

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COOK CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 25, 2010 – CITY HALL – 6 PM**

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PRESENT: Mayor Dick Edblom, Councilors Karen Hollanitsch, Dan Manick and Elizabeth Storm  
ABSENT: Councilor Jody Bixby  
OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm,  
The Timberjay, Terry Kantola, Greg Burckhardt and Tammy Palmer

Mayor Edblom called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Terry Kantola addressed the Spectrum Variance that was granted. Terry Kantola reported that the proper procedures were not followed and that cement was poured on the project and had not been approved by Planning and Zoning. As an adjacent landowner, he felt that he was not entitled to voice his opinion on the variance. On the city's behalf, proper protocol was followed and the city could not control the pouring of the cement as were not notified ahead of time. Terry Kantola was at the planning and zoning meeting regarding this variance and had the opportunity to voice his opinion and did not.

RLK Engineering presented pay estimate #5 for \$5,729.90 to Traut Wells and pay estimate #7 for \$38,296.69 to Magney Construction for the Well and Water Treatment Plant Projects.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve pay estimate #5 for \$5,729.90 to Traut Wells and pay estimate #7 for \$38,296.69 to Magney Construction. **MOTION CARRIED**

Legal newspaper bids were opened from the Cook News Herald and the Timberjay. Bids submitted were based on the same pica size of 12 Pica – lowercase alphabet. The Cook News Herald is awarded as the 2010 official legal newspaper with 1.5" legal at \$2.40 per inch.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to award Cook News Herald low bid as the 2010 legal newspaper. **MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval/correction of Regular Council Minutes of January 28, 2010
- B. Reporting of the January 2010 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2010	\$70,107.84	\$70,107.84
2009	<u>\$72,016.95</u>	<u>\$72,016.95</u>
	\$ (1,909.11)	\$ (1,909.11)

- C. Bill Presentation      Paid since last presentation      \$156,606.04  
   Presented for payment      \$ 40,106.02
- D. Airport Operator's Report
- E. Maintenance Department Report
- F. Ambulance Service Activity Report
- G. Recreation Committee Minutes of February 15, 2010

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

## **COMMISSION AND STAFF:**

Approval is needed for S.E.H. Contract Amendment to include final design, plans and specifications, including wetland permitting, for proposed improvements at the Cook Municipal Airport (runway reconstruct/extensions, lighting, etc.) in the amount of \$87,600. The city's portion of 5% is \$4,380 and Friends of Aviation will be approached to cover this amount or utilize funds designated from legislative funding.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to approve and submit the S.E.H. Contract Amendment Grant for proposed improvements at the Cook Municipal Airport. **MOTION CARRIED**

A transfer of \$50,000 will be made to reduce negative cash in the airport cash accounts. The negative cash is old debt that can be reduced with funds received from airport fuel sales. Funds from fuel sales will pay for the upgrade to the current fuel system which will be obsolete in June 2010.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to transfer \$50,000 from the airport fuel sales cash account to reduce negative airport cash. **MOTION CARRIED**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Administration will receive a written agreement from our Attorneys', Colosimo, Patchin, Kearney and Brunfelt, for the LABCO water meter project. This agreement will be submitted to Granite Bonding. In this agreement Mayor Edblom and Administrator Martinson will review the warranty information for future coverage.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution No. 100225 approving the application and acceptance of Iron Range Resources Grant #B43-2420 in the amount of \$25,000 for the ICO Motel/Restaurant building site project which includes building demolition, disposal of material and site improvements.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to approve Resolution No. 100225 approving the application and acceptance of Iron Range Resources Grant #B43-2420 for \$25,000 for demolition of the ICO Motel/Restaurant building site project. **MOTION CARRIED**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church submitted an application for approval of a gambling premises permit for a Haiti fundraiser (Bingo) at the VFW on March 28, 2010.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to approve a gambling premises permit for St. Paul's Lutheran Church for a Haiti fundraiser (Bingo) at the VFW on March 28, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Local Board of Review's authority is held with St. Louis County instead of the City of Cook. Authority was transferred to the county because of past non-quorums of the Cook City Council. If the city wishes to change the status then a resolution would have to be adopted. The next meeting for Cook taxpayers is April 7, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the County Assessor's Office in Virginia, MN.

## **COUNCIL FORUM:**

The police squad has sold to St Louis County for \$20,000.00. Councilor Manick would like to see these proceeds utilized to pay down the Storm Sewer Loan. Councilor Storm feels the funds need to be held until we know what percentage of cuts the city will take in LGA (Local Government Aid).

Councilor Hollanitsch reported that there have been communication issues with board absence among the council. She requested that board absences be better communicated as the council depends on a quorum to vote at council meetings.

Councilor Storm expressed concern over the neutral position that the city council has elected to hold concerning the discussion of school issues. Rumors have conveyed that opinions may be developing from the council after agreeing to remain neutral.

Councilor Storm presented those in attendance with the Cook Hospital 2009 Annual Report. She has requested that the city consider a state of the city report for the future.

Mayor Edblom reminded the council that Russ Hyppa had not been appointed by the Mayor of Cook to attend the District 2142 school meeting regarding the closing and restructuring of schools. Russ Hyppa had been appointed by a concerned citizens group and Mayor Edblom thanks Russ Hyppa for representing the concerned citizens.

**(Cindy Left Off)**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm  
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer