

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Airport Operator, Tom Woock made a presentation to the council for purchasing a flail mower for the airport. A state grant can be applied for with Friends of Aviation offering to match up to \$3000 to cover the cost to the city. When the grant is submitted the funds can be released by July 1st, 2011.

The flail mower is attached to the current airport equipment. The current airport mowing equipment is not adequate for certain areas of mowing at the airport and the wear and tear on the equipment is excessive.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve applying for a state grant to purchase a flail mower with the use of matching Friends of Aviation funds up to \$3000 at no cost to the city. The Mayor and Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer are authorized to sign all pertinent documentation. **MOTION CARRIED**

On July 2nd and 3rd a group of volunteers will paint a 60-70 foot diameter compass rose on the airport runway used by pilots to realign an airplane compass. Materials will be purchased through Friends of Aviation at no cost to the city.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Cook submitted a letter asking the city to appoint Karen Hollanitsch as a new Board for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Cook. Current Board Member Rueben Rosnau will be retiring so has resigned from this position effective June 8, 2011.

Motion by Brunner, second by Bixby to appoint Karen Hollanitsch as a new Board Member for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Cook and accept the resignation of Reuben Rosnau.

Voting Aye: Mayor Johnston, Councilors Bixby, Brunner and Storm

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Karen Hollanitsch

MOTION CARRIED

Liquor Store applicant James Pickard did not accept the temporary clerk/stocker position at Last Chance Liquors. Liquor Store Manager, Deb Lindgren, hired Corey Kester and has requested final council approval for approximately 20 hours per week as a temporary stock position.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve final hire of Corey Kester for the temporary clerk/stocker position of approximately 20 hours per week at \$8.19/hour at Last Chance Liquors. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

Northeast Service Cooperative is moving into the next phase of the regional broadband development and has requested the City of Cook be one of the four model communities for this plan. Broadband development will benefit critical services in the community. A meeting will be held in Cook on June 14, 2011 to gather input to assist with documentation for submission to USDA.

Resolution 110526 for the City Fee Structure was revised and presented to the council for approval.

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to approve Resolution 110526 for the revised City Fee Structure.

MOTION CARRIED

The City of Cook Wellhead Protection Program has completed step one of the project by mailing a notice of intent and work plan to local government units. Step two will appoint members to the plan and step three will monitor the water source to prevent human-caused contaminants from entering our water supply. This is a Minnesota Department of Health program as part of the city's new well project and will take three years to complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

St. Mary's Church requested approval for a gambling permit for a youth raffle to be held September 11, 2011.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to approve a gambling permit for St. Mary's Church for a youth raffle to be held September 11, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Brunner questioned when interviews would be held for the temporary part-time maintenance position.

Councilor Storm commented on the Spring Art Expo held by the Northwoods Friends of the Arts. Artwork was portrayed throughout Cook in local businesses and has created some interest in local business development.

Councilor Hollanitsch reported that a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 30th in Cook along River Street. The Cook Chamber of Commerce and VFW Post 1757 are selling flags "In Memory" or "In Honor" of a Veteran for \$25 per flag.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brunner, second by Bixby to adjourn the regular council meeting at 6:48 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer