

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 8, 2024**

Mayor Adam Lantz called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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, Ambulance Director Tiffany Larson, Police Chief Vern Manner, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Building Official Mandy Galli, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad, Parks/Trails/Recreation Director Bridgit Maruska, Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Confidential Administrative Assistant Susan Trunk, and Donna Rahkola with Mesabi Community TV.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Holewa to adopt the agenda with the addition of Councilor Holewa's Request for Street Closure and City-Wide Festival for Lake Street Market Event, and supporting documents for the St. Louis County Fair to open carry beer, the St. Louis County Fair CUP and Building Permit Fee Request, and a Schedule Narrative from Adolfsen & Peterson for the Public Safety Building.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pat Kestly and Sherry Bobich discussed with the council their concerns regarding an increase in blight in the City of Chisholm.

REPORTS

Councilor Halverson reported that he attended a Park Board Meeting, Redhead meeting and site visits with the DNR and participated in the volunteer clean up at Redhead.

Councilor Mikkola-Rahja reported that she attended a HRA Meeting. The new director is in and it is going well.

Councilor Fountain wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilor Holewa reported that he attended the EDA Meeting, met with the principal of the Chisholm Schools about the Student Council Rep, and set a meeting up for interest in the community garden on May 28th at the Baptist Church at 5:00 pm. If interested in participating in the community garden, contact Councilor Holewa.

Councilor Vake reported that he attended a Chamber Retreat where they talked about shaking up some events. Summer raffle at Snickers will be in August. The Kentucky Derby event put on by the Lion's Club and the Community Foundation was fun and he hopes it will grow in the future. Mayor Lantz reported that he attended the EDA meeting where IRRR gave a run down on projects.

Ambulance Director Larson reported that ambulance is having connectivity issues and cell phones are working better. Ambulance #2 is back. There are lots of special events scheduled this summer so far. They are getting ready to move into the Public Safety Building.

Fire Chief Masucci was absent.

Police Chief Manner did not have a report.

City Building Official Galli did not have a report.

City Consultant Engineer Johnson reviewed the Adolfsen & Peterson Schedule Narrative-bituminous and concrete will be in by Memorial Day. He reminded everyone of next weeks public information session at the Senior Center regarding mill and overlay on streets and alleys and how that will be prioritized. It is important to have the residents make their wishes known to the council. In July, bidding will start for those that are at the top of the priority list. There will be a Public Hearing on May 22nd at 5:00pm. He responded to Councilor Holewa's question about reducing the speed around the Public Safety Building. It should be looked at and brought to the County.

Public Works Supervisor reported that they are already mowing grass, interviewing for the Water, Sewer, Utility position and have a good summer crew starting soon.

Parks/Trails/Recreation Director Maruska did not have a report.

Library Supervisor was absent.

City Attorney discussed with council possible things that may be beneficial regarding blight issues such as utilizing civil blight and public nuisance laws. He intends to discuss further with Chief Manner.

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Administrator Skraba reported that the city is working toward being an AARP Age Friendly Community Designation. The first meeting will be on June 10, 2024 at 10:00 am. If you are interested in being part of the committee to let the city know. Georgia from ARDC will be here to help through the process. Summer projects are starting early, 5th Street is moving along, all the flooring is done in the Public Safety Building and CTC is changing out phones at the city and getting fiber to the Public Safety Building.

APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to Approve the Consent Agenda including the List of Bills, Communications, Meeting Minutes from the April 24, 2024 Regular Meeting, payroll, and overtime.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BOARD REQUEST FOR LIQUOR
LICENSE AND CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL**

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to approve the liquor license and city-wide festival at the St. Louis County Fair Grounds on July 31, 2024 through August 4, 2024.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

NORTHER TRAXX REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE AND CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Fountain to approve Northern Traxx request for street closure of two blocks on Lake Street and to declare a city-wide festival on May 18, 2024 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

ST. LOUIS COUNTY FAIR CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Vake to approve the Conditional Use Request to move the historical mine view structure to the fairgrounds.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

ST. LOUIS COUNTY REQUEST TO WAVE BUILDING FEE

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to wave the Building Permit Fee.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN FOR CHISHOLM

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to approve the Local Water Supply Plan for Chisholm.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

PAY APPLICATION NUMBER 2 FOR 5TH STREET SOUTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Holewa to Pay Application Number 2 for the 5th Street South Improvement Project in the amount of \$ 364,842.53 to TNT Construction Group LLC.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

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PAY APPLICATION NUMBER 14 FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Fountain to approve Pay Application Number 14 for the Public Safety Building in the amount of \$771,449.20 to Adolfson and Peterson Construction.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 0524-42 PFA LOAN FROM DRINKING WATER FUND FOR
LEAD SERVICE LINE**

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Mikkola-Rahja to adopt Resolution Number 0524-42 Pfa Loan from Drinking Water Fund for Lead Service Line.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 0524-43 ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM GOREDHEAD.COM
FUNDRAISER**

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Halverson to adopt Resolution Number Resolution Number 0524-43 Accepting Funds from goredhead.com Fundraiser in the amount of \$1,867.16.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH COMMERCIAL RECREATION SPECIALIST

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Vake to approve entering into contract with Commercial Recreation Specialist.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH RIIPINEN CONSTRUCTION

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Holewa to enter into contract with Riipinen Construction.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**STREET CLOSURE AND CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR LAKE STREET
MARKET EVENT**

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to approve street closure and city-wide festival for July 18, August 22nd, and September 19, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS JUNE 26, JULY 24, AND AUGUST 28, 2024.

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to suspend the June 26, July 24th, and August 28th, 2024 Council Meetings.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 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