

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
WORKING SESSION
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John A. Champa called the working session to order at 5:01 p.m.

Present: Council Members Marty Halverson, Adam Lantz, Travis Vake and Mayor John Champa

Absent: Councilor Cheyenne Mikkola-Rahja. Councilor April Fountain arrived at 7:00 pm

Also Present: Administrator Stephanie Skraba, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, City Ambulance Director/Emergency Manager Jess Davis, Police Chief Vern Manner, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad, Parks/Trails/Recreation Director Bridgit Maruska, Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Zah, Bob Streeter, Tom Nemanich,

ADOPT AGENDA

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

WENTON ADDITION UPDATE

Bob Streeter provided an update on the Wenton Addition Housing Development Project. He reviewed phase one where information was collected such as market demand and the physical and legal characteristics of the development site. Phase two took place at an open house where residents were provided a presentation introducing the project. Residents were given the opportunity to give feedback such as any questions they have about the project, issues or concerns and suggestion. Mr. Streeter presented a review of the Draft Issues, Vision and Goals Statement and asked the City Council to review and suggest additions or modifications.

3RD STREET PROJECT

Tom Nemanich from Mesabi Bituminous responded to requests from the City Council for repairs to the chips and cracks on curbs to be done with an approved high-quality product, for the city to receive liquidated damages, that a two-year warranty be placed on the project and an additional five-year warranty be placed on services. Mr. Nemanich stated that he believes the liquidated damages are not reasonable and provided issues that Mesabi Bituminous encountered and his perspective on the requests.

ESSENTIA/ST. LOUIS COUNTY NEW DEVELOPMENT

Administrator Skraba provided a history of the purposed facility to be built in Chisholm. The facility would include a daycare and medical/mental health services. The Council discussed the project. St. Louis County is holding a meeting on October 11, 2022 in Ely where Administrator Skraba, Mayor Champa and some Councilors will attend in hopes of getting clarification and additional information.

BUDGET UPDATES

The City Council was provided detailed projections of expenses and revenues for each department. Department heads are working together and collaborating to create the budget, paying attention to details and seeking grant funding where possible.

ADJORN

Moved by Councilor Lantz and supported by Council Vake to adjourn the working session at 7:44 p.m.

/s/ John A. Champa, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Stephanie Skraba, Administrator