

**COOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2013 – COOK CITY HALL – 6 PM**

TIME AND PLACE: A regular meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at the Cook City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harold Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:18 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, Karen Hollanitsch and Elizabeth Storm. Absent was City Councilor Jody Bixby. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Maintenance Superintendent Bud Ranta, Cook News Herald and The Timberjay.

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

Add: Cemetery Board Report

Move: None

PUBLIC FORUM:

Administrator Martinson and Maintenance Superintendent Ranta provided the following project updates on behalf of JPJ Engineering:

2013 Wastewater Treatment Improvements

JPJ Engineer John Jannick recommends Partial Pay Estimate #3 to Utility Systems of America, Inc. for \$20,285.44.

2013 Commercial Demolition/Former Sewage Plant

JPJ Engineer John Jannick and Maintenance Superintendent Ranta recommend approval of the Bill Gruska Construction Invoice #6496 for \$42,610.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Brunner to approve Partial Pay Estimate #3 to Utility Systems of America, Inc. for \$20,285.44 for 2013 Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project and approve Bill Gruska Construction Invoice #6496 for \$42,610 for the Commercial Demolition/Former Sewage Plant Project.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor and Councilors discussed holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in the spring of the year to recognize the paving project and honor Senator Tom Bakk for his efforts in assisting the City of Cook in securing funding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: See Consent Agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of November 21, 2013
- B. Approval/correction of Special Council Minutes of November 21, 2013-2014 Proposed Budget & Levy

C. Bill Presentation	Paid since last presentation	\$196,173.33
	Presented for payment	\$113,742.73
D. Reporting of the November 2013 Liquor Store Sales		
	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2013	\$120,288.42	\$1,413,803.41
2012	\$118,223.64	\$1,386,078.43
	\$ 2,064.78	\$ 27,724.98
E. Resolution – November 2013 Donations Designated		
F. Ambulance Service Report		
G. Cook Chamber of Commerce Minutes of November 25, 2013		

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Cemetery Board – Councilor Elizabeth Storm

Councilor Elizabeth Storm updated regarding a Cemetery Board Meeting held October 29th. The current personnel hired to do the mowing has resigned so board is looking for replacement. Vandalism is a serious problem. She would like to remind everyone to report any suspicious activity as it is not a perpetual care facility. The cemetery is a final resting place to be respected and not destroyed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Old Muni Licensing

Administrator Martinson reported that the transfer documentation is the final piece needed to finalize the licensing for ARH Enterprises. Holm has indicated that it will be provided. City Attorney Mark Weir will determine if acceptable and licensing will be determined.

NEW BUSINESS:

License Renewals: VFW Post 1757

All documentation and payments have been received for their 2014 licensing.

Motion by Brunner, second by Hollanitsch to approve the following license renewals for the VFW Post 1757: On Sale Intoxicating Club & Sunday, Off Sale 3.2 and Games License. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mediacom Letter – Rate Adjustments

Adjustment of rates letter was provided.

League of MN Cities Experienced Officials Leadership Conference

This conference will be held January 31-February 1 in Brooklyn Center. Agenda is “Dealing with Difficult People”. Anyone wishing to attend contact City Hall for registration.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Storm reported that the Thistledeew Camp has a program available where their inmates can assist with community projects. This may be something the city wishes to consider in the future.

Councilor Storm gave thanks to all the city employees for their hard work and offered healthy holiday greetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM was made by Councilor Storm 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