

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COOK CITY COUNCIL  
March 26, 2009 – CITY HALL – 6 PM**

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PRESENT: Mayor Dick Edblom, Councilors Elizabeth Storm, Jody Bixby and Dan Manick

ABSENT: Councilor Karen Hollanitsch

OTHERS PRESENT: The Timberjay, Resident Geri Wilkinson, RLK Engineer John Jammick, Maintenance Supervisor Bud Ranta, Care Partners Director Tasia Hoag, Cook Chamber President Ellie Brunner, Ambulance Director Penny Buckingham, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson and Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm

Mayor Dick Edblom called the regular meeting of the Cook City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Chamber of Commerce President Ellie Brunner approached the Council for approval of the following Timber Days events to be held June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>:

Permission to close River Street for a car and motorcycle show and the parade, a permit to serve beer at the Doug Johnson Field for the softball tournament, an application for a gambling permit, and to use a private owned bobcat to level the grounds where the old Lobe Chevrolet building used to be.

The Chamber of Commerce is currently working on law enforcement coverage for the Timber Days events.

Motion by Manick, second by Bixby to approve the Chamber of Commerce requests for the Timber Days events and licensing needed. **MOTION CARRIED**

Tasia Hoag of Care Partners approached the council and requested that the City of Cook designate April 29<sup>th</sup> as Care Partners Day to inform citizens of the care available to them. Care Partners provides financial assistance to individuals with life threatening diseases and their families in need and promotes local spending.

Motion by Storm, second by Manick to approve and accept the Mayoral Proclamation designating April 29<sup>th</sup> as Care Partners Day in the City of Cook. **MOTION CARRIED**

RLK Engineer John Jammick presented a progress report for the City Street/Infrastructure Revitalization Project, Elevated Water Tower Project, River Street Streetscape Project, Water Treatment Plant Project, and the Spectrum Project.

Jammick recommended that the next phase of the well project is to provide a necessary affidavit showing city ownership of the land. The city will also need to receive final project approval from the Minnesota Department of Health to submit the work out on bids.

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Motion by Storm, second by Bixby to approve an affidavit for city ownership of land, submit final documentation to the Minnesota Department of Health for approval and advertise the Water Treatment Plant and Well Project out for bids. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Manick, second by Storm to approve the consent agenda as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of February 26, 2009

B. Reporting of the February Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2009	\$63,203.81	\$135,220.76
2008	<u>\$71,922.40</u>	<u>\$136,273.17</u>
	\$ (8,718.59)	\$ (1,052.41)

C. Bill Presentation      Paid since last presentation      \$ 72,467.18  
   Presented for payment                              \$ 34,081.96

D. Maintenance Department Report

E. Airport Operator's Report

F. Airport Commission – March 19, 2009

G. Parks and Recreation Minutes of March 16, 2009

H. Rural Fire Association Minutes of March 9, 2009

I. Ambulance Advisory Board Minutes of March 9, 2009

J. Cook Chamber of Commerce Minutes of February 2, 2009

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:**

Maintenance Supervisor Bud Ranta requested approval for the purchase of a Jetter for \$10,500 for streets and alleys. St. Louis County and Gruska Construction have been hired in the past and are no longer available. The purchase request is a necessity for steaming the streets and alleys infrastructure as well as a pressure sprayer for equipment etc. Funds have been designated to cover the purchase of this machine with \$4,411 in street equipment and \$3,240 in capital improvements. After researching purchase opportunities, the maintenance department will purchase the equipment from Hotsy Minnesota, a company who sells equipment to local cities and counties. The equipment comes with a sufficient support system and product warranty.

Motion by Manick, second by Storm to approve the purchase of a Jetter using designated funds for the maintenance department. **MOTION CARRIED**

Ambulance Director Penny Buckingham reported on activity from the Ambulance Advisory Board Meeting.

Motion by Manick, second by Bixby to approve recommendations and activity of the Ambulance Department as follows: Base fee increase to \$770 with loaded mile charge of \$15, approval of 2009 budget, approval of building repairs from capital budget up to \$10,000, and accepting the Physio-Control contract for heart monitors. **MOTION CARRIED**

Administrator Martinson reported on activity from the Cook Rural Fire Association Annual Meeting.

Motion by Storm, Second by Bixby to approve recommendations and activity of the Cook Rural Fire Association as follows: 2009 budget and building repair approval. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Airport Commission recommended forming a negotiating committee of Councilor Hollanitsch, Administrator Martinson and a local realtor for the land purchase negotiations for the airport expansion.

Motion by Manick, second by Storm to form a negotiating committee of Councilor Hollanitsch, Administrator Martinson and a local realtor for land purchase negotiations for the airport expansion. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Cemetery Committee will hire be hiring for lawn mowing and a tree removal.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Safety Committee is prepared if a flood disaster were to occur in Cook.

**COUNCIL FORUM:**

Councilor Manick acknowledged STSPS for their dedication to home development in Balliett's Addition.

Mayor Edblom and members of the Council congratulated and acknowledged Bud Ranta for his 25 years of service with the City of Cook.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Manick, second by Bixby to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm  
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer