

**COOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 – COOK CITY HALL – 6 PM**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, September 22, 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 Jody Bixby and Kim Brunner. Absent were City Councilors Karen Hollanitsch and Elizabeth Storm. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, Recreation Commission members Tammy Palmer & Jeannie Taylor, and Cook News Herald.

ADDs/DELETES: None

Add: None

Move: Recreation Commission report to the Public Forum

PUBLIC FORUM:

Recreation Commission Report

Tammy Palmer and Jeannie Taylor stated that the Grand Opening Open House for the Cook Community Center is going to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016, from 11 – 2 PM. There will be a kid's zone, food, and a door prize. The first 200 guests will receive a free water bottle. The commission wants to keep it simple and nice. Dignitaries will be invited. They hope to have a fire truck there for the kids, as well as a suggestion box.

In other community center news, they are getting a quote from Manick concerning landscaping. Councilor Brunner asked if the commission had ever been approached about replacing the current pine trees along Gopher Drive. Palmer stated that that is something the commission could discuss. Palmer stated that they are going to put a concrete walkway and curbing around the playground. They are also going to put in some new playground equipment. Palmer also stated that the commission recommends hiring someone to do PR for the community center 5-10 hours a week; they want to make sure that people are aware of the community center. Council Brunner inquired about the rink timer. Palmer said that one is going to be installed. Administrator Martinson asked about a sign for the building. The commission was thinking about a saw blade design. Administrator Martinson thanked the recreation committee for all of their hard work.

JPJ Engineering

Administrator Martinson reported that there are no updates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: See Consent Agenda.

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

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of August 25, 2016
- B. Approval/correction of Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2016 – 2017 Proposed Budget & Levy – Preliminary Adoption and Streets and Alleys Budget

C. Bill Presentation

D. Reporting of the August 2016 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2016	\$184,958.67	\$ 1,065,792.29
2015	<u>\$183,006.58</u>	<u>\$ 1,063,967.81</u>
	\$ 1,952.09	\$ 1,824.48

- E. Resolution – August 2016 Donations Designated
- F. Ambulance Service September 2016 Report
- G. Recreation Commission Minutes of September 12, 2016

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Airport

Approval needed to pay SEH invoice #317207 in the amount of \$26,810 for the Airport Master Plan & Layout Plan. Motion by Bixby, second by Brunner to pay SEH invoice #317207 in the amount of \$26, 810. **MOTION CARRIED**

Maintenance

Administrator Martinson stated that the water meter project is under way; it is going very well.

There is the possibility for the City of Cook to partake in a Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) cost analysis of water quality standards, completed by Barr Engineering Co. Participating in this study would give the city documented information which may be good to have in the future. This is completely funded with no cost to the city. Motion by Bixby, second by Brunner to participate in the study if selected by MMB.

MOTION CARRIED

Administrator Martinson shared with the council that the purchase of Dick Edblom’s garage is final and shared an e-mail from Edblom thanking the city for purchasing the garage.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blandin Grant - Broadband

Administrator Martinson stated that representatives from the cities of Cook and Orr, as well as the Bois Forte Reservation met and talked about broadband opportunities. If selected, Bois Forte has stated they will be the fiscal agent for the project. Cook needs approval for authorization to join in the application process for these funds. Motion by Brunner, second by Bixby to authorize the City of Cook to be a joint-applicant for this Broadband grant opportunity. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor’s Monarch Pledge

In an effort to help reverse the monarch butterfly decline, the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) is asking cities to share best practices with their citizens. The NWF will be sharing additional information once the pledge has been signed.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Brunner stated that the new sidewalk on 5th Street is great. A lot of people are using it. There are still concerns about the speed of traffic. Administrator Martinson said that it had been suggested to maybe put in a 3-way stop at the intersection of Vermilion Blvd and 5th Street; further research and review will have to take place.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business brought before the Council, Motion to adjourn at 6:35 PM by Brunner, second by Bixby. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

Harold Johnston, Mayor

Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator Clerk/Treasurer

Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer