

**COOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2015 – COOK CITY HALL – 6 PM**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the Cook City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Mayor Karen Hollanitsch called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Mayor Karen Hollanitsch.

ATTENDANCE: Present at Roll Call was Acting Mayor Karen Hollanitsch and City Councilors Jody Bixby, Kim Brunner and Elizabeth Storm. Absent was Mayor Harold Johnston. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, Office Assistant Ruth Boudreau, Tom Klein (The Timberjay), Amy Shuster (The Cook News Herald), Tammy Palmer & Tom Beaudry – Recreation Board Members, and Resident Tom Soderberg.

ADDs/DELETES: None

Add: Dump Truck, Cemetery Board

Move: None

PUBLIC FORUM: New Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry was introduced. Councilor Storm thanked Administrator Martinson and Office Assistant Boudreau for their hard work during the transition period.

Cook Citizen Tom Soderberg expressed concern about the appearance of Doug Johnson Park. Councilor Brunner also stated that some of the signage on the baseball fencing is falling down. Recreation Commission Member Palmer stated that the signs are the responsibility of Youth Baseball but she will contact them about it.

John Jamnick – JPJ Engineering

Vermilion Motel - Partial Pay Estimate from Mesabi Bituminous in the amount of \$28,110.50 and the IRRRB reimbursement of \$38,829.16 which includes reimbursements to the Vermilion Motel. Motion by Storm, second by Bixby to authorize payment and reimbursement. **MOTION CARRIED**

Demo Project IRRRB Grant

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to accept IRRRB Grant PO ID# 3000004349 in the amount of \$17,874.00 and allow the Mayor and Clerk to sign all necessary paperwork. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: See Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to approve the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED**

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of September 24, 2015
- B. Approval/correction of Special Council Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2015 – 2016 Proposed Budget & Levy – Library & Parks and Beautification
- C. Bill Presentation

Presented for Payment	\$ 34,385.03
Paid since last presentation	\$127,703.32

- D. Reporting of the September 2015 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2015	\$146,119.78	\$ 1,210,947.84
2014	<u>\$125,550.38</u>	<u>\$ 1,174,982.95</u>
	\$ 20,569.40	\$ 35,964.89

- E. Resolution – September 2015 Donations Designated
- F. Recreation Commission Minutes of October 5, 2015

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Recreation

Motion by Brunner, second by Bixby to approve the flooding contract with John Mankus and the shoveling contract with MTB & D Lawn and Handyman Service. **MOTION CARRIED**

Maintenance

Administrator Martinson reported that a \$500 down payment was made on a used dump truck. It is a 1998 Sterling purchased for \$35,000.00. The seller still has to do some more work on it for the City. Motion by Bixby, second by Storm to approve the purchase from Boyer Trucks. **MOTION CARRIED**

Ambulance

A donation in the amount of \$3,000 was received from the Cook Lion’s Club to be designated for EMT Training Scholarships.

Cemetery Board

Councilor Storm stated that the cemetery board met and agreed that things look good at the cemetery, although vandalism is still a problem. Storm shared general information about the cemetery with the meeting attendees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Plan

Next meeting is Friday, October 23, 2015 at 10 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

“Cook”toberfest

This is a new event to our community. Many people are involved and there are many events taking place. Please participate and thank those who put it together. There has been good publicity in the papers and a TV station has covered it as well.

Local Business Moving Locations

“North American Deals” is moving from the Subway building and will be opening across from Frank’s Pharmacy on November 16th with the new name of “The Natural Choice”. John Chaulklin and Jill Gilley will be together in the building.

COUNCIL FORUM: Councilor Storm thanked the Stebbins’ for always keeping City Hall decorated. She also thanked CBC for giving their time to put in the flooring at the Community Center. She encouraged everyone to attend the Library Book Sale at the “Cook”toberfest event.

Storm also brought up a concern from a citizen about poor lighting on Vermilion Drive. Brunner also stated it is dark by Gopher Drive. Administrator Martinson stated that Martinson Electric comes Spring & Fall to do lighting maintenance; as a bucket truck is needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business brought before the Council, Motion to adjourn at 6:25 PM by Bixby and second by Brunner. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

Karen Hollanitsch, Acting Mayor

Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator - Clerk/Treasurer

Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer