

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – June 14, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Todd A. Scaia 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, K. Scaia, Rahja, Varda and Mayor T. Scaia  
Absent: None

Also Present: City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator Katie Bobich, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Building Official Steve Erickson, Consulting Engineer Jim Johnson; Mike Larson with SEH; Library Supervisor Katie Christenson, Police Chief Vern Manner, Public Works Team Coordinator Don Haenke, Recreation Director Tammy Nevalainen and Administrative Assistant Margaret Gornick

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Varda to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Airfiber of Superior, WI addressed the council with a request to put an antenna on the water tower.

REPORTS

Councilor Rahja attended the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting where they discussed a variance request. She also attended the CIRSSD meeting and reported the legislature passed the bonding bill. She was asked to invite Norm Miranda from HR Green to the next Council meeting to give an update.

Councilor Campbell attended the All Class Reunion Committee meeting, they are looking for volunteers. She attended the Police Commission meeting and gave an update on the meeting. Councilor K. Scaia attended the Chisholm Lion's Club meeting and reported they have 25 energetic members. He informed the public that the Slide the City event will take place on August 5<sup>th</sup> and the All Class Reunion will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. He asked that residents clean up their yards to showcase the community during this time.

Mayor Todd Scaia presented the Memorial Day address and welcomed the Lions Club to Chisholm. He attended the ISD 695 working session and gave an overview of the meeting.

Councilor Varda attended the 2017 high school graduation and congratulated the graduates.

Councilor Halverson attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and reported he spoke with SEH and Jola and Sopp regarding the geogrid on 11<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson gave a status update on the on-going projects.

Public Works Team Coordinator Don Haenke reported the new hire is doing quite well, they are working on cross training the Public Works staff. They are painting curbs and handicap areas throughout the City, filling pot holes and completing alley projects. They had a pump break at the water pit and are having problems with the telemetry reading. They will be putting black dirt and seed around the columbarium at the cemetery. They had 4 cremations and 5 regular burials last month.

Library Supervisor Katie Christenson reported the summer reading program is in full swing, they had 65 attendees at the first story time. The CCF has donated 100 Slide the City passes for the reading program. She will be attending a training session tomorrow.

Police Chief Manner reported his staff has implemented new strategies for the yellow bag compliance checks. His staff is working on blight and long grass issues. He reminded the public not to put grass clippings in the streets or dumpsters.

Recreation Director Tammy Nevalainen reported Kids Plus and Age to age will be offering Art in the Park for six weeks this summer. Summer recreation staff is trained, they have 85 registered at this time for the CSR. There are 25 volleyball teams this year. The bocce ball courts are completed. The port-a-potties around town have been vandalized and also a report of vandalism at the Lake park. The public was asked to call 911 to report any incidents they may see.

Building Official Steve Erickson will be working on the process for the homestead on 5<sup>th</sup> street SW that experienced a fire a few years ago.

City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator Katie Bobich reported there will be a Broadband 101 training session in Mt Iron, this group will be opening bids for the feasibility study. Infohub RFP's will be sent out June 19<sup>th</sup>. The summer casual laborers have started. She attended the HRA meeting and reported the HRA is accepting applications for the Nelson Addition Townhomes.

ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor K. Scaia to accept the Consent Agenda, including the List of Bills, Communications, Minutes of the previous City Council regular meeting of May 24, 2017, Payroll and Overtime.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

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**RESIGNATION FROM PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Rahja to accept the resignation of Ciri Falcone from the Parks & Recreation Board effective July 4, 2017.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**IRRRB GRANT APPLICATION FOR DEMOLITION OF HOUSE**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to approve the IRRRB grant application for the demolition of property located at 110 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**PURCHASE ORDER FOR REFUSE CONTAINERS**

Moved by Councilor K. Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to authorize the purchase of thirty (30) 300 gallon refuse containers and twenty (20) lids for \$6,680.00 from Snyder Industries.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**PURCHASE ORDER FOR GRADER RENTAL**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Halverson to authorize the request for rental of a grader from Ziegler for the amount of \$5,900.00 for thirty days.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**STAFFING FOR EVENTS**

This was an informational item at this time.

**TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ST LOUIS COUNTY FAIR**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor K. Scaia to grant the temporary liquor license from the St. Louis County Fair Association for August 9, 2017 through August 13, 2017.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**FINAL PAY ESTIMATE TO HAMMERLUND CONSTRUCTION  
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COLUMBARIUM PAD**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Halverson to authorize final payment of \$30,762.30 to Hammerlund Construction, Inc. of Grand Rapids, MN for the construction of the Chisholm Calvary Cemetery Columbarium Pad.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**QUOTES FOR LIBRARY FURNITURE**

Moved by Councilor Rahja and supported by Councilor Campbell to authorize payment of \$19,676.76 to Northern Business Products for the purchase of 3 tables and 12 chairs for the library.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NO. 0617-66 ACCEPT DONATION FOR LIBRARY**

Moved by Councilor Rahja and supported by Councilor Varda to adopt Resolution No. 0617-66 to accept the donation from Linda Brandt in the amount of \$8,345.31 for the library.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**VARIANCE REQUEST - JUSTIN & BRIDGET MARSH**

Moved by Councilor Rahja and supported by Councilor K. Scaia to grant the variance request from Justin and Bridget Marsh to build a twenty six (26) foot by twenty six (26) foot garage on an adjacent empty lot that they own without a structure or a house at lot 4, block 1, Windy Hill Seventh Addition, parcel 020-0203-00040.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**AIR FIBER REQUEST**

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Rahja to grant the request from Air Fiber of Superior, WI to install an antenna on the water tower for a fee of \$350.00 per month.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GAMBLING PERMIT REQUEST  
& REQUEST FOR WATER FOR DUNK TANK**

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Varda to approve the gambling permit for the Chamber of Commerce for a bingo event on August 19, 2017 at Valentini's. A request by the Chamber of Commerce of the donation of 90 gallons of water from the City for the dunk tank was granted.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS WALK REQUEST**

Moved by Councilor K. Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to grant the request of Christine Nelson to hold an Alzheimer's Awareness Walk on Saturday, August 19, 2017 and in-kind services including police assistance to block off roads & intersections from Valentini's and around the Longyear Lake walk route.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**AFSCME LOCAL 536 MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Varda to approve the Memo of Understanding between the City and AFSCME Local 536 to reinstate the omission of the Retiree Life Insurance provision in the AFSCME contract.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**CHISHOLM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
(CEDA) DIRECTOR CONTRACT**

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Rahja to approve the contract for CEDA Director, Amy Rice for a one year term effective July 1, 2017.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**ICE ARENA CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor K. Scaia to accept the terms of the five year Ice Arena Management Operation and Maintenance Agreement between the City and the Chisholm Curling Club for the ice arena commencing July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022 at a rate of \$90,000 per year. Councilor Campbell and Councilor K. Scaia amended the motion to include the recommendations of the City Attorney.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

**DRIVE IN BANK LEASE AGREEMENT**

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Varda to accept the terms of the Chisholm First National Bank Drive-In Bank Lease Agreement. Councilor Halverson and Councilor Varda rescinded their motion. This was an informational item at this time, no action taken.

**ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING**

Moved by Councilor K. Scaia and supported by Councilor Rahja to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

/s/ Todd A. Scaia

Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Katherine A. Bobich

City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator