

Maintenance Supervisor Bud Ranta requested itemized quotes from Mesabi Bituminous and KGM Contractors for the Third Avenue/Third Street Project. After numerous attempts, Mesabi Bituminous never responded.

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to give authority to Maintenance Supervisor Bud Ranta to initiate the Third Avenue/Third Street Project with KGM Contractors with a one year warranty and survey. City Attorney is to establish contract and include all pertinent information. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Owens Township Board submitted a letter to Cook City Hall regarding the Doug Johnson Recreation Center. The board has asked what the target completion date is, who will staff the facility and how are they to be paid, and if there will be a discount for township use if they give additional donations etc.

The council will request that Tammy Palmer update the Owens Township Board on project completion at this time. Once the project is completed, user fees and other policies, etc. will be discussed. The council is greatly appreciative of the commitment to fundraising for the new community center building.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Cook submitted a letter asking the city to appoint Karen Lind as a new board member for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Cook. Current Board Member Cindy Aune has resigned from this position effective June 17, 2011.

Motion by Storm, second by Bixby to appoint Karen Lind to the board and accept the resignation of Cindy Aune effective June 17, 2011 for Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Cook. **MOTION CARRIED**

The police windows in the library building have been budgeted for replacement for 2011. Quotes will be advertised in July for window replacement and a quote for materials to be purchased by the city has been accepted. The city remains under the required dollar amount for the full bidding process.

Airport Coordinator Tom Woock reported that an interested party wants to construct a new hangar at the airport. We have the hangar property available for lease but do not have current taxiway access in this new section of hangars and need to seek funding. The interested party is a frequent flyer and would guarantee jet fuel sales.

The ten year required hangar lease would re-coup the airport expense to expand the taxiway and be a revenue producing project as the first hangar row is now full and the city can expand into a new hangar row.

The cost to expand 220 feet of taxiway is approximately \$50,000. State funding would be 50:50, Federal funding would be 95:5 or other grant options could be researched. The project could also consider adding a temporary 60 feet of taxiway to work within funding limits.

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to authorize administration to seek the best possible funding within a limited time frame for extending the taxiway to allow for construction of a new hangar at the airport. Funding is contingent upon a signed lease agreement with the interested party. **MOTION CARRIED**

S.E.H. Engineering Project Manager, Jim Groebner, recommends Partial Pay Estimate #5 in the amount of \$578.10 to KGM Contractors Inc. for the Airport Runway Project SP 6917-32.

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm, to approve Partial Pay estimate #5 for \$578.10 to KGM Contractors Inc. for the Airport Runway project SP 6917-32. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

The Personnel Committee recommends hiring Ruth Boudreau as Office Assistant with the City of Cook at \$8.19/hour for 24 hours per week starting July 6, 2011.

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to accept Ruth Boudreau as Office Assistant with the City of Cook at \$8.19/hour for 24 hours per week starting July 6, 2011.

Voting Aye: Acting Mayor Hollanitsch, Councilors Brunner and Storm

Voting Nay: Councilor Bixby

MOTION CARRIED

The first meeting was held for the Northeast Service Cooperative Broadband Grant to provide information that will assist in the development of engineering and financial analysis. This meeting will also identify how Cook could use broadband infrastructure as a strategy to facilitate economic expansion. Organizations represented were the City of Cook, Cook Chamber of Commerce, Cook Hospital, Scenic Rivers Health Services and ISD 2142. The group also discussed assets of the community, quality of life, and possible uses and needs of broadband.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to approve a temporary liquor license and gambling permit for the W.C. Heiam Foundation for a fundraising event on August 20, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Storm, second by Bixby to approve a gambling permit for the Turkey Federation for a raffle to be held in September, 2011 at the Cook VFW. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Cook Chamber of Commerce is interested in providing music in the park, in conjunction with the Saturday Farmers' Market, and at no cost to the city. The council has requested that neighboring residents to the park be informed for discussion on noise and time issues. A Certificate of Insurance will need to be provided listing the City of Cook as additional insured.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Bixby asked when the fire hydrant maintenance issues will be finalized and was informed that the work would be completed by July 8, 2011. She also inquired about blight issues within the city and questioned what is being done in regards to abandoned buildings. She was informed by council members that if there is a direction violation of the blight ordinance, it requires law enforcement to handle the matter. The city cannot cite a homeowner for blight because we don't like the look of their home. However, council members can politely discuss the building with a homeowner and offer to assist with maintaining the property. There are also demolition programs that may be available through the city if the homeowner is willing to remove the home.

Councilor Storm commented that the Cook Lions Club Rummage Sale was successful and the funds raised are donated back into the community. The Community Center roof is moving along with volunteer help and the Cook Farmers' Market continues to grow on Saturdays in Cook. The flags on main street look nice and are not catching on the lights.

Councilor Hollanitsch reported that the Cook Chamber of Commerce flag drive will continue through the month of July.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to adjourn the regular council meeting at 6:50 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer