

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Airport

The Cook Municipal Airport annually completes a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) update of intended projects and submits to the MN Dept of Transportation – Aeronautics whom utilizes this information to identify airport funding needs. Projects are not completed at the airport unless council approved but the council is requested to approve the CIP report for submittal to the state.

Airport Coordinator Tom Woock reported frost protection issues with the newly expanded runway now that the project is completed. The runway also has contamination in the asphalt mix producing small potholes when removed. Woock has consulted with the engineer, the state, and other contractors and is working on solutions to the problems.

The Cook Municipal Airport has applied for grant funding from MNDOT Aeronautics to purchase a flail mower attachment for \$8732 with the state covering \$5821 and Friends of Aviation covering the city portion of \$2911. The council is requested to approve MNDOT Resolution for Agreement Number 99521 for S.P. 6917-33 for grant reimbursement to purchase the flail mower attachment.

The Cook Municipal Airport has been offered 95:5 federal funding for S.P. A6917-34, AIP 3-27-0157-06-11 – Preliminary Design of the Extension of Runway 13/31. The Federal Grant Offer will need to be council approved to sign and submit the requested documents for federal funding.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to allow signatures and submittal for the CIP, Flail Mower Attachment Resolution (Agreement Number 99521 for S.P. 6917-33) and the Federal Grant Offer for S.P. A6917-34, AIP 3-27-0151-06-11 Design Runway 13/31 Extension. **MOTION CARRIED**

Ambulance and Fire

Councilor Hollanitsch will attend a meeting held with the Ambulance/Fire Joint Advisory Boards to discuss a Beatty Township letter and bring recommendations to the council.

Council approval is needed for the 2012 Fire Protection Services Agreement with St. Louis County for furnishing fire protection service in Unorganized Townships 62-17 and 63-17.

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to approve the 2012 Fire Protection Services Agreement with St. Louis County for furnishing fire protection service in Unorganized Townships 62-17 and 63-17.

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

The Personnel Committee met with Administrator Martinson to conduct annual review and administrative goals for 2011 which has been met, and discuss new goals for 2012. Councilor Storm commended Martinson on behalf of the city for an excellent job, dedication and leadership of the city.

Councilor Storm recommended a vacation accrual increase from 3 weeks to 4 weeks after ten years of consecutive service effective January 1, 2012. **MOTION CARRIED**

Recreation

Councilor Brunner reported a need for better security at the Doug Johnson Park by recommending cameras and a gate. There have been numerous problems reported and it is taking away the enjoyment of others that utilize the park.

A successful cleanup day was held on September 17, 2011 at the park and the High School Civics Class will be conducting a cleanup day as well.

The Wolf Track Classic Sled Dog Race event has approached the Recreation Committee to hold this event at the Doug Johnson Park in February 2012 with more information to follow and a recommendation to the council.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The flagpole in River Street Park is not designed to display the Federal, State and POW flags as the flags tear and become tangled amongst each other. The city decided to fly only the federal flag after discussing this with the VFW. Due to the close proximity of the buildings, the city requested that the VFW continue to fly the POW flag with an offer to donate the POW flag to the VFW from City Hall.

Bill Sobyra submitted a letter requesting reimbursement for cleaning labor and supplies for sewer backup in his home due to regular sewer maintenance in the city. The council denied reimbursement as there was no wrong doing on behalf of the city or the contractor performing the work.

Walker, Giroux, Hahne LTD. submitted an audit proposal for \$17,200 for audit services for 2011. Recommendation was to continue with this same firm the city has utilized.

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to accept an audit proposal for \$17,200 for 2011 audit services from Walker, Giroux, Hahne LTD. **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Storm commended the Cook Chamber of Commerce's music in the park and the event was well attended. She also commended the Northwood's Friends of the Arts group for their efforts and volunteering.

Mayor Johnston commended the Petagorsky Foundation with their recent concert performed in the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Storm, second by Bixby to adjourn the regular council meeting at 6:45 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer