

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COOK CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 26, 2007 – 6 PM – CITY HALL**

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynda Hanninen, Liquor Store Manager Debbie Lindgren, Tammy Palmer – Parks and Recreation Secretary, Tracy and Brad Luecken – Old Muni Bar, The Timberjay and the Cook News Herald

Mayor Dick Edblom called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Tracy Luecken was present to request an application for a Sunday liquor license for the Old Muni Bar. She stated that the Old Muni serves pizza, garlic cheese bread, microwave sandwiches and nachos.

Administrator Martinson had contacted the State of Minnesota regarding the regulations for Sunday liquor. A restaurant is defined as an establishment that regularly serves meals at tables.

Mayor Edblom questioned what time the Old Muni would be open for business on Sundays. Tracy Luecken stated that they would like to open at 11:30 AM on Sunday to be open for races and games at noon.

Administrator Martinson informed Tracy Luecken that the City of Cook's Sunday Liquor Ordinance states that noon is the earliest time an establishment can open for business.

Councilor Manick asked if the Old Muni has a restaurant license from the State of Minnesota Department of Health. Tracy Luecken stated that the Old Muni has a restaurant license from the State of Minnesota.

Motion by Danz, second by Storm to approve the Sunday Liquor License application for the Old Muni Bar once approval is given by the State of Minnesota.

Aye: Mayor Edblom, Councilors Danz, Hollanitsch and Storm

Nay: Councilor Manick

MOTION CARRIED

Councilor Storm wanted to note from the March 22, 2007 Council Meeting minutes that the low bid from Spaces Off Main for the carpet at the airport apartment was \$808.00.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Manick to accept the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approval/correction of Regular Council Minutes of March 22, 2007
- B. Approval/correction of the Public Hearing Minutes of March 22, 2007 (Water Tower Replacement Project)
- C. Acceptance of the March Police Department Report
- D. Reporting of the March Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2007	\$71,287.96	\$199,567.19
2006	\$70,145.11	\$190,605.92
(+/-)	\$ 1,142.85	\$ 8,961.27
- E. Bill Presentation
 - Paid since last presentation \$52,937.06
 - Presented for payment \$60,399.87
- F. Highway 1 Update
- G. Cook Chamber Minutes – April 2, 2007
- H. April 2007 Airport Operator’s Report
- I. Parks & Recreation Minutes – April 2, 2007 (Special Meeting)
- J. Parks & Recreation Minutes – April 18, 2007
- K. Parks & Recreation Minutes – March 21, 2007
- L. Sportsmen’s Club of Lake Vermilion Letter/Newsletter
- M. Arrowhead Library System 2007 Annual Budget

MOTION CARRIED

Debbie Lindgren, Manager of Last Chance Liquor, presented a proposal from Coady Software Support for Microsoft Retail Management Store Operations point of sale software with a cost estimate of \$7,712.00. There is also a proposal from Compudyne for the computer hardware with a cost estimate of \$5,320.73. The computers at Last Chance Liquor have been consistently crashing.

Administrator Martinson stated that the liquor store does not have the customer service support needed with the present system and that is the reason why other software programs have been looked at.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to authorize Administrator Martinson and Debbie Lindgren to order the Microsoft Retail Management Store Operations point of sale system from Coady Software Support and the computer hardware from Compudyne.

MOTION CARRIED

Tammy Palmer was present to update the Council regarding the 5K and 10K races planned for Timberdays. She stated that there will not be any races in 2007. There has been a problem obtaining a permit for the races. A permit will be submitted for 2008.

Mayor Edblom asked if there was going to be a children’s race. Tammy Palmer replied that a permit is needed because River Street is a county road. She stated that the original plan was to award all of the children participating with a t-shirt and a medallion.

Administrator Martinson will inform Police Chief Al Hietala that River Street will not need to be closed during Timberdays.

Toni and Terry Swanson and family donated \$500.00 with a card to Parks and Recreation in honor of their son Dan for the new building.

Tammy Palmer stated that Parks and Recreation want to inquire what needs to be done to name a baseball field. Councilor Storm questioned whether naming the ball field is precluded because of the Doug Johnson Recreation Center name. Councilor Manick stated that Parks and Recreation will attempt to think of a proper name and will address the Council at a future date. Administrator Martinson will contact the City attorney regarding the requirements of naming a field.

Tammy Palmer stated that fencing was put up at the varsity field. Councilor Manick also stated that there is a bill at Cook Building Center for 10 bags quickcrete concrete mix. Councilor Storm questioned how the fencing is going to be paid for. Administrator Martinson stated that the money would have to be transferred from the liquor store.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve transferring funds from Last Chance Liquor for fencing not to exceed \$2,100.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Tammy Palmer updated the Council regarding fundraisers for the new community center building. A golf scramble is planned for June. There is a possibility of a rummage sale before Timberdays. It has been discussed about selling old hockey trophy's and jerseys. The City of Orr is having an All-Class reunion in July and has asked Parks and Recreation to sell food items. A Parade of Homes on Lake Vermilion is planned for August.

Councilor Manick stated that the Garden Club has asked for hanging baskets for the light poles. Administrator Martinson reminded the Council there was a grant given for 2008 to finish beautification of River Street.

Councilor Danz questioned how to fix the tilted sign at the recreation center. Tammy Palmer stated that the snowmobile club put the sign there and that Parks and Recreation hopes to get a new sign.

Councilor Hollanitsch updated the Council regarding the airport. Tree removal was reviewed. The City is waiting for written approval for NPIAS funding. Administrator Martinson updated that the City could proceed with the tree removal.

Four items were reviewed for NPIAS. Steve Towle had stated that it was thought that Friends of Aviation was expected to fund the City's portion for NPIAS funds. Councilor Hollanitsch stated that she informed him that that was not expected.

Three new hangars at the airport will be built this year. There are eight people who have interest in building hangars. Mayor Edblom questioned selling the City hangar. Councilor Hollanitsch stated that there are renters in the City hangar and selling is not an option. Councilor Hollanitsch commented that culverts have been an ongoing issue but no recommendations have been made.

Tracy Schmidt from the State of Minnesota contacted Administrator Martinson regarding extra money that is available for any other projects at the airport that are needed. It would be 70/30 funding. The deadline is May 15, 2007.

Councilor Hollanitsch, Administrator Martinson and Ambulance Director Penny Buckingham have interviewed and recommend hiring Chris Cox as a paid volunteer as an EMT for the Cook Ambulance.

Administrator Martinson stated to the Council that approval is needed for Shawna Kishel to submit applications for FEMA grants for the Cook Volunteer Fire Department requesting an air supply system, a thermal imaging camera, and a 300 gallon per minute NFPA compliant mini pumper with a 300 gallon poly water tank and Foam Pro 1600 system on a GMC 5500 4 door, 4 wheel drive chassis. Pull-tab revenue will match the City's portion of the grant.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve Shawna Kishel to submit applications for FEMA grants for the Cook Volunteer Fire Department with a local match of 5% requesting an air supply system, a thermal imaging camera, a 300 gallon per minute NFPA compliant mini pumper with a 300 gallon poly water tank and Foam Pro 1600 system on a GMC 5500 4 door, 4 wheel drive chassis. **MOTION CARRIED**

The City Hall ADA renovations are to start on May 7 with a completion date of June 1, 2007.

Administrator Martinson stated that approval needs to be given by the Council for the changes made by the Board of Appeal & Equalization for the City of Cook held on April 24, 2007. Mayor Edblom and Councilors Hollanitsch and Storm were in attendance. County assessors advised residents regarding their property value assessments. The next step for residents is to appeal to the County if they are not satisfied with the changes for their property value assessments. These changes are as follows:

Vermilion Small Engine 227 First Street SW Cook, MN 55723	Parcel Code 120-10-230	No Change Made
Mark L. Barnett 321 S Hwy 53 Cook, MN 55723	Parcel Code 120-40-470 Total \$291,600 changed to	Change in Sq. Ft rate -\$21,600 \$270.000

Thomas Soderberg
P O Box 607
Cook, MN 55723

Parcel Code 120-35-150
Total \$10,400 changed to

Lack of Access
-\$4,200
\$6,200

Thomas Soderberg
P O Box 607
Cook, MN 55723

Parcel Code 120-42-111

No Change Made

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to approve the Board of Review results of April 24, 2007. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mesabi Humane Society contacted the City regarding animal control. Administrator Martinson stated that currently the City attempts to locate the owner of any stray animal but there is a concern about removing a stray animal if the owner cannot be found. Contented Critters has been contacted to remove stray animals in the past.

Councilor Storm commented that residents need to register their animals with the City in the event that the owners need to be contacted.

Administrator Martinson informed the Council that the Council minutes are now available on the City of Cook's web page. The website address is www.cookmn.us

Councilor Storm presented a draft of Principles of Cooperation. She stated that it is a good idea for people to understand the basic rules of respect and the ability of working together and serving our citizens. It is her intention to present a final draft at the next Council meeting. Councilor Danz stated that it should be natural for people to respect each other.

St. Mary's Church has applied to have a gambling permit for bingo during Timberdays from the State of Minnesota.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to approve the application for a gambling permit for bingo during Timberdays for the St. Mary's Church. **MOTION CARRIED**

Administrator Martinson stated to the Council that the streetlights on River Street are beautiful but some residents feel that they are too bright. St. Louis County has put a refractor in the light pole in front of City Hall. Everyone was asked to take notice of this and give any feedback.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Hanninen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer