

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING – OCTOBER 23, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Adam Lantz called the City Council Meeting to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 4:33 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, Confidential Administrative Assistant Susan Trunk, Marie Tolonen from the Mesabi Tribune, and members of the public.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Vake to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CLAIMS OF MISFEASANCE  
BY MEMBERS OF THE HRA BOARD**

Attorney Bryan Lindsay stated that he takes no position or advocates for either party. He provided a brief overview of how the meeting should proceed, that consideration for cause for removal of a board member should relate to each individual board member and not general statements.

Attorney Lindsay said although he will not be able to participate in the meeting due to representing both parties, he would remain in the building and be available for procedural questions. The council received information from Councilor Mikkola-Rahja regarding claims of lax oversight of complaints directed towards the HRA, failing score of public housing assessment system, and unsatisfactory compliance with HUD. Other claims discussed were, failure to schedule special meetings when requested by board members, not adding items to the agenda when requested by board members, not having issue with the way a conversation between the HRA Director Jerry Culliton and a resident happened, and failure to address consistent concerns from residents. HRA Board member Chris Erickson spoke regarding his experiences when he requested information from fellow board members, his concerns about lack of signatures for the agreement with HUD, and how his offers to assist with the heat being off in one of the buildings was received by fellow board members. The council decided to add it to the Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Agenda.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Fountain to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:00 pm.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

/s/ Adam Lantz, Mayor

Attest:

/s/Stephanie Skraba, Administrator