

**COOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2014 – COOK CITY HALL – 6 PM**

TIME AND PLACE: A regular meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, February 27, 2014 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 Jody Bixby, Kim Brunner and Elizabeth Storm. Absent was City Councilor Karen Hollanitsch. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm, and Cook News Herald.

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

Add: None

Move: None

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: See Consent Agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of January 23, 2014

B. Bill Presentation	Paid since last presentation	\$59,311.42
	Presented for payment	\$59,549.93

C. Reporting of the January 2014 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2014	\$80,842.92	\$ 80,842.92
2013	<u>\$ 74,777.89</u>	<u>\$ 74,777.89</u>
	\$ 6,065.03	\$ 6,065.03

D. Resolution – January 2014 Donations Designated

E. Ambulance Service Report

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Vermilion Regional Safety Group – February 6, 2014 Meeting

The Vermilion Regional Safety Group consisting of Cook, Babbitt, Breitung, Ely, Tower and Winton and held their annual meeting on February 6, 2014. This group was established for positive safety networking and training and to reduce costs by rotating training amongst these participating communities. Safety training and commission meeting dates have been set for 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARDC Comprehensive Plan

IRRRB funding has been approved for the ARDC Comprehensive Plan as follows:

The ARDC cost for the comprehensive plan is \$20,000 with IRRRB funding approved to the city at 50% (\$10,000) and in-kind ARDC funds at \$5,000. The city's funding is \$5,000. The 2014 general fund budget was adopted with planning budgeted.

In moving forward with the project, meetings will be held closer to spring and summer to include seasonal residents in the comprehensive planning process.

Wellhead Protection Plan – MN DOT letter dated 2/11/14

The MN Department of Health has received the City of Cook Wellhead Protection Plan and has commended the city for their efforts in preparing a plan to protect the drinking water supply from contamination.

The MN Department of Health's approval or disapproval must be completed by May 8, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Appeal & Equalization

St. Louis County Board of Appeal & Equalization is hosting a Catch-Up Training Session for the local board of appeals on March 18, 2014 at 6 PM at the Cotton Community Center.

2013 Audit Recommendations – General Fund Commitments

Walker, Giroux and Hahne presented the 2013 general fund committed account balances for council approval as part of the 2013 audit.

Committed Accounts

Street Equipment	\$1,866.27
Library Equipment	\$9,837.01
Friends of the Library	\$4,605.38
Library Book Fund	\$2,580.19
Library ALS Reimburse	\$1,336.50
Recreation Building Fund	\$59,430.36
Recreation Property Maintenance	\$4,000.00
Recreation Programs	\$1,276.00
Fire Truck	\$110,944.64
Fire Equipment	\$12,357.90
Ambulance	\$569,113.39
Ambulance Pager	\$10,819.00
Ambulance Radio	\$6,407.00
Airport Capital Improvements	\$1,400.00

Motion by Storm, second by Bixby to approve the 2013 committed account balances as provided by Walker, Giroux and Hahne as part of the 2013 audit. **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Storm thanked the maintenance department for their dedicated work for snow removal during this difficult winter and noted how nice our streets look compared to other communities.

Councilor Storm thanked local businesses who continue to operate through determination and faith during difficult times.

The maintenance department does not recommend running water to avoid frozen lines at this time.

Administrator Martinson provided the council with a picture of the new ambulances that should arrive towards the end of March. She also shared the Arrowhead Library System annual budget for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:25 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