

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Councilor Hollanitsch reported that Last Chance Liquors participated in the Pabst Blue Ribbon Arbor Day by handing out tree seedlings to customers and received \$500 to contribute towards a city project. These funds cannot be used in the general fund and prior project approval is required to receive the funds.

Liquor Store Manager Deb Lindgren requested council approval to hire James Pickard for the temporary, part-time clerk/stocker position. Final hiring is contingent on final background verification completion.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to approve hiring James Pickard for the temporary, part-time clerk/stocker position at Last Chance Liquors. Final hiring is contingent on background verification completion. **MOTION CARRIED**

Recreation Committee Member Tammy Palmer requested authorization to purchase the following selected items with donations and designated funds from the 2010 and 2011 budgets. Aglime for \$1800 and bleachers for \$3000 to meet ADA compliance as the old bleachers do not meet state code. Friends of the Park will contribute \$2500 towards the bleachers and \$1200 towards two diggers for the playground area.

Friends of the Park 501C3 is not exempt from a gambling permit in the City of Cook and will need to have council approval to sell raffle tickets.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve donations and designated funds from the 2010 and 2011 budgets to be used towards the purchase of Aglime for \$1800 and bleachers for \$3000 to meet ADA compliance and state code. Also to approve a gambling permit for Friends of the Park to sell raffle tickets.

MOTION CARRIED

Tammy Palmer also reported that Wings and Things raised \$14,000 and that the next Friends of the Park fundraiser event will be the golf tournament on June 25th at Wolf Ridge Golf Course. The building fund account now holds \$200,000 towards the Community Center Building.

A work day is scheduled for May 16th at the park and the old bleachers will be removed.

The youth baseball tournaments were scheduled to be in Cook for 2011 and the program has switched with another community due to the Community Center construction and will host the tournaments in 2012.

The FAA has revised the "Terms and Conditions of Accepting Airport Improvement Program Grants". The last revision was in June, 2005. Prior to receiving a federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant, the city must sign this new revised agreement. The signer is the person with the authority to enter into and sign federal grants on behalf of the airport owner. City Attorney Mark Weir has reviewed and approved.

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to authorize Mayor Johnston to sign the "Terms and Conditions" document as required by the FAA for accepting airport grants. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilor Hollanitsch reported that the Lake Vermilion Trail Planning Group will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2 PM at the Federal Forest Service in Cook to develop a non-motorized bike trail from Tower to Cook. The group will be discussing future funding availability for this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City Fee Structure was presented to the council with recommendations for review and approval for the May council meeting. The Community Center fees will be omitted until the Community Center building is completed.

St. Mary's Church requested approval for a gambling permit for a bingo booth for Timberdays to be held June 10-12, 2011.

Motion by Brunner, second by Hollanitsch to approve a gambling permit for St. Mary's Church for a bingo booth during Timberdays to be held June 10-12, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Hollanitsch welcomed Scenic Rivers Dental to its new downtown location.

Councilor Storm reported that Scenic Rivers Dental is now open in the new location and will remain downtown for approximately three years or more until financing is secured through a USDA loan which is currently in process. Once financing is secured then the dental clinic will build as originally planned along Highway 53 at the former site of the old Ashawa Inn building which has been demolished. Scenic Rivers Dental plans to keep the current downtown location for administrative offices and/or IT training. An open house will be held in July at the downtown location.

Mayor Johnston has requested that the council become affluent with all city operations by scheduling a tour of facilities for the May Special Meeting at 5 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to adjourn the regular council meeting at 6:39 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer