

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COOK CITY COUNCIL**

June 26, 2008 – CITY HALL – 6 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dick Edblom, Councilors Karen Hollanitsch, Elizabeth Storm, Dan Manick and Dave Danz

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Cook News Herald, The Timberjay, Donna Snyder, Officer Dan Nylund, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson and Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm

Mayor Dick Edblom called the regular meeting of the Cook City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

Motion by Manick, second by Storm to approve the consent agenda as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval/correction of Regular Council Minutes of May 22, 2008
- B. Acceptance of May Police Department Report
- C. Reporting of the May Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2008	\$137,696.97	\$419,949.28
2007	<u>\$124,630.93</u>	<u>\$393,342.10</u>
(+)	\$ 13,035.86	\$ 26,577.00

- D. Bill Presentation

Paid since last presentation	\$188,320.13
Presented for payment	\$ 91,573.31

- E. June Airport Operator's Report

Councilor Hollanitsch reported a correction in regards to the letter from the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics on state airport funding unavailable for the next 2 years. The actual lack of funding is for one fiscal year.

- F. JUNE 19, 2008 Airport Commission Minutes
- G. Safety Committee Minutes of April 28, 2008
- H. Parks and Recreation Minutes of May 20, 2008
- I. Parks and Recreation Minutes of June 16, 2008

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Motion by Danz, second by Manick to adopt Resolution 080626 authorizing Mayor Edblom and Administrator Martinson to execute Agreement Number 92946, SP 6917-27 grant including Environmental Assessment to Extend Runway 13/31 and snow removal equipment. Total project costs will not exceed \$214,259.42. Discussion will be held with Ken Waschke regarding his plans to develop his hangar lot. Funding concerns will be addressed for the culvert project.

Councilor Manick reported that a request to develop a t-ball field at no cost to the city was granted and approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee. A city council recommendation was made to wait until the new road is constructed this fall to start on the t-ball field.

Fabric has been donated by KGM Contractors Inc. for the playground. Safety concerns for the size and sharpness of the pea rock were questioned and it was noted that the rock was according to code. There were also safety code issues on the old equipment and those issues were addressed. Finally, the committee requested that funds be transferred from the building fund to the recreation fund to cover any shortfall. The committee will continue fundraising efforts and estimated the costs of pea rock and timbers to be around \$2500 to finalize the project.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to transfer \$2,500 from the building fund to the playground fund to cover the deficit for needed materials to complete the project.

MOTION CARRIED

An update was given by Administrator Martinson on Parks and Recreation in regards to spring spraying of the dandelions. Green Again Lawn Care provided the service and was considered much needed and took care of the problem. Volunteer worker's compensation was purchased through the League of MN Cities due to the increased number of volunteers working on various city projects. Councilor Storm requested information on the park completion and why it was extended. Weather played an important factor in the delay.

Officer Dan Nylund reported that a mobile data computer has been donated to the police department and requested that the city cover costs for installation and the monthly contract fee. It was recommended that more research on policies and procedures involving privacy protection was needed for council approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was reported that there is a lot of cracking and crumbling on the new sidewalks. It was recommended that documentation be recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrator Martinson requested hiring Nancy Larson of Community Coaching to provide consulting services for grant writing, community planning and development for the City of Cook. She feels Nancy would be a valuable asset and could offer a new approach.

Nancy would provide services as needed and Administrator Martinson would approach the council for prior approval. A current quote of \$2000 would include CDBG applications. Iron Range Resources is available for grant application reimbursement.

Motion by Danz, second by Storm to hire Nancy Larson of Community Coaching for a maximum contract of \$6000 with current approval of \$2000 for grant writing involving the well replacement project.

MOTION CARRIED

Cook high school students requested a financial donation from the City of Cook for an Iron Range Youth in Action trip to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Mayor Edblom explained that the city cannot participate financially but thanked those students for their public service and encouraged them to network with other organizations for financial support.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Dan Manick discussed the need for gasoline bids for city department purchases. He will add this to the agenda for the July meeting. There was discussion regarding a road through the Lund Addition and he recommended researching any wetland concerns etc.

Councilor Karen Hollanitsch reported on animal control for the city. Contracting through a humane society would not be cost efficient. Question was raised as to whether animal control should be under the police department or should other avenues be researched.

Councilor Elizabeth Storm commented on appreciation for the annual Timber Days celebration and commended the city employees and community service volunteers.

Councilor Dave Danz reported that he has purchased property out of town and will move before winter. His council position will be open for re-election in November and stated that he would consider finishing a two-year term.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Manick, second by Danz to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer