

**COOK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 22, 2018 – COOK CITY HALL – 6 PM**

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**TIME AND PLACE:** A Regular Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the Cook City Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harold Johnston called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harold Johnston.

**ATTENDANCE:** Present at roll call was Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilors Kim Brunner, Jody Bixby, and Elizabeth Storm. Absent was City Councilor Karen Hollanitsch. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, Danny Reing, and the Timberjay.

**AGENDA:**

**Additions and Deletions - None**

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Land Offer – Reing**

Reing land offer moved up from New Business. Cook residents, Mr. Daniel Reing and his wife, Ivette Reing, have made an offer on city-owned parcel #120-0037-00080, lots 8 and 16 in Lobe's Addition, in the amount of \$3,100.00. Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to accept the purchase proposal by Daniel and Ivette Reing.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**John Jamnick – JPJ Engineering – project updates**

There is no update this month.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** See Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to approve the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of January 25, 2018
- B. Approval/correction of Special Council Minutes of February 1, 2018 – KLM & Water Tower Informational Meeting and Gambling Licenses

C. Bill Presentation	Paid since last presentation	\$ 55,724.04
	Presented for payment	\$ 38,508.03

- D. Ambulance Service February 2018 Report
- E. Reporting of the January 2018 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2018	\$ 83,246.63	\$ 83,246.63
2017	\$ 76,456.24	\$ 76,456.24
	\$ 6,790.39	\$ 6,790.39

- F. Resolution – January 2018 Donations Designated
- G. Updated 2018 Appointments

## **COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:**

### **Broadband Steering Committee**

Councilor Storm stated that most of the wiring has been done at the library. In other library news, there is a Mystery Program on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Also, the Hometown Focus had a nice write-up about local libraries, including the Cook Library.

### **Lake Vermilion Trail**

Councilor Storm stated that there is information in the packet regarding the last Lake Vermilion Trail meeting. There is also an updated map in the packet. Tim Johnson is the City of Cook representative for the LVT and Mayor Harold Johnston is the alternate.

### **Recreation**

Letters were sent out to townships requesting financial support for 2018. We have had a successful rental season.

### **Maintenance**

Maintenance Superintendent Don Flack and maintenance employee Tim Lilya were in the most recent issue of Rural Water Magazine

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Land Offer – Reing**

Moved up to Public Forum.

#### **St. Louis County demolition request**

St. Louis County is planning to do some condemnation demolition in Cook at a future date; they are looking for support from the City on such demolitions. Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to give City of Cook staff authority to work with St. Louis County on the County's upcoming demolition projects. **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Mayoral Proclamation**

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to support the mayor signing proclamation to recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Local Board of Appeal & Equalization**

The City of Cook's 2018 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization or Open Book meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 11, 2018 from 10 AM – 11 AM at the St. Louis County Assessor's Office in Virginia.

### **COUNCIL FORUM:**

Administrator Martinson shared that the Cook Ambulance Service had a new patch designed by EMT John Pierson. Please remember that there is an Ambulance Service spaghetti feed fundraiser on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.


The fire and ambulance advisory board meeting is March 5, 2018.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:20 PM was made by Councilor Storm and second by Councilor Brunner. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

  
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Harold Johnston, Mayor

  
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Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer