

**COOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2018 – COOK CITY HALL – 6 PM**

TIME AND PLACE: A regular meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, January 25, 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 and Elizabeth Storm. Absent were City Councilors Karen Hollanitsch and Jody Bixby. Also present was Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, and The Timberjay.

2018 COOK CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS: Administrator Martinson reminded the council that the January meeting is officially the Reorganizational Meeting. The journal of all city council, commission, committee and board meetings are presented under consent agenda and once approved, they will be placed in all city accepted posting sites – Cook City Hall, Cook Public Library and the Cook Post Office. The 2018 Official appointments, Journal of City Council, Commission, Committee and Board Meetings are as follows:

<u>OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER</u>	<i>Cook News Herald</i>
<u>OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES</u>	<i>American Bank, Cook Area Credit Union and First National Bank</i>
<u>CIVIL CITY ATTORNEY</u>	<i>Vermilion Law</i>
<u>CRIMINAL CITY ATTORNEY</u>	<i>Mike Kearney</i>
<u>ACTING MAYOR</u>	<i>Karen Hollanitsch</i>
<u>AIRPORT COMMITTEE</u>	<i>Karen Hollanitsch-Chair, Dave Bowser, Earl Grano, Dale Gustafson, Jack Jordan, Jack Schelde, Stephen Towle (Alt. Pam Towle), alternates: Gary Albertson, Bill Conger, and Thor Pakosz</i>
<u>AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<i>Karen Hollanitsch Alt. Jody Bixby</i>
<u>CEMETERY BOARD</u>	<i>Darrel Lindgren and Elizabeth Storm</i>
<u>DT BUSINESS COORIDOR</u>	<i>Elizabeth Storm, Crystal Phillips and Theresa Martinson</i>
<u>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/BIO TERRORISM/SAFETY</u>	<i>Elizabeth Storm - Chair, Theresa Martinson/Dawn Kehoe, Marylin Hannan, Jon Jacobson, Crystal Phillips, Randy Olson, and Don Flack/Tim Lilya</i>
<u>HRA</u>	<i>Brian Gramling (2022) - Chair, Karen Lind (2020) - Secretary, Tim Mankowski (2021) - Vice Chair/Treasurer, Donna Snyder (2019), and Lois Trygg (2018)</i>
<u>LIBRARY BOARD</u>	<i>Priscilla Hiipakka-President, Gerald Storm-Past President, JoAnn Anderson-Vice President, Bailey Conger-Secretary, Norene Butalla, Kristi Sopoci, and Eric Trip</i>

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Karen Hollanitsch and Elizabeth Storm

PLANNING & ZONING

A. Richard Holm-Chair, Harold Johnston, Elizabeth Storm, and Dave Danz

RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

*Karen Hollanitsch
Alt. Jody Bixby*

UTILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jody Bixby and Elizabeth Storm

WEED INSPECTOR

*Harold Johnston
Alt. Elizabeth Storm*

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

City Administrator or Designee

ADDs/DELETES: None

PUBLIC FORUM:

JPJ Engineering – Project Updates

Nothing to report or approve. However, it is noted that the CDBG grant for commercial revitalization which was applied for and initially approved, was pulled from the City of Cook and went towards the Ely Bear Center and the Floodwood Services & Training. It was suggested that the City try to do something on its own to try and keep interest alive in revitalization. Administrator Martinson also noted that the City is going to try to get grants through the DNR and the IRRRB to update the rink as well as work on a demo grant to demo the house out on the airport property. Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to approve applying for the three grants. **MOTION CARRIED**

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 December 28, 2017
- B. Approval/correction of Special Council Minutes of December 28, 2017 – Truth in Taxation Public Hearing
- C. Bill Presentation Paid since last presentation \$ 43,340.35
 Presented for payment \$ 40,439.16
- D. Ambulance Service January 2018 Report
- E. Reporting of the December 2017 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2017	\$ 103,876.77	\$1,555,404.03
2016	<u>\$ 106,914.99</u>	<u>\$1,559,426.90</u>
	\$ -3,038.22	\$ -4,022.87

- F. Resolution – December 2017 Donations Designated
- G. 2018 Appointments
- H. 2018 Journal of City Council, Commission, Committee and Board Meetings
- I. Administrator Attendance at MCFOA Conference

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Airport

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to approve SEH invoice #343809 in the amount of \$2,790.00 for the Cook Airport access Rd & Parking Lot final design phase. **MOTION CARRIED.** In regard to the Master Plan meeting which will be scheduled in the future, Administrator Martinson will just work with everyone to find a good date and time.

Broadband Steering Committee

Update provided to the council regarding grant projects, hotspots, SMART TV, laptops, as well as future recommendations and projects.

Lake Vermilion Trail

Councilor Storm reported that the LVT group doesn't know if the county will join. Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to accept the Joint Powers Agreement without the County or Breitung as a part of it. **MOTION CARRIED**

Recreation

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to approve the hiring of two part-time recreation attendants: Karlyn Pierce and Claire Beaudry, at a starting rate of \$9.65/hr. (minimum wage) beginning November 30, 2017. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Safety

The City has a new safety training schedule for the year as well as a new safety trainer. The first session is January 31, 2018. The 2018 safety training schedule was shared with the council.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Bow Hunt

The final total is 12.

Cook Area Farmer's Market

Administrator Martinson shared a thank you card from the Cook Area Farmer's Market in regard to Cook's Country Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Meeting

A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2018, at 1 PM. The CEO of KLM Engineering, Inc. will be speaking to us about their services and inspections for water towers.

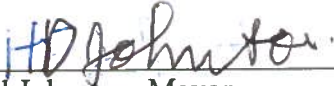
COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Brunner shared her concern about out of town ambulances not knowing which way to go when they try to get to the Cook Hospital via Johnson Road and Gopher Drive. Councilor Brunner also expressed that the council should revisit the possibility of a chicken ordinance this year. Councilor Storm encouraged everyone to attend their caucuses. Storm also expressed that the city streets and sidewalks look really good.

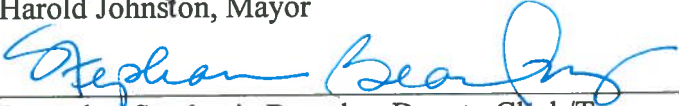
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:27 PM was made by Councilor Brunner and second by Councilor Storm. **MOTION CARRIED**

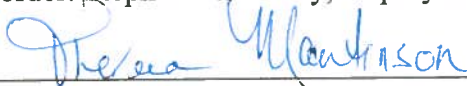
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Harold Johnston, Mayor



Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer