by Councilor Lantz and supported by Councilor Varda to authorize the purchase of fencing from Iron Oakes Fencing for \$6,947.00.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

SELECT YOUR CART

This was an informational item at this time.

SNOW PLOW FOR WHEEL LOADERS

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Fountain to purchase a snow plow for the wheel loaders for \$21,346.00. This money was ear marked for the bucket truck.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

REPLACEMENT COUPLER FOR 928K WHEEL LOADER

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Vake to purchase a replacement coupler for the 928K Wheel Loader for \$6,100.00.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

PURCHASE DOMOR GRADER

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to transfer \$4,895.00 from the street budget General Ledger Rental to the General Ledger for Other Equipment.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

PURCHASE USED SKID LOADER FROM CIRSSD

Moved by Councilor Lantz and supported by Councilor Vake to authorize the purchase of a skid loader from the Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District for the amount of \$35,000.00.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

HYDRAULIC FORKS FOR LOADER

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Lantz to purchase hydraulic forks for the loader for the amount of \$9,500.00.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**JPJ, INC. CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING WATER MAIN LOOP PROJECT**

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Campbell to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Public Safety Building Water Main Loop Project No. 19-676 for the amount of \$12,480.00.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REDHEAD MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK LEASE

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to approve the proposed amendment to the Redhead Mountain Bike Park Lease with modifications to the language to include ATV/UTV verbiage.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

This was an informational item at this time.

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MARTIAL ARTS EAST REQUEST

Moved by Councilor Lantz and supported by Councilor Campbell to grant the request of Martial Arts East to use the outdoor athletic field. The use of the outdoor athletic field is based on their COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

SCHEDULE WORKING SESSION FOR JUNE 29, 2020 WITH ISD 695 BOARD MEMBERS

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Varda to schedule a working session for Monday, June 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with the ISD 695 school board members.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

UPDATE ON WALK THRU & SAFETY TRAINING FOR THE REDHEAD MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

This was an informational item at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Ordinance to limit the number of animals per household.
2. When will in person meetings resume?
3. Hold meetings at the Mineland Reclamation Building?
4. Can the gym at the Firehall open?
5. Calendar Parking

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Vake to recess to closed session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) contract.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to adjourn the closed session at 7:34 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to reconvene the regular meeting.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RATIFY AFSCME CONTRACT

Moved by Councilor Lantz and supported by Councilor Varda to ratify the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Labor contract agreement.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

ADJOURN MEETING

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Lantz to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

/s/ John A. Champa
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ William Manney
City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator