CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH ISD 695
JANUARY 31, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Administrator Jennifer Sterbenz, Recreation Director Tammy Nevalainen, Superintendent Janey Blanchard; School Board Members Bob Rahja, Bob Vicari, Darcy Lucas, Pat Kestly & Marie Tolonen with the Chisholm Tribune Press
Absent: School Board Members Ione Tomasetti & Clarice Sever

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Halverson to adopt the Agenda as presented.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT

Wages - the School Resource Officer's salary for 2018 has increased due to recent changes to the LELS labor union contract.
Length of contract – discussed a one (1) year agreement versus a two (2) year agreement as the school is on a two (2) year budget cycle with the state.
Currently 60/40 split of SRO's salary with the city paying 60% & the school paying 40%.
The school requested data from the police department for the impact of having an SRO in the schools. There is no detail to compare this information to at this time. Officer Bill Purdy provided the school with a detailed report of his time spent at the schools.

GREEN SPACE

Recreation Director Nevalainen, Council Member Halverson & Administrator Jenn Sterbenz met with Superintendent Blanchard recently to discuss using the green space located across from the high school as a soccer field. The City would carry the liability insurance during the months this space is used. This item will be placed on the next council meeting agenda.

LAND EXCHANGE

School Board member Bob Vicari presented his idea to use land owned by the school to build Habitat for Humanity homes. The school owns the ballpark by the Lincoln apartment complex & Pinkerton of Minneapolis owns the wooded area.

CONSOLIDATION OF LIBRARY

School Board member Bob Vicari suggested possibly in the future combining the school library with the Chisholm public library. There are concerns that would need to be addressed such as proper licensing for a Media Specialist and security issues would need to be in place for people using the facility should it be located at the school. The school does not have a librarian at this time.

SPORTS COMPLEX

The school has concerns with the current sports complex lease agreement dated August 10, 2017. They would like to see improvements made as promised, before paying $45,000 annually. Another possibility would be to tear down the existing fieldhouse & build a new structure consisting of showers, toilets & concession stand. The council & school board members will walk through the facility to determine the upgrades that are needed. Architectural Resources, Inc. (ARI) provided the City with a feasibility study dated August 12, 2016.

ADJOURN

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by School Board Member Bob Rahja to adjourn the joint meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

/s/ Mary Jo Rahja
Mayor

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