

**COOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 2018 – COOK CITY HALL – 6 PM**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the Cook Public Library.

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 Jody Bixby, Karen Hollanitsch, Kim Brunner, and Elizabeth Storm. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, St. Louis County Commissioner candidate Bernie Mettler, Reverend Daniel Kerr, The Timberjay, and Cook News Herald.

ADDs/DELETEs: None

PUBLIC FORUM:

Bernie Mettler

St. Louis County Commissioner candidate for District 4, Bernie Mettler, introduced himself to the city council while also sharing some of his history.

John Jamnick – JPJ Engineering

No updates.

Timber Days

The Old Muni is requesting to extend their premises to their back area for Timber Days June 8-10, 2018 which is covered under their liquor licensing. They have also requested 10 AM serving for Sunday, June 10, 2018 beyond the City Ordinance of 12 Noon. The Old Muni is also requesting approval of a street dance on River Street for Friday, June 8 only. They will be asked to have controlled access. The city's insurance agent Tom Beaudry advised against liquor on the street. Jack Luecken also stated that he will be handling a car show on River Street.

The VFW is requesting to extend their premises to a fenced area in the parking lot for a band during Timber Days, June 8-10, 2018, which is covered under their club licensing. This will be for a dance on Saturday night, June 9, 2018. They have also requested a serving time of 10 AM on June 10, 2018, beyond the City Ordinance of 12 Noon.

Motion by Brunner, second by Bixby to approve the aforementioned requests for both The Old Muni and the VFW Post 1757. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: See Consent Agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of April 26, 2018
- B. Bill Presentation
- C. Ambulance Service May 2018 Report
- D. Fire Dept. May 2018 Report
- E. Reporting of the April 2018 Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2018	\$ 83,100.96	\$ 335,794.20
2017	<u>\$ 88,400.82</u>	<u>\$ 325,383.18</u>
	\$ - 5,299.86	\$ 10,411.02

- F. Resolution – April 2018 Donations Designated

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

Airport

We have a cooperative agreement with St. Louis County regarding the improvement project for the airport access road. Among other things, the agreement states that the county’s financial participation will be limited to a 25% share of the local contribution, which is estimated at \$3,825.

There are two invoices which need approval. SEH invoice #349176 in the amount of \$13,405.00 for the Airport Master Plan project and SEH invoice #349203 in the amount of \$4,185.00 for the Airport Access Road project. Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to approve the cooperative agreement with St. Louis County for the airport access road and the two aforementioned SEH invoices. **MOTION CARRIED**

Ambulance

EMT and Administrative EMT job descriptions as well as an ambulance organizational chart have been updated and need approval. Also, four new EMTs have been hired: Jeremy Ray, Julie Long, Diana Klakoski, and Loretta Rankila. Motion by Storm, second by Bixby to approve the updated ambulance organizational chart, the EMT and Administrative EMT job descriptions, and the four aforementioned hires. **MOTION CARRIED**

Lake Vermilion Trail

Councilor Storm stated that there is a new brochure for the Lake Vermilion Trail which will be used at various activities. Storm also shared that Carol Booth has done so much work for the trail and the group is very lucky to have her.

Library

The Cook Library is one of only fifty libraries in the country and the ONLY library in Minnesota to receive an American Library Association/PBS grant. The programming related to this grant will begin on June 1st and will conclude in September. Librarian Crystal Phillips was live on PBS with Denny Anderson down in Duluth; she represented Cook wonderfully.

Planning & Zoning

The Planning & Zoning Committee made the recommendation to issue a variance to Barbara Matts for the purpose for completing a deck on the property located at 519 S. River St., Cook, MN 55723; the proposed variance requested from Ordinance No. 901 – Building and Land Use Regulations, Section 901.07 – R1 – One & Two Family Residential District, Subdivision 4 requirements as listed:

- 30 feet on Front Yard Setback. Reduction from 30 feet to 23 feet. Requesting 7 foot variance.

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to accept recommendation from Planning and Zoning to grant variance to Barbara Matts. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Election

A motion is needed to approve the Resolution 180524 which lists the slate of election judges for the 2018 election cycle. Motion by Brunner, second by Hollanitsch to approve Resolution 180524. **MOTION CARRIED**

Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade

The Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade is holding a pig roast fundraiser on Saturday, May 26.

Northwoods Friends of the Arts

Northwoods Friends of the Arts will be displaying art throughout town during their 8th Annual Spring Art Expo. It will run from June 8-29, 2018.

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Storm wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend. Administrator Martinson reminded everyone that the Memorial Day parade will start at the VFW at 9:30 AM and also shared that Clara Gustafson is selling poppies again this year; she has been selling for 70 years. Mayor Johnston welcomed Reverend Daniel Kerr, new pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, to town.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:34 PM was made by Councilor Bixby and second by Councilor Hollanitsch. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723



Harold Johnston, Mayor



Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator Clerk/Treasurer



Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer