

**COOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2016 – COOK CITY HALL – 6 PM**

TIME AND PLACE: A regular meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at the Cook City Hall.

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 Kim Brunner, Karen Hollanitsch and Elizabeth Storm. Absent was Councilor Jody Bixby. Also present was Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, Recreation Committee member Tammy Palmer, The Timberjay and Cook News Herald.

AGENDA - ADDS/DELETES - APPROVAL: On all future city council agendas, a Roman Numeral Four (IV) will be listed as AGENDA and it will be for Additions and Deletions. This would give the public a chance to ask the council to speak on any concerns they have if they attend the council meetings, or anyone else to make changes to the agenda. The Council will have discretion to approve such requests and approve Agenda as presented. Administrator Martinson requested the addition of N River Street Bridge Project invoice #11569 (project #2010-121) from Erickson Engineering in the amount of \$3220.00 for approval. Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to accept the addition of the Erickson Engineering invoice to the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC FORUM:

JPJ Engineering - Project Updates/Funding Applications

IRRRB Shovel Ready Project. This is a stimulus program, and Administrator Martinson and Maintenance Supervisor Ranta would like to make a presentation in an effort to get funding for street improvements. This would have a \$206,000 project budget. Applications must be submitted to the IRRRB by February 11, 2016. Motion by Councilor Storm, second by Brunner to go ahead with the application process. **MOTION CARRIED**

IRRRB Residential Demolition. JPJ Engineering invoice No. 2 (project #15-169) for \$380 was submitted for approval. Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to approve payment to JPJ Engineering. **MOTION CARRIED**

North River Street Bridge. Approval is needed to accept \$10,000 CDBG grant funds and also payment to Erickson Engineering invoice No. 11525 (project #2010-121) for \$1,132.00, Erickson Engineering invoice #11569 (project #2010-121) for \$3,220.00, and JPJ Engineering invoice #2 for \$1,762.50. Councilor by Brunner, second by Hollanitsch to accept the \$10,000 grant funding and pay the two Erickson Engineering invoices, as well as the JPJ Invoice. **MOTION CARRIED**

Newspaper Bids – Legal Newspaper Appointed

Legal newspaper bids were accepted from the Cook News Herald and The Timberjay. Both papers were notified to print a legal notice in the standard legal format of their respective newspapers. The invoice from the Cook News Herald was noted as the lesser amount at \$1.25 (Timberjay \$1.78). Cook News Herald bid amounts were display ad rate at \$4.00/column inch and legal rate at \$1.00/column inch. The Timberjay bid amount was \$2.75/column inch for display ad rate and \$.89/column inch for legal ad rate.

Recreation (continued)

Palmer stated that most of the cost was related to rerouting of the wiring; the old lights and fixtures are still in use. Mayor Johnston asked Palmer if she could give an estimate of donated labor. She thought donated labor was around \$300,000, with monetary donations were around \$325,000. Councilor Storm thanked Palmer for her ongoing dedication to this project.

Safety

As a member of the Safety Committee, Councilor Storm updated the Council on City safety information. On January 27, 2016, City employees attended AWAIR, ERTK, & GHS training which were held at the Fire Hall; it is mandatory to attend annually. Injury forms & reporting, as well as near misses & job posting locations were also discussed. Other safety training will be taking place throughout the year; information about this training can be found at City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Bow hunt

The New total is 28.

Lake Vermilion Trail

Councilor Storm attended that last Lake Vermilion Trail meeting. She said that the DNR wasn't very excited about managing another trail. She also stated that the City of Cook has so many wetlands, that it really isn't realistic to start a trail in Cook. An alternative route (Highway 115) was discussed at the Trail meeting. Storm continued by saying that the Trail (and Trail funding--) is still in the discussion stages; however, there is a lot of enthusiasm for it. The next meeting is February 4, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Beaudry, IRYA Board member submitted a report from the latest IRYA meeting.

COUNCIL FORUM: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:47 PM was made by Councilor Storm and second by Councilor Brunner. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

Harold Johnston, Mayor

Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer