

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COOK CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 22, 2010 – CITY HALL – 6 PM**

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PRESENT: Acting Mayor Karen Hollanitsch, Councilors Dan Manick and Elizabeth Storm

ABSENT: Councilor Jody Bixby

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm, Maintenance Superintendent Bud Ranta, Northeast Service Cooperative's Melissa Cox, Cook News Herald and The Timberjay

Mayor Hollanitsch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Melissa Cox of Northeast Service Cooperative was present to introduce the NE Middle Mile Fiber Project. This federal funded grant is to cover unserved and under-served areas such as Cook to bring fiber optic into our area for critical services such as hospitals, clinics, fire and ambulance, city buildings etc. The fiber optics would bring in better service and connections for technology. Northeast Service Cooperative is requesting Cook to consider joining this initiative while federal funding is available.

The Development Agreement between the City of Cook and Disability Specialists Inc. outlines the responsibilities between the City and the Developer for extending city utilities to the project. The Development Agreement needs to be approved and signed with notice to proceed for Utility Systems of America (contractor) on the city water and sewer extension to Disability Specialists Inc.

Motion by Manick, second by Storm to approve and sign the Development Agreement between Disability Specialists Inc. and the City of Cook with notice to proceed to Utility Systems of America for extension of utilities from the city. **MOTION CARRIED**

RLK Engineering Inc. recommends payment to Maguire Iron for \$126,350 for Pay Estimate #4 on the Water Tower Project.

Motion by Storm, second by Manick to approve Pay Estimate #4 to Maguire Iron for \$126,350 on the Water Tower Project. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Beautification Committee reviewed a water tower logo design by Tom Chapman (Ron Maki-Artist) and recommended to the council for approval.

Motion by Storm, second by Manick to approve the Beautification Committee's recommendation for the water tower logo design by Tom Chapman (Ron Maki-Artist). **MOTION CARRIED**

Administrator Martinson has requested council approval to apply for IRR funding for the Lift Station Project. The deadline to apply for this public works grant is July 30, 2010.

Motion by Storm, second by Manick to approve the application for IRR funding for the Lift Station Project by July 30, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED**

Authority is needed to proceed with economic development and annexation of the Cook Business Park.

Motion by Manick, second by Storm to approve the Mayor, Attorney and Administrator proceed with the economic development and annexation of the Cook Business Park. **MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval/correction of Regular Council Minutes of June 24, 2010
- B. Bill Presentation      Paid since last presentation      \$ 86,071.02  
   Presented for payment                      \$ 31,193.95
- C. Reporting of the June 2010 Liquor Store Sales  
   MTD                      YTD  
   2010      \$146,736.48      \$588,394.71  
   2009      \$148,481.22      \$563,467.08  
   \$ (1,744.74)      \$ 24,927.63
- D. Maintenance Department Report

Motion by Manick, second by Storm to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:**

Airport Commission Chair – Karen Hollanitsch reported that all is in place for the Runway Expansion Project.

Motion by Storm, second by Manick to authorize the Mayor, Attorney and Administrator to sign all necessary documents with the State Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Runway Grant. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Army Corps of Engineers reviewed the mitigation impact and determined that the City of Cook will need to purchase additional wetland credits to meet Federal Clean Water Act requirements as part of the Airport Runway Expansion Project. A technical evaluation panel met to approve the wetland conversation act replacement plan application.

Motion by Storm, second by Manick to purchase additional wetland credits in the amount of \$8,642.56 from Mr. Gerald Krog and Arne Heggedal including \$119.45 in fees to Board of Water and Soil Resources and approve the WACA replacement plan as part of the Airport Runway Expansion Project. **MOTION CARRIED**

Maintenance Superintendent Bud Ranta requested that the council consider reimbursement to Gary Hadersbeck for hooking up a sewer line at a building that had not been hooked up during the 2004-05 infrastructure project. The water had been hooked up but the grade to hook the old to the new sewer line was not acceptable.

Motion by Manick, second by Storm to reimburse Gary Hadersbeck for hooking up a sewer line to a building that had not been completed during the 2004-05 infrastructure project. **MOTION CARRIED**

Maintenance Superintendent Bud Ranta requested council approval to create a temporary drainage route by inserting a culvert in the driveway of Little Beginnings. There is standing water issues and this is a heavily traveled section of street. This area will be considered in the future for permanent drainage improvement.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to proceed with a temporary drainage route by inserting a culvert at Little Beginnings. **MOTION CARRIED**

Councilor Manick reported that the Recreation Committee approved the notice to proceed with Bill Gruska Construction for the grounds work at the site of the new community center.

Councilor Storm reported that the Safety Committee performed a safety inspection at the Cook Municipal Airport. There were no deficiencies reported for the buildings or grounds and the staff was commended.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Community Coalition Joint Power Boards Agreement. Specific language changes suggested by City Attorney Mark Weir were not made in the contract as requested by the City of Cook and the general purpose of the agreement was vague. No Motion to sign the Community Coalition Joint Power Boards Agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Circus of Stars will present an act including illusionists and characters from popular cartoons. The act will be performed in River Street Park at 7 p.m. on July 24<sup>th</sup> for a fee with concessions present.

**COUNCIL FORUM:**

Councilor Manick commended Mayor Hollanitsch for scheduling her vacation around the July 22, 2010 Regular Council Meeting. The Mayor had been on vacation and was criticized for not answering phone calls at home.

Councilor Storm has reminded residents to clean up after their pets. She commented on how attractive the flags are on the light poles downtown; however, they catch on the light poles. It would be nice to have them altered to avoid catching.

Councilor Storm commended the Cook Area Farmers' Market for their efforts in creating a Saturday venue in the River Street Park. They have applied to the State Market as a "Boutique" contestant due to the size of their organization. All are encouraged to vote.

Councilor Storm would like to see the Chamber of Commerce produce more advertising for all the small businesses in Cook as they are all putting so much effort into their businesses.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Manick, second by Storm to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm  
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer