

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COOK CITY COUNCIL
OCT 23, 2008 – CITY HALL – 6 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Dick Edblom, Councilors Karen Hollanitsch, Elizabeth Storm and Dave Danz

ABSENT: Councilor Dan Manick

OTHERS PRESENT: Cook News Herald, Officer Dan Nylund, Donna Snyder, Nancy Argalias, Tammi Palmer, Luke Whitney, Carol Wood, Dianne Brunner, Cook School SADD Chapter Representatives, Joni Bergrstrom, Jodi Bixby, Candi Nylund, Josh Nylund, John Jamnick-RLK Engineering, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson and Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm.

Mayor Dick Edblom called the regular meeting of the Cook City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Cook School students and supporters of SADD distributed information to the council and meeting attendees promoting their haunted house held at the Doug Johnson Recreation Center. The event runs from October 29th through October 31st.

RLK Engineer, John Jamnick, reported that the preliminary water test results for the city well project need more data for consistency to be approved by the MN Dept of Health. The initial water quality will be re-tested and a full bore testing will be done. It is not uncommon for additional water testing to be done and KO Well Drilling recommends a 4 hour test pump (rather than 72 hour) to produce a new sample for the MN Dept of Health. The test well is temporary and 120 feet deep. Once the samples are approved then two permanent wells will be drilled.

The following invoices were presented to the council for payment: \$25,280.50 for KO Well Drilling in the test drilling/pumping of the new city wells. The well testing was reviewed by Engineer, John Jamnick and recommended to pay. Also, \$3963.00 to RLK Engineering for additional engineering services on the city well project.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to approve payments to KO Well Drilling for \$25,280.50 and RLK Engineering for \$3963.00 for the city well project. **Motion Carried.**

Administrator Martinson requested approval of the Riverstreet Scape Project Memorandum to submit to St. Louis County. This grant seeks funding for the project involving the new bridge located on the north end of River Street. Once the project memorandum is submitted to St. Louis County then it will be forwarded to MNDot and finalized by the project engineers. Once approved, RLK Engineer, John Jamnick will have authority to move forward with the project.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Danz to approve the Riverstreet Scape Project Memorandum and authorize RLK Engineer, John Jamnick to move forward with the project. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Danz, second by Storm to approve the consent agenda as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of September 25, 2008
- B. Acceptance of September Police Department Report
- C. Reporting of the September Liquor Store Sales

| | <u>MTD</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
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| 2008 | \$110,050.06 | \$1,033,891.12 |
| 2007 | <u>\$106,984.52</u> | <u>\$ 986,648.22</u> |
| (-) | \$ 3,065.54 | \$ 47,242.90 |

D. Bill Presentation

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| Paid since last presentation | \$ 93,327.06 |
| Presented for payment | \$ 296,128.24 |

E. October Airport Operator's Report

F. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – October 21,2008

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Tammi Palmer reported that \$115,000 has been raised for the Doug Johnson Parks and Recreation building fund and fundraisers will be held monthly throughout the year. The Parks and Recreation Committee will move forward with the next phase of the building design with DSWG Architects.

Tammi Palmer has recommended council approval for the youth baseball program to construct a t-ball field at the park when the new road project is completed. The t-ball project is funded by the youth baseball program and grants at no cost to the city. The city will still be responsible for mowing the fields, which is already being done on the existing fields. Once the youth baseball program receives approval they will finalize their funding and design plans.

Motion by Danz, second by Storm to approve construction of a t-ball field by the youth baseball program, at no cost to the city. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Storm, second by Danz to contract (for a 3rd year) with John A. Mankus to make ice and maintain the ice rinks from 12-1-08 to 3-31-08 for a cost of \$2840.00.

A recommendation was made by Administrator Martinson to hire Susan Stone as the new City Hall office assistant contingent on a verified credentials background check. Motion by Karen, second by Storm to approve hire. **Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to sign and accept Grant #B43-2189 for \$280,000 for the city well project. **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

The City of Cook will send a letter recognizing the Eagle Scout Award achievements of Thomas Hill - Boy scout Troop 128. Thomas is a Cook High School student.

Mayor Edblom has proclaimed October 20th – 24th as Manufacturer’s Week, which recognizes support for the economy.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Storm recognized city staff and the council for their efforts to focus on a tight budget due to the economy this year.

Mayor Edblom reminded individuals to vote on Election Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Danz, second by Hollanitsch to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer