

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COOK CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 28, 2013 – CITY HALL – 6 PM**

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

ABSENT: Councilor Jody Bixby

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm, Cook News Herald, The Timberjay, and Jack Luecken

Mayor Harold Johnston called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Old Muni owner Jack Luecken requested council permission to have a street dance from 7-12 PM on Friday and Saturday evening during Timber Days, the annual community festival, on River Street in front of his establishment. He is requesting permission for the use of one block which will be considerate of other businesses, fenced off with controlled access and following all regulations. He would also like to see more involvement in the Fireman's Challenge than in the past and will consider getting more involved with this process for this year.

City Attorney Mark Weir did not find any ordinance that prohibits such an event and referred to Ordinance No. 506 – An Ordinance to regulate the operation of any show, carnival or dance within the city limits of Cook, and includes that no dances are allowed on the Sabbath Day.

State liquor licensing outside the premises is allowable for annual events as long as all applicable laws are followed. Insurance requirements will need to be met which will require fencing and control of the designated area.

The city contracts with St. Louis County for one Deputy Sheriff during Timber Days and there have been no additional issues.

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to give permission to Jack Luecken, Old Muni, to have a street dance during Timber Days on Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 7-12 PM and to extend the premises to include one block of River Street in front of his establishment, subject to all requirements for state liquor licensing, insurance and safety regulations. **MOTION CARRIED**

JPJ Engineer John Jannick provided quotes for the 2013 Commercial Demolition Project for the asbestos inspection and hazardous materials portion of the old wastewater plant. Braun Intertec had the low bid of \$976.40 and is recommended by Jannick, based on awarding of the project, that the City of Cook accept their low bid.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to accept Braun Intertec as the low bid of \$976.40 based on awarding of the project by the City of Cook for the 2013 Commercial Demolition Project - asbestos inspection and hazardous materials portion of the old wastewater plant. **MOTION CARRIED**



## **NEW BUSINESS:**

An open forum discussion regarding the vacant Cook School building has been scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 6 PM at the Cook Hospital Main Conference Room hosted by officials from the Cook Hospital. A Special Meeting Notice by the City of Cook has been posted as a quorum of the Cook City Council may be present.

Walker, Giroux and Hahne presented the 2012 fund transfers and committed account balances for council approval as part of the 2012 audit.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Brunner to approve the 2012 fund transfers and committed account balances as provided by Walker, Giroux and Hahne as part of the 2012 audit. **MOTION CARRIED**

St. Louis County Board of Appeal & Equalization is hosting a Catch-Up Training Session for the local board of appeals on March 18, 2013 at 6 PM at the Cotton Community Center.

Advocates for Family Peace (AFFP), formerly Range Women's Advocates, is a six-program agency serving victims of domestic violence and their children. They have recently extended their services to Northern St. Louis County.

## **COUNCIL FORUM:**

Councilor Storm commended the maintenance department and airport personnel for the exceptional snow removal for the season. She also urges snowmobilers to use caution when traveling within city limits as a snowmobile hit a fire hydrant near her home.

Councilor Brunner enjoyed the ventriloquist event held at the Cook Library.

Mayor Johnston thanked the Wolf Track Classic Event for coming to Cook.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Brunner to adjourn the regular council meeting at 6:45 PM.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm  
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer