

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
WORKING SESSION – MARCH 27, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adam Lantz called the City Council Meeting to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Marty Halverson, Cheyenne Mikkola-Rahja, April Fountain (via Zoom due to medical reasons), Jed Holewa, and Mayor Adam Lantz

Absent: Councilor Vake

Also Present: Administrator Stephanie Skraba, Attorney Colleen Kosluchar, Police Chief Vern Manner, Building Official Mandy Galli, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad, Confidential Administrative Assistant Susan Trunk.

3RD STREET NW

Consultant Engineer Johnson reviewed the extra cost to the city per memo and explained each calculation, per line, per line item for a total estimated cost to the city of \$22,500.00. This represents the cost and will be on April 10, 2024 agenda.

CITY HALL LOWER-LEVEL REMODEL

Administrator Skraba discussed with council the need to use a predesign and have an architect, if they would want to do an RFP. The RFP would need to be specific to studios. Current architect knows studios, state funding, B3, and Kaus-Anderson suggested them. She will have additional conversations with the firm. Project could be a year out. The bill says it is for film. She will continue to look at funding.

BLIGHT

Chief Manner provided council on current ordinance, citations that offers provide, and resources for residents. The council discussed ways to decrease the amount of blight in Chisholm, what added resources could help, and how to legally enforce it. Attorney Kosluchar provided what legal processes the city can use for enforcement. Staff will reach out to the Legue of Minnesota Cities for resources and to see what other cities do.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Councilor Holewa provided documents to council on how to start a community garden, the health benefits, how plants provide better mental health, provides green space, and the hands-on learning experience. Councilor Holewa will attend the April 8, 2024 Garden Club Meeting.

ESSENTIA/DAYCARE DEVELOPMENT

Attorney Kosluchar provided council with an update on phase two of the project.

ADJOURN WORKING SESSION

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Holewa to adjourn the Working Session at 7:54 pm.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain (via Zoom), Holewa, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Councilor Vake

Motion Carried

Attest:

/s/ Adam Lantz, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Skraba, Administrator