

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Adam Lantz called the City Council Meeting to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 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: Ambulance Director Tiffany Larson, Fire Chief Chris Masucci, Police Chief Vern Manner, Building Official/Zoning/Safety Director Mandy Galli, Trails and Recreation Director Bridgit Maruska, Library Supervisor Katie Christenson, Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Zah, Confidential Administrative Assistant Susan Trunk, Eric Tweten from Mesabi Community TV.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Vake to adopt the agenda with a correction to Page 63, E3, Resolution No. 0923-67 Memo should read Class V Aggregate Crushing: 3000 @ \$3.80/ton = \$11, 400

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**

There was no public participation

**REPORTS**

Councilor Halverson reported that he attended the Strong Towns meeting, Working Session, and was at Redhead with a trail contractor where they came up with a scope of work.

Councilor Mikkola-Rahja reported that she attended an HRA meeting and a City Council Working Session.

Councilor Fountain did not have a report.

Councilor Vake did not have a report.

Councilor Holewa reported that he attended the Public Utilities meeting, Working Session and Strong Towns Meeting.

Mayor Lantz reported that he attended the Working Session where budgeting was discussed.

Governor Walz was in Hibbing to look at Detroit Deisel and then came to see the Chisholm Public Safety Building. Mayor Lantz thanked the Governor and the bipartisan support to help get Chisholm where they are today.

Ambulance Director Larson did not have a report.

Fire Chief Masucci reported on third quarter calls: July had 25 calls which has been the norm, August went down to 12 calls, and so far in September they are at 7 calls. There were 44 calls for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 134 calls for the year. The Fire Department attended a joint training in Hibbing for hazmat awareness along with Chisholm Ambulance. It was informational for the fire department. Chief Masucci will be going to Evergreen as they are closing down their fire department at the end of the year due to low membership. Since they boarder with Chisholm to the North, the local fire chiefs will be meeting to discuss what to do with Evergreen's territory.

Police Chief Manner did not have a report.

City Building Official Galli did not have a report.

City Engineer Johnson was absent.

Public Works Supervisor Folstad was absent.

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

Library Supervisor Christenson did not have a report.

Attorney Lindsay did not have a report.

Consultant Engineer Johnson did not have a report.

Clerk-Treasurer Zah did not have a report.

Administrator Skraba was absent.

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**APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Vake to Accept the Consent Agenda including the List of Bills, Communications, Meeting Minutes from the September 12, 2023 Working Session, September 13, Regular Meeting, Payroll and Overtime.  
Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz.  
Voting Nay: None  
Absent: None

Motion Carried

**PURCHASE OF LARGE ITEMS FOR AMBULANCE # 3**

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Halverson to approve the large item purchases for ambulance #3.  
Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, and Fountain  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: Councilors Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz  
Absent: None

Motion Carried

**ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT LICENSE (ALS) APPLICATION SUBMITTAL**

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Halverson to approve the application for Advance Life Support license for Chisholm Ambulance.  
Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, and Fountain  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: Councilors Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz  
Absent: None

Motion Carried

**REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Moved by Councilor Halverson and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to provide a letter of support from the Chisholm City Council for the ALS license application and permission for Ambulance Director Larson to approach surrounding communities and entities to request letters of support.  
Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, and Fountain  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: Councilors Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz  
Absent: None

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 0923-64 ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DNR**

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Fountain to adopt Resolution Number 0923-64 Accepting a DNR 50/50 Matching Grant of \$3,375.00 to purchase two high volume pumps for the water tenders.  
Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, and Vake  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: Mayor Lantz  
Absent: None

Motion Carried

**ACCEPT MOTOROLA QUOTE FOR RADIO**

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Holewa to approve the state bid from Motorola for a radio for the newly purchased fire truck in the amount of \$6,79320.  
Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, and Vake  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: Mayor Lantz  
Absent: None

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 0923-65 PERA FOR JAMES R. VUKAD**

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Holewa to adopt Resolution Number 0923-65 to provide James R. Vukad with PERA.  
Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Fountain, Holewa, Vake, and Mayor Lantz.  
Voting Nay: None  
Absent: None

Motion Carried

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**TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND CERTIFICATION**

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Holewa to approve the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Date of Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 6:01 pm.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**2024 PROPOSED CITY TAX LEVY**

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to set the proposed city tax levy at 15 percent.

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

Voting Nay: Councilor Holewa

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**CHAMBER REQUEST FOR STREET BLOCKADE**

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Vake to provide the Chamber with barricades on Lake Street during Halloween events on Monday, October 30, 2023.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**SOLAR PANEL CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja to approve the Solar Panel Contract with Wolf Track Energy, LLC for the Public Safety Building.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 0923-67 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS  
COUNTY FOR 2024 AGGREGATE CRUSHING PROGRAM**

Moved by Councilor Fountain and supported by Councilor Holewa to adopt Resolution Number 0923-67 authorizing the City of Chisholm to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County to participate in 2024 Aggregate Crushing Program.

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 Vake to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 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