

SEH invoice No. 311504 (project #2014-1) for \$134,050.00 was submitted for approval. Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to accept and approve payment to SEH. **MOTION CARRIED**

Ambulance

The Personnel Committee recommends the full-time hiring of Marilyn Hannan, as of March 7, 2016, at a rate of \$12/hour. She will be a full-time presence in the ambulance hall. She has already been doing such things as updating the protocol books, organizing the EMS office, brainstorming recruitment & retention ideas, and looking into possible grants for AEDs. Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to approve the hiring of Marilyn Hannan. **MOTION CARRIED**

There is also a recommendation to increase the rates: base rate - \$1100, ALS rate - \$1400, and the rescue sled rate - \$650. Councilor Hollanitsch stated that Cook's rates are quite low and haven't been raised since 2010. Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to approve the increase in rates. **MOTION CARRIED**

Fire

There are no recommendations for the council. The March annual report was presented as well as the 2015 fire call numbers.

Library

The Annual Report and March 2, 2016 Board Report were shared with the council. It is recommended to the council to approve the use of Hiller Commercial Floors to replace the carpet in the library at a cost of \$12,823.00. Councilor Storm stated that the carpet replacement can be done in a week. A quote from Cook Building Center had also been received with the cost of carpet & installation in the amount of \$18,822.35. Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to replace the library carpet using Hiller Floors. **MOTION CARRIED**

Maintenance

Recommendation made by the Personnel Committee to hire Recreation Attendant Garrett Snidarich for part-time/summer grounds maintenance. Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to hire Garrett Snidarich for part-time/summer grounds maintenance. **MOTION CARRIED**

Planning & Zoning

The Planning & Zoning committee recommends issuing two variances. The first is to the Cook Hospital for their expansion of the nursing home; the proposed Variance requested from Ordinance No. 901 – Building and Land Use Regulations, Section 901.07 – R1 – One & Two Family Residential District, Subdivision 1 requirements as listed:

- 30 feet on Front Yard Setback. Reduction from 30 feet to 10 feet. Requesting 20 foot variance.

The hospital is located in a residential district. It is a corner lot, and considered a dual front yard setback. A certificate of survey with land description is available at city hall for viewing.

The second is for Kevin Brady for the purpose of constructing a garage on the property located at 109 First Street SE, Cook, MN 55723. Ashawa Village of Cook. Block 9. Lots 27, 28, & 29.

Proposed Variance requested from Ordinance No. 901—Building and Land Use Regulations, Section 901-07 – R1 – One & Two Family Residential District, Subdivision 1 requirements as listed:

- 20 feet on Rear Yard Setback. Reduction from 20 feet to 15 feet. Requesting 5 foot variance.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to accept both recommendations from Planning and Zoning to grant Variances to the Cook Hospital and Kevin Brady. **MOTION CARRIED**

Recreation

The Personnel Committee recommends the hiring of Recreation Attendant Lois Pajari at \$10.30/hr, starting 2/9/16 and Recreation Attendant Garrett Snidarich at \$10.30/hr, starting 3/5/16. Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve the hiring of Lois Pajari and Garrett Snidarich. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

Lake Vermilion Trail

Council Storm stated that the Lake Vermilion Trail group is asking for letters of support. The trail group is looking at routes. If the trails can go past local businesses there is a possibility of economic impact. The next meeting is April 13th, 2016 in Tower. Mayor Johnston asked if there would be any eminent domain issues. Councilor Storm stated that there would be. Storm stated that there is a logo contest being run with the help of North Woods Friends of the Arts. Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve the sending of a letter of support. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

Complaint Form

The administrative office has updated the complaint form to keep things streamlined. Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to approve the new form. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayoral Proclamation Request

Mayor Johnston requests to proclaim April as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”. Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve the proclamation. **MOTION CARRIED**

6th Annual Spring Art Expo

The North Woods Friends of the Arts is having their 6th Annual Spring Art Expo June 10-24, 2016. Administrator Martinson asks that we spread the word about this event to support our local community.

2015 Annual Report of the Cook-Orr Health District

Eric Pederson provided the annual report for the council.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Storm thanked everyone for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:23 PM was made by Councilor Storm and second by Councilor Hollanitsch. **MOTION CARRIED**

Harold Johnston, Mayor

Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer