

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COOK CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 23, 2007 – 6 PM – CITY HALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Dick Edblom, Councilors Karen Hollanitsch and Dan Manick

ABSENT: Councilors David Danz and Elizabeth Storm

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynda Hanninen, The Timberjay, Cook News Herald, Lucia More and Roberta Work

Mayor Edblom called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Lucia More and Roberta Work were present to acquaint the City Council with their plan to form The Friends of the Cook Library. The Friends of the Cook Library would like to augment library funding to buy new books. They hope to increase the number of volunteers at the library to take charge of used books. Their plan is to have one member of The Friends of the Cook Library per month purchase a new book and do a review. The Cook News Herald will donate the space for one review per month. There will be a meeting for members and persons wanting to join the Friends of the Cook Library on Monday, August 27 at the Harvest Moon. Mayor Edblom questioned how the group is planning to raise funds. Each person wanting to become a member will be charged \$5.00 for membership. The long-term goal of the group is to add onto the library. There are between 800 and 900 books checked out of the library each month. The group hopes to raise awareness for reading.

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

- A. Approval/correction of Regular Council Minutes of July 26, 2007
- B. Acceptance of the July Police Department Report
- C. Reporting of the July Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2007	\$172,189.09	\$720,602.62
<u>2006</u>	<u>\$171,970.92</u>	<u>\$709,004.20</u>
(+)	\$ 218.17	\$ 11,598.42

- D. Bill Presentation

Paid since last presentation	\$127,572.82
Presented for payment	<u>\$ 85,733.87</u>
	\$213,306.69
- E. August 2007 Airport Operator's Report
- F. Parks & Recreation Minutes – August 22, 2007
- G. Maintenance Department Report
- H. TBEC (Formerly HYW 1) Minutes – July 25, 2007

Councilor Hollanitsch updated regarding the airport. The Airport Commission had discussed the possible sale of the City hangar at the airport. The Commission felt that a copy of the appraisal for the City hangar should not be made public. They will be looking at a new CIP in September. Councilor Hollanitsch has requested for a vice chair for the Airport Commission. There is an individual interested in this position.

Mayor Edblom questioned if there should be a minimum bid for the City hangar. Councilor Hollanitsch stated that the Airport Commission did not suggest a minimum bid amount.

Administrator Martinson requested the authority to advertise a request for bids for the City hangar. She stated that she would contact S.E.H to inquire where to advertise.

Mayor Edblom suggested a minimum bid for the City hangar of \$35,000.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Manick to call for bids for the sale of the City hangar with a minimum bid amount of \$35,000. **MOTION CARRIED**

Administrator Martinson presented the state grant for the tractor/mower for \$46,200 with the City's portion being \$13,860. This tractor/mower will be used for mowing the airport property.

Administrator Martinson also presented the federal grants for the:

Obstruction Tree Removal	\$28,102.50
Engineering	\$ 7,300.00
Administration	\$ 1,008.08
Construction Engineering	\$ 3,500.00
RW 13-31 Ext Justification Report	\$ 9,800.00
810 New Holland Loader	<u>\$ 7,289.42</u>
	\$57,000.00

The federal grant share will be \$54,150, with the City's portion being \$2,850.

Lake States submitted a bid of \$29,929.16 to remove the trees at the airport. Approval of the contract with Lake States needs to be given.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to approve signing the State grant for the tractor/mower purchase by Resolution # 070823, the Federal grant for the tree obstruction removal, construction engineering, the Rwy 13-31 Ext Justification Report. the 810 New Holland Loader and approve the contract with Lake States in the amount of \$29,929.16 for the tree removal. **MOTION CARRIED**

Councilor Manick updated on Parks and Recreation. Tammy Palmer will be applying for grants for playground equipment. Councilor Hollanitsch questioned if Parks and Recreation networks with other communities to get information on how they generate revenues for their parks.

SADD will be putting on the haunted house at the Doug Johnson Recreation Center again this year. They have requested that the fee to use the facility to be waived. It was agreed to waive the fee.

Discussion was held regarding the rummage sale that Parks and Recreation will be holding at the Subway building. Councilor Manick stated that the 2007 budget for Parks and Recreation has been depleted. All of the proceeds from the rummage sale will be designated for the new building. Parks and Recreation requested the City to purchase a punch card to bring what was not sold at the rummage sale to the dump. Administrator Martinson commented that expenses are a part of doing a fundraiser.

Administrator Martinson updated regarding a meeting with St. Louis County. The cost to replace the lenses for the streetlights on River Street will be at the City's expense of \$250 for each lens. St. Louis County was made aware of the pavement problem on Highway 24 and was questioned about the Dollar Barn parking space.

Administrator Martinson requested that a date be set for the Audit meeting for the year ending 2006. A possible date is Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 3:00 PM. One of the agenda items will be Iron Range Resources grant requests. The City can apply for three grant requests. These requested will need to be prioritized.

Councilor Manick commented that he was asked to bring up water rates from different residents.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Hanninen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer