

**COOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2013 – COOK CITY HALL – 6 PM**

TIME AND PLACE: A regular meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, November 21, 2013 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 and Karen Hollanitsch. Absent were City Councilors Jody Bixby and Elizabeth Storm. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Palm, Cook News Herald and The Timberjay.

ADDs/DELETES: Mayor Harold Johnston read into the record the revisions to the original agenda.

Add: None

Move: None

PUBLIC FORUM:

The Old Muni Bar – Jack Luecken - Owner

Requested to be on agenda regarding city required proof of transfer documents for liquor licensing as ownership is changing. Jack Luecken did not attend the council meeting.

Administrator Martinson provided the following project updates on behalf of JPJ Engineering:

2013 Street Improvements

JPJ Engineer John Jamnick recommends Partial Pay Estimate #2 to KGM Contractors Inc. for \$444,142.57 and JPJ Invoice No. 5 in the amount of \$16,549.37.

Motion by Brunner, second by Hollanitsch to approve Partial Pay Estimate #2 to KGM Contractors Inc. for \$444,142.57 and JPJ Engineering Invoice No. 5 in the amount of \$16,549.37 for the 2013 Street Improvements Project. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: See Consent Agenda.

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

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of October 24, 2013
- B. Approval/correction of Special Council Minutes of October 24, 2013 -2014 Proposed Budget & Levy and 2014 Recreation and Airport Budgets
- C. Bill Presentation Paid since last presentation \$317,296.82
 Presented for payment \$500,685.25

D. Reporting of the October 2013 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2013	\$112,812.93	\$1,292,284.14
2012	<u>\$106,457.46</u>	<u>\$1,267,854.79</u>
	\$ 6,355.47	\$ 24,429.35

E. Resolution – October 2013 Donations Designated

F. Ambulance Service Report

G. Cook Chamber of Commerce Minutes of October 28, 2013

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Library – Steve Harsin – Librarian

Librarian Steve Harsin presented the Library Board with artist recommendations for the Art Project sponsored through Arrowhead Library System (ALS). Funding through ALS is \$12,000 for compensation to the artist and the library receives the artwork for display at no cost to the city.

Three entries were received for the competition and the board interviewed the artists and chose Ron Benson of Duluth for his work in glass. In January, Ron Benson will submit an art proposal to the Library Board by the established deadline. In February, the board would like to finalize the proposal for completion.

The board would like to recommend the council accept Ron Benson of Duluth for his work in glass for the library artwork and give the motion to proceed with the project.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Brunner to accept Ron Benson of Duluth for his work in glass and give motion to proceed with the public art project sponsored through the Arrowhead Library System. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

SHIP Update

Upon the availability of grant funding through SHIP, two bike racks were proposed for placement at the River Street Park/Library and the Doug Johnson Recreation Area. Council input is needed for color and location if funding is available. Placement will also be discussed with the Recreation Commission and Maintenance. If funding is available for only one bike rack, it will be placed in River Street Park/Library area as the committee selected it based on location to downtown commerce.

Motion by Brunner, second by Hollanitsch to support the purchase of a bike rack (s) based on funding availability through SHIP. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

Cook's Country Christmas

Northwood's Friends of the Arts and Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners will co-host Cook's Country Christmas for 2013. Trees and signage will be placed at the Gazebo in the park and the library will be utilized for cookies and refreshments along with Santa and a free movie held at the Comet Theater.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Brunner commented that the streets are looking good for the 2013 Street Improvements Project.

Councilor Hollanitsch wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM was made by Councilor Hollanitsch and second by Councilor Brunner. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

Harold Johnston, Mayor

Recorder: Cindy Palm, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer