

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COOK CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 23, 2009 – CITY HALL – 6 PM**

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PRESENT: Mayor Dick Edblom, Councilors Dan Manick and Karen Hollanitsch

ABSENT: Councilors Elizabeth Storm and Jody Bixby

OTHERS PRESENT: City Resident Geri Wilkinson, RLK Engineer John Jamnick, Maintenance Supervisor Bud Ranta, Ambulance Director Penny Buckingham, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm, Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade Representatives Don Potter, Lori Potter and Ron Rafter, Firemen Dan Reing, Reuben Rosnau, Tim Mankowski and Tim Picek, and the Cook News Herald

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Donna Hoffer, U.S. Census Bureau, presented facts for the April 2010 U.S. Census. The census is conducted every 10 years. She commented on the importance of participating in the census and that it determines federal funding for local communities. It also determines Minnesota's representation in Congress. She asked that the City of Cook assist in providing awareness of the importance of participation in the U.S. Census.

Members of the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade approached the Council for government support from the City of Cook. Federal mandates require affiliation with a governmental agency for licensing and radio frequency. The City of Cook qualifies as a governmental agency because of the active fire and ambulance departments. Another option would be support from the City for a substation at a location on Lake Vermilion.

City Attorney, Mark Weir provided a written report regarding his recommendation as to the relationship between the Brigade and the City on how the Fire Boat should be insured, owned, used, etc. The City will have Mark Weir re-visit the issue of government support between the City and Fire Brigade for communication opportunities.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

B. Approval/correction of the Special Council Minutes of March 26, 2009

C. Reporting of the March Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2009	\$71,044.71	\$206,496.95
2008	<u>\$73,520.01</u>	<u>\$209,793.18</u>
	\$ (2,475.30)	\$ (3,296.23)

D. Bill Presentation      Paid since last presentation      \$ 67,510.60

Presented for payment      \$ 66,765.08

E. Airport Operator's Report – Beatty Township donated \$1,400 for capital projects.

F. Parks and Recreation Minutes of April 14, 2009

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Administrator Martinson reported that she was given a quote from St. Louis County for law enforcement coverage for Timber Days. A deputy would be available for 3 – 8 hour shifts for approximately \$965. The money that the city receives from booth rental would help cover the cost.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to approve law enforcement coverage from St. Louis County Sheriff's Department for Timber Days at approximately \$965 for 3 – 8 hour shifts. **MOTION CARRIED**

St. Mary's Catholic Church has requested a gambling permit for the BINGO games held during Timber Days.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Manick to approve a gambling permit application from the St. Mary's Catholic Church for BINGO during Timber Days. **MOTION CARRIED**

The City has \$1,603.40 in a 4M account, which is dedicated for water line replacement and \$2,191.42 in a Queen City Federal account, which are ambulance funds. City Auditor, Gary Giroux recommended closing these accounts and transferring the balances to the City checking account but designated in their original fund locations.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to transfer funds to the City checking account and close the 4M account of \$1,603.40 and QCF account of \$2,191.42. **MOTION CARRIED**

CDBG has designated St. Louis County funds in the amount of \$220,000 for the Well Project. Mayor Edblom and Administrator Martinson will need to sign documents to accept the funds and start the project.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to accept the St. Louis County CDBG Grant for \$220,000 for the Well Project. Mayor Edblom and Administrator Martinson are authorized to sign all documents. **MOTION CARRIED**

**COUNCIL FORUM:**

None

Meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm  
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer