

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COOK CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 28, 2009 – CITY HALL – 6 PM**

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PRESENT: Mayor Dick Edblom, Councilors Dan Manick, Karen Hollanitsch, Liz Storm and Jody Bixby

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Geri Wilkinson, RLK Engineer John Jamnick, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm, Cook News Herald and The Timberjay.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

RLK Engineer, John Jamnick presented the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Project Status Report as follows:

Administrator Martinson will be contacting the attorney handling the bonding litigation issue that involves the residential and commercial water meters.

The Water Tower Project has received \$750,000 in grant funds from the Army Corp of Engineers and another \$250,000 from CDBG to complete 100% grand funding for the project. The city has submitted a letter of intent to proceed. The project will start in 2009 and be finalized in 2010.

The Water Well and Treatment Plant Projects have all funding in place. Project bids have been advertised in May and will be accepted and open on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at City Hall. Councilor Manick requested that John Jamnick research an addition to the plans for a “low level” alarm for the Water Treatment Plant.

Iron Range Resources is funding \$200,000 towards infrastructure improvements to support the Water Tower and Treatment Plant Projects. The funds would cover projects such as a new or upgraded lift station or project cost overrun. Administrator Martinson will need approval from the Council for resolution to accept, sign and return the application to Iron Range Resources to receive funding.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve resolution for Administrator Martinson to accept, sign and return the application to Iron Range Resources to accept funding of \$200,000 for the Water Treatment Plant, Tower and Lift Station Upgrades. **MOTION CARRIED**

The City of Cook has received \$75,000 from Iron Range Resources for funding for phase 1 of the Airport Land Acquisitions Project for runway expansion.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of April 23, 2009
- B. Approval/correction of the Special Council Minutes (Study Session) of April 23, 2009
- C. Reporting of the April Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2009	\$74,219.66	\$280,716.61
2008	<u>\$73,640.61</u>	<u>\$283,433.79</u>
	\$ 579.05	\$ (2,717.18)

- D. Bill Presentation      Paid since last presentation      \$ 83,881.93

Presented for payment

\$ 70,000.15

- E. Airport Operator's Report of May 2009
- F. Parks and Recreation Minutes of May 6, 2009
- G. Ambulance Service Report of April 2009
- H. Cook Chamber Minutes of May 4, 2009
- I. Safety Committee Minutes of May 15, 2009

The Personnel Committee met with Administrator – Clerk / Treasurer Martinson on May 21, 2009 to deliver her annual review. Administrator Martinson will be retained in the position of City Administrator and the review will be filed in her personnel record.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to accept the Consent Agenda. **Motion Carried**

**COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:**

Parks and Recreation – Councilor Manick requested the acceptance of the resignation of Jim Powers from the Parks and Recreation Commission and to appoint Matt Zupancich to fill the open position.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to accept the resignation of Jim Powers from the Parks and Recreation Commission, and to appoint Matt Zupancich to fill the open position. **Motion Carried**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cook Hospital District Board Representative, Dr. Harold Johnston, provided the City of Cook with a Cook Hospital Annual Report for review.

Mayor Edblom reported on the status of the St. Louis County Road Project within the City of Cook. The project is currently on schedule and the detour should last about 3 weeks. Weekly meetings are held with City officials concerning project status, information and safety issues. Cook High School graduation and Timberdays are of high importance for alternate routing and safety. Weekly meetings are held with City officials concerning project status, information and safety issues.

Great River Energy and Lake Country Power have provided information regarding future transmission and power line upgrades for our area.

**COUNCIL FORUM:**

Resident Geri Wilkinson gave sincere gratitude towards the hard work that Mayor Edblom and the Cook City Council has accomplished.

Mayor Edblom reported that we will be enforcing the City Blight Ordinance and focusing on yard and property management as well as animal control.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm  
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer