

**COOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2017 – COOK PUBLIC LIBRARY – 6 PM**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Cook Public Library.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harold Johnston called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harold Johnston.

ATTENDANCE: Present at roll call was Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilors Jody Bixby, Karen Hollanitsch, and Kim Brunner. Absent was City Councilor Elizabeth Storm. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, Friends of the Park members Tammy Palmer and Carrolle Wood, librarian Crystal Phillips, The Timberjay and Cook News Herald.

ADDs/DELETES: None

PUBLIC FORUM:

Friends of the Park

Friends of the Park members Tammy Palmer and Carrolle Wood presented a plan for the building of a new storage building behind the Cook Community Center. The proposed storage building would be 20'x32'. It would have three sections: one for Friends of the Park, one for Youth Baseball, and one for the City of Cook. The approximate cost is \$22,000. Friends of the Park has committed \$19,000 to the building and Youth Baseball has committed \$3000. The old shed would be destroyed. The new shed would be located behind the Cook Community Center but toward the south rather than the north where it is now. Northern Lights has agreed to survey at no cost. It would be cold storage and wired with electricity. There would be no windows. The building would belong to the city and the city would be responsible for its upkeep. The city would need to consult with its engineer to make sure there will be no environmental issues with the location. Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Bixby to authorize the city's engineer to look into any environmental issues. **MOTION CARRIED** Motion by Brunner, second by Bixby to support the storage building project. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: See Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Brunner to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of April 27, 2017
- B. Bill Presentation
- C. Ambulance Service May 2017 Report
- D. Recreation Commission Minutes of May 16, 2017
- E. Reporting of the April 2017 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2017	\$ 88,400.82	\$ 325,383.18
2016	\$ 91,693.97	\$ 332,085.44
	\$ - 2888.83	\$ - 7,076.99

- F. Resolution – April 2017 Donations Designated

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Airport

A Master Plan meeting is required for funding; the meeting will be scheduled soon. The planning committee hopes to have a plan submitted by the end of the year to present to the council.

Ambulance

The EMR class is coming up; it starts May 31. There have been donations to cover some of the cost by City of Cook/Fire Department, Cook Hospital, Cook Lion's Club, Owens and Linden Grove Township. These donations should be acknowledged and will be allocated to the training/recruitment fund. EMS Week is this week. The ambulances will be in the Zup's parking lot from 10 AM – 2 PM to give free blood pressure checks as well as other services. The council has to officially approve the hiring of Jessica Graves and accept the resignation of Karen Schultz. Motion by Brunner, second by Hollanitsch to approve the hiring of Jessica Graves and accept the resignation of Karen Schultz. **MOTION CARRIED**

Broadband Steering Committee

The broadband grant was received. The next meeting will be at the Orr Center on June 14, 2017.

Lake Vermilion Trail

The last meeting was held on May 17, 2017 at Greenwood Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss promotions, fundraising, and the master plan. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 14, 2017 in Cook.

Library

Librarian Crystal Phillips gave updates. Many updates have taken place at the library. However, there is still electrical work that needs to be done. There are over 10,000 items in the Cook Library. That includes 1000 CDs. The summer reading program is scheduled to start on June 7, 2017. There are awesome volunteers who help make it happen. There are currently 6 members on the teen advisory board; they are currently working on planning teen events. The library has a new logo which still includes "the moose". It was created by a graphic artist from Arrowhead Library System. The Cook Library will be open on Saturdays this summer from 10 AM – 1 PM. Librarian Phillips discovered that the library needs to have paid staff present during 50% of open hours; this will be discussed more and worked out in the future. Storage is an issue for the library; they are looking for options in regards to where to store used books for their future book sales.

OLD BUSINESS:

LP/Ainsworth site

An update from IRRRB was shared.

NEW BUSINESS:

St. Louis County forfeited lands

There are two forfeited lots adjacent to city-owned property near the Posch lot & Lakes Gas which St. Louis County offered to the city. There will be no cost to the city except for filing fees totaling \$500. A resolution will need to be created which states that the council agrees to the free conveyance of land from St. Louis County. Motion by Brunner to accept the lots, second by Hollanitsch. **MOTION CARRIED**

Friends of the Arts

Friends of the Arts will be displaying their art throughout town during their 7th Annual Spring Art Expo. It will be from June 8-30, 2017.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Brunner asked about the status of the light poles on Vermilion Blvd; those will be taken care of during the bridge project.

It was decided that this year's budget meetings would start at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Johnston requested that before next month's council meeting, the council and guests will visit the two maintenance buildings. The visits would begin at 5 PM with the regular council meeting to take place at City Hall.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 7:06 PM was made by Councilor Brunner and second by Councilor Bixby. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723



Harold Johnston, Mayor



Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator Clerk/Treasurer



Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer