

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 9, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mary Jo Rahja 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, Mikkola-Rahja, Scaia, Varda and Mayor Rahja
Absent: None

Also Present: Interim Administrator David Carlstrom, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Police Chief Vern Manner, Recreation Director Tammy Nevalainen and Administrative Assistant Gornick

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Scaia to adopt the Agenda with the following additions and deletions: Under Consent Agenda – Personnel Committee, Add 7E3) Hire Interim Building & Zoning Official & Approve Contract, 7G2) Bruce Mine Headframe IRRR Land Lease with City, Delete 7G4) Building Official Duties and 7G6), add 7D4) Personnel Committee Resignation

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Superintendent Janey Blanchard explained the role of the School Resource Officer.
Tyna Brown addressed the council with a request to use “Kiwanis Park” for her wedding.
Jessalyn Sabin with the Downtown Revitalization Group gave an update on the projects they are working on.

REPORTS

Councilor Campbell attended the special Council meeting, the Local Board of Appeals meeting and will be attending the Public Listening session tomorrow night.
Councilor Scaia announced the Public Listening session regarding the Public Safety Facility Building will take place May 10, 2018 at the Sr. Citizens Center at 6:30 p.m. He requested information from Mayor Rahja on the Library steps. Councilor Halverson responded that Architectural Resources Inc. was sent an inquiry. The next step will be a formal letter.
Councilor Varda attended the Parks & Recreation Board meeting, the special Council meeting and the Personnel Committee interviews.
Councilor Halverson attended the special City Council meeting last week, three Personnel Committee meetings, Interviews for the Deputy Clerk position, Public Safety Facilities meeting and the Local Board of Appeals meeting.
Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson gave an update on the Lakeview and 8th Street NW projects.
Councilor Mikkola-Rahja attended the special Council meeting.
Mayor Rahja attended the Kiwanis meeting, the Bruce Mine Headframe meeting, the special Council meeting, the Public Safety Facilities meeting, the Community Education meeting, the Agenda meeting, the Local Board of Appeals meeting and the Library Board meeting.

ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Scaia to accept the Consent Agenda, including the List of Bills, Minutes of the previous City Council meeting of April 25, 2018 Regular Meeting, Payroll and Overtime.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Scaia to accept the quote from Midwest Playscapes, Inc. of Chaska, MN for \$32,669.00 for new playground equipment for the public park on First Street SW. This includes a \$17,000.00 from the Chisholm Community Foundation.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

REQUEST TO USE KIWANIS PARK FOR WEDDING

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Halverson to grant the request of Tyna Brown and Geno Marchetti to host their wedding in “Kiwanis Park” on August 11, 2018.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0518-44 ACCEPT JAMES LIND RESIGNATION

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to adopt Resolution No. 0518-44 to accept James Lind resignation effective May 4, 2018.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

FINAL INVOICE – HR GREEN FOR WATER TOWER

This was an informational item at this time.

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INSPECTION OF WATER TOWER

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to authorize payment of \$3,200.00 to KLM Engineering, Inc. for the warranty inspection of the water tower.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0518-55 DISBAND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Scaia to adopt Resolution No. 0518-55 to disband the personnel committee and to appoint a five (5) member Personnel Committee consisting of two council members (one of which is the Mayor), the administrator, the city attorney and a citizen. Councilors Varda & Scaia amended the motion to add one more council member to the Personnel Committee.

Voting Aye: Councilors Scaia and Varda
Voting No: Councilors Campbell, Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja and Mayor Rahja Motion Failed

RESOLUTION NO. 0518-56 ACCEPT RICHARD SELLMAN'S RESIGNATION

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 0518-56 to accept the resignation of Richard Sellman effective May 2, 2018.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT LAUNDRY PROPOSAL

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Scaia to authorize payment of \$7,352 plus \$1,000 for plumbing and \$1,100 for electrical for the laundry equipment at the Fire Department.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

RESIGNATION FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Scaia to accept the resignation of Councilor Jim Varda from the Personnel Committee effective May 14, 2018.
Voting Aye: Councilors Scaia & Varda
Voting No: Councilors Campbell, Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja & Mayor Rahja Motion Failed

INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Campbell to enter into agreement with David Carlstrom to serve as the Interim City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.
Voting Aye: Councilor Campbell, Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, and Mayor Rahja
Voting No: Councilors Scaia and Varda Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE SEARCH FOR CITY CLERK-TREASURER/ADMINISTRATOR

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Campbell to authorize the Personnel Committee to start the process for hiring a City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

HIRE & APPROVE CONTRACT FOR INTERIM BUILDING OFFICIAL

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Campbell to appoint Amanda Galli to serve as the Interim Building Official for a rate of \$45.00 per hour.
Voting Aye: Councilor Campbell, Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, and Mayor Rahja
Voting No: Councilors Scaia and Varda Motion Carried

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to enter into agreement with ISD #695 for the School Resource Officer with the school paying 40% of the SRO's wages and the City paying 60% for a three (3) year term.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 0518-57 APPOINTMENTS TO 457 DEFERRED COMP PLAN

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Halverson to adopt Resolution NO. 0518-57 to appoint David Carlstrom as trustee for the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.
Voting Aye: Councilors Campbell, Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Scaia & Mayor Rahja
Voting No: Councilor Varda Motion Carried

BRUCE MINE HEADFRAME ST. LOUIS COUNTY LAND LEASE

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to support the Bruce Mine Headframe land lease agreement between the City of Chisholm and St. Louis County contingent upon St. Louis County Board approval.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

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BRUCE MINE HEADFRAME IRON RANGE RESOURCES & REHABILITATION LAND LEASE

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Halverson to enter into agreement with IRRR for a land lease agreement between the City of Chisholm and IRRR for the Bruce Mine Headframe.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

DULUTH READY MIX CONTRACT

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to enter into agreement with Duluth Ready Mix for a seven (7) month contract starting June 1, 2018 for a monthly fee amount of \$1,000.00 for the lease of land in Industrial Park.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GROUP REQUEST

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to support the Downtown Revitalization Group.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS IRONBOUND STUDIOS LITIGATION

Moved by Councilor Varda and supported by Councilor Halverson to recess to Closed Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss Ironbound Studios litigation.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilor Campbell and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to adjourn the Closed Session at 7:21 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Scaia to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

ADJOURN MEETING

Moved by Councilor Scaia and supported by Councilor Campbell to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Voting Aye: All

Motion Carried

/s/ Mary Jo Rahja

Mayor

Attest:

/s/ David Carlstrom

Interim City Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator