

**COOK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 28, 2016 – 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, July 28, 2016 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 Jody Bixby and Karen Hollanitsch. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, The Timberjay, and the Cook News Herald.

**AGENDA:**

**Additions or Deletions:** None

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**JPJ Engineering Project Updates/Funding:**

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to approve payment of JPJ invoice #3 in the amount of \$2,732.50 for 2016 Infrastructure Improvements, JPJ invoice #4 in the amount of \$1,260.00 for 2016 Infrastructure Improvements, and JPJ invoice #4 in the amount of \$5,122.50 for the River Street Bridge. **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 June 23, 2016
- B. Approval/correction of the Special Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2016 – 2015 Audit
- C. Bill Presentation
- D. Reporting of the June 2016 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2016	\$ 172,290.16	\$ 658,522.48
2015	<u>\$ 177,932.52</u>	<u>\$ 657,191.32</u>
	\$ -5,358.49	\$ 1,331.16

- E. Resolution – June 2016 Donations Designated
- F. Ambulance Service July 2016 Report
- G. Recreation Commission Minutes of July 11, 2016

**COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:**

**Airport**

Council approval is needed to pay SEH invoice #317207 in the amount of \$26,810.00 for the Master Plan with Airport Layout Plan project. Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to pay SEH invoice #317207. **MOTION CARRIED**

## **Planning & Zoning**

Planning & Zoning made the recommendation to issue a variance to Susan Smith/Judy Lindell for the purpose for completing a landing/deck on the property located at 416 1<sup>st</sup> Street S., Cook, MN 55723; the proposed variance requested from Ordinance 3 No. 901 – Building and Land Use Regulations, Section 901.07 – R1 – One & Two Family Residential District, Subdivision 1 requirements as listed:

- 30 feet on Front Yard Setback. Reduction from 30 feet to 17 feet. Requesting 13 foot variance.

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to accept recommendation from Planning and Zoning to grant stated variance to Susan Smith/Judy Lindell. **MOTION CARRIED**

## **Recreation**

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to approve Perpich TV & Music invoice #22-H033 in the amount of \$4,200.00. **MOTION CARRIED**. This is the sound system for the community center; installation is nearly complete. A majority of the cost of the sound system is being covered by rebate money received from Lake Country Power for the installation of an energy efficient heating & cooling system.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Bow Hunt**

The orientation for the participants in the city-wide bow hunt will be held at the Cook Community Center on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 6:30 PM.

### **Lake Vermilion Trail**

Councilor Storm did not have anything to report as there has not been a recent Lake Vermilion Trail meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Propane Bids (2016-2017 Heating Season)**

Bids were received from Lakes Gas Co., Como Oil & Propane, Range LP Gas, and Edwards Oil, Inc. for the propane contract for the 2016-2017 (September 1, 2016 through August 30, 2017) heating season. Lakes Gas is the apparent low bidder. The city purchases approximately 16,000 gallons per heating season.

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to award the 2016-2017 heating propane contract to Lakes Gas Co. at a price of \$.729/gallon. The maintenance service rate is \$65/hour. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MN Statute 462.3693 (Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings)**

Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Beaudry shared that a new law allowing for temporary mobile residential dwellings for those with mental or physical impairments needing short-term care was passed in Minnesota on May 12, 2016. Cities can opt out of the law but should do so by September 1, 2016; many cities are choosing to opt-out. If we choose to opt-out we need to create an ordinance to do so. Motion by Brunner to opt out. No second. Councilor Storm would like to table the issue until we can find out what other neighboring cities are doing. Motion by Storm to table the issue, second by Mayor Johnston. **MOTION CARRIED**. After learning that we can create our own ordinance at a later time, Councilor Storm rescinded her motion to table the issue. Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to opt out. **MOTION CARRIED**. Ordinance adoption will be considered at the August Council meeting.

### **Cook Carefree Living National Night Out**

Cook Carefree Living will be hosting National Night Out on August 2, 2016. The time of the event is 4-6 PM.

**Election 2016**

The Primary elections will be Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at the Cook Community Center.

**COUNCIL FORUM:**

Councilor Storm would like to thank Music in the Park and the Farmer's Market. Storm reminded everyone of the jazz concert taking place at The Comet, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Storm also reminded everyone to be helpful to their neighbors, adding that there are many elderly in our community who might need various types of assistance. Storm also suggested that the city look into the Pedestrian Crossing signs which some cities have that sit in the middle of the streets, stating that often times people are not paying attention to those crossing the street.

Mayor Johnston wanted to extend sympathy to City of Cook librarian, Crystal Phillips, on the recent passing of her husband.

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:28 PM was made by Councilor Brunner and second by Councilor Storm. **MOTION CARRIED**

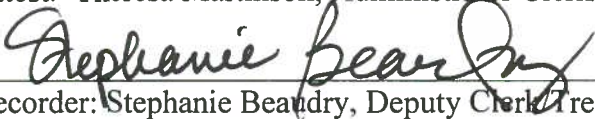
CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723



Harold Johnston, Mayor



Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator Clerk/Treasurer



Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer