

Library

Ellie the Elephant, an original children's play through the Arrowhead Library System in partnership with the Duluth Playhouse, will be held at the Cook Public Library, free of charge on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 6 PM.

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Bud Ranta presented quotes from Badger and HD Supply regarding replacement of the water meters. Funds have been committed for this project and Ranta has researched the meters with both vendors for the type needed for the city. Ranta recommends the maintenance department install the replacement meters. Reads would be taken via a handheld remote reading device and the software is compatible with our current software system.

The council has requested more research be provided regarding the product warranty information for these meters. Hard water and cold weather are contributing factors in meter destruction. Ranta will contact MN Rural Water and the meter suppliers to request more information for the April Council Meeting.

Ranta has requested approval for JPJ Engineering to submit an advertisement for bids for the 2013 Wastewater Improvements Project.

OLD BUSINESS:

The MN DNR is to provide more information for the potential bow hunt for the City of Cook. No public input has been received since the last meeting.

A focus group meeting was held March 21, 2013 regarding the vacant Cook School building. No strong interests supported the building, as funding appears to be a big issue for potential investors and the vacant building has not been listed for sale.

The Lake Vermilion Trail Plan implementation efforts grant funding has been received and will move to the next phase of trail design and feasibility from March through September 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City of Cook 2013 Open Book Meeting will be held April 3, 2013 from 10-11 AM at the St. Louis County Assessor's Office in Virginia, MN. Taxpayers can discuss their concerns regarding value and classification for the City of Cook. Local board requirements and training information can be obtained by contacting the St. Louis County Assessor's Office.

The Cook Chamber of Commerce has requested permission for the Annual Timber Days event to be held June 7-9, 2013. The event will require use of Riverfront Park and closing a portion of River Street after businesses close on Friday, June 7-Sunday, June 9 after the parade. Law enforcement coverage does not need approval unless there is a change in coverage.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Brunner to approve use of Riverfront Park and to close a portion of River Street after businesses close on Friday June 7-Sunday June 9, 2013 after the parade for the Annual Timber Days event sponsored by the Cook Chamber. **MOTION CARRIED**

The City of Cook recognizes Mayor Harold Johnston's Proclamation for Cook VFW Bloom-Lahti Post #1757 for VFW District Loyalty Days to appreciate the sacrifices of the men and women in services to our country. VFW District Loyalty Days will be held April 26-28, 2013 at the Cook VFW.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Hollanitsch commended the maintenance department and airport personnel for the exceptional snow removal for the season.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brunner, second by Bixby to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Recorder:
Cindy Palm
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Theresa Martinson
Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer

Harold Johnston
Mayor