

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
WORKING SESSION – JUNE 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adam Lantz called the City Council Working Session to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Marty Halverson, Cheyenne Mikkola-Rahja, April Fountain, Jed Holewa, Travis Vake and Mayor Adam Lantz

Absent: None

Also Present: Administrator Stephanie Skraba, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Zah, Building Official Mandy Galli, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad, and Confidential Administrative Assistant Susan Trunk,

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Halverson to adopt the agenda.

Voting Aye: Councilors, Halverson Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**PRIVATE SEWER & WATER PIPES LOCATED IN CITY STREET/ALLEY
RIGHT-OF-WAY**

The council discussed recent concerns brought to the council regarding the cost of sewer and water line replacements, the responsibility of the homeowner, the difficulty of homeowners absorbing the expense, and where the connection is that they are responsible per City Ordinance. The council examined costs and how other cities address sewer and water line replacement. There was additional discussion about the variety of age, materials, and pipe being typically the problem and the ways in which the lines are fixed and or replaced.

25 FOOT LOTS

The council discussed possible ways to utilize 25 Foot lots as residential homes, the possibility of exploring guides for the styles, turn key availability, developers, estimating costs, and networking with larger businesses.

REVIEW OF FINANCES

The council discussed the public safety building's pay application and how and when funds are delivered and received. The different funding sources for the building require different obligations. Numerous funding resources are being requested and evaluated to fund street infrastructure projects for 2024, including bonding and congressional spending requests. The rough draft of the city's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan was presented and discussed.

DOWNTOWN LAKE STREET SIDEWALK DETERIORATION

The council discussed repairing and prioritizing specific areas of downtown where the brick on the sidewalks are deteriorating, the difference between brick and cement replacement, consideration of using colored concrete, and areas that MnDOT is responsible for.

ALLEY PAVING PROJECT

The council discussed the priority list for alley overlays and the estimates of quantities and cost.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

The council discussed the Public Safety Building's schedule, the very large rocks that may need to be broken up, and alternative costs for items such as concrete aprons.

FLOODING

The council discussed possible options to reduce flooding, costs, keeping catch basins clear, possible dredging, and possible further analysis.

SUBMITTAL OF MINUTES FROM BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The council discussed when the meeting minutes of Boards and Commission are sent to council, when they are approved per the specific board or commission, and if items could be included in the department head's report.

DISPENSARY DISCUSSION

The council discussed state licensing over the next 18 months, possible regulations, where it can be purchased, possession limits, and federal laws.

ADJOURN WORKING SESSION

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Holewa to adjourn the Working Session at 8:47 pm.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Attest:

/s/ Adam Lantz, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Skraba, Administrator