

The Beautification Committee has scheduled a tentative city clean up day for August 2011.

Liquor Store Manager, Deb Lindgren, received quotes from Martinson Electric and Reichel Electric to replace all interior lighting with new ballast fixtures in the liquor store. The current lighting is outdated and a safety issue, and the change will produce considerable energy savings. Martinson Electric received the low bid at \$2,370 with Reichel Electric bidding \$2,880. Funding is set aside for this project.

Motion by Storm, second by Bixby to accept Martinson Electric's low quote of \$2,370 for replacement of all the interior lighting at Last Chance Liquors. **MOTION CARRIED**

Maintenance Supervisor, Bud Ranta presented a maintenance quote for \$3,600 per year from Controls Plus to provide electrical maintenance on the control panel in the new water treatment plant. Ranta feels that more research is needed prior to accepting this contract and will further review for the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None as Councilor Hollanitsch is absent to report on the Lake Vermilion Trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City of Cook's Local Board of Review for property taxes will be held April 6, 2011 from 10-11 a.m. in the St. Louis County Assessor's office in Virginia.

The Council acknowledges Eagle Scout Recognition to Ted Paakkonen and Ethan Olson for their Eagle Scout Awards. Both students have completed projects at the Doug Johnson Recreation area and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Mayor Johnston has requested the council consider approaching the ISD 2142 School Board to determine what it would take to maintain the current school in Cook. His concerns are to keep young children local and what will happen to the empty building once the new school is constructed. The city will not only lose the utility sales to the existing school but the city will lose as a whole through its residents and businesses.

Mayor Johnston feels that the council should approach the ISD 2142 School Board and ask these questions for the City of Cook. Mayor Johnston is not asking the council to make a statement for the current school issue of building in Field Township.

Motion by Johnston, second by Brunner to approach the ISD 2142 School Board and review consideration of maintaining a school in the City of Cook.

Aye: Mayor Johnston and Councilor Brunner

Nay: None

Abstain: Councilors Bixby and Storm

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Storm, second by Bixby to adjourn the regular council meeting at 6:43 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer