

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COOK CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 15, 2012 – CITY HALL – 6 PM**

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Karen Hollanitsch, Councilors Kim Brunner and Elizabeth Storm

ABSENT: Mayor Harold Johnston and Councilor Jody Bixby

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm, Airport Coordinator Tom Woock, The Timberjay and Cook News Herald

Acting Mayor Karen Hollanitsch called the regular city council meeting to order at 6 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of October 25, 2012
- B. Approval/correction of the Special Council Minutes of October 25, 2012 - 2013 Proposed Budget and Levy-Recreation and Airport
- C. Approval/correction of the Public Hearing Minutes of October 25, 2012-2013 Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project
- D. Approval/correction of the Planning & Zoning Public Hearing Minutes of October 25, 2012-Dan Reing Wood Shed Variance
- E. Bill Presentation Presented for payment \$ 87,199.56 Paid since last presentation \$128,021.71
- F. Reporting of the October 2012 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2012	\$ 106,633.24	\$ 1,268,030.57
2011	\$ <u>107,136.69</u>	\$ <u>1,210,796.10</u>
	\$ (503.45)	\$ 57,234.47
- G. Resolution – October 2012 Donations Designated
- H. Airport Operator’s Report
- I. Ambulance Service Report
- J. Library Board Minutes of September 5, 2012

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION CARRIED**

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Liquor Store

At the October Regular Council Meeting, the Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk/Stocker position was increased to a minimum starting pay of \$10/hour. Due to the starting increase (\$8.50 to \$10.00), administration is requesting that the annual incremental step be decreased from 2.75% to 2%. This was reviewed and approved during the special study session prior to the regular council meeting for November.

OLD BUSINESS:

Northwest Pest Management will continue to monitor the pigeon control at the Doug Johnson Recreation Area. The pigeons have moved from the pavilion to the recreation center as the exterior fascia had not been completed for closure.

The MN DNR of Tower has been contacted regarding a special bow hunt in the city limits of Cook. It was recommended that the city regulate or ban the feeding of deer within the city as an alternate to a special bow hunt. If interested, there is a process to follow and the special bow hunt would not be eligible until as early as fall 2013. The city could hold a public hearing with the MN DNR for public comment for a proposed special bow hunt within the city limits. It is recommended that the city ordinances be reviewed prior to making a final decision for a special bow hunt within city limits.

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to proceed with the intent of a special bow hunt through the MN DNR within the city limits of Cook by seeking public comment through a public hearing meeting in 2013. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

MN Rural Water has invited the council to attend an informational training session designed to assist communities in preparing, developing and managing upcoming or recently completed wastewater and/or water projects. The nearest session will be held in Cohasset on November 28th, if interested council members can be registered through city hall.

ARDC Active Arrowhead Task Force is seeking members to join a task force that will provide a venue for leaders from throughout the region to provide guidance, share knowledge and deliver support to local community active transportation efforts. The City of Cook is currently active on a local level through the St. Louis County SHIP Program.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Acting Mayor Hollanitsch contacted Lake Country Power regarding street light issues in Cook and especially regarding 2nd Avenue and Vermilion Boulevard by the railroad tracks. The sensors on the light poles are aimed directly at the vehicle headlights causing the lights to constantly re-adjust. The sensors will be aimed in a different direction to adjust this situation.

Councilor Storm thanked the city staff for all their efforts for 2012 and gave Thanksgiving wishes to all.

Reminder that the next regular council meeting and Truth in Taxation will be held December 20th at 6 PM with no 5 PM study session scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to adjourn the regular council meeting at 6:25 PM. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer