

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
RESOLUTION 141120 CDBG APPLICATION / NORTH RIVER STREET BRIDGE  
COOK CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 20, 2014 – CITY HALL – 6 PM**

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**TIME AND PLACE:** A public hearing of the Cook City Council was held at 6 PM on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Cook City Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harold Johnston called the public hearing to order at 6:01 PM.

**ATTENDANCE:** Present was Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilors Jody Bixby and Karen Hollanitsch. Absent were City Councilors Kim Brunner and Elizabeth Storm. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm, JPJ Engineering John Jammick, Cook News Herald and The Timberjays.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with project information for the proposed North River Street Bridge Replacement Project.

The project includes the planning for the replacement of the North River Street Bridge over the Little Fork River and a residential demolition needed for bridge replacement. Funding eligibility requires an approved plan and qualifies under the blight program for St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

The City owns the existing bridge and it has been structurally reviewed by St. Louis County warranting replacement. The bridge is inspected annually by the county and is not considered unsafe. The city completed an engineering report three (3) years ago and the recommendation was to replace the existing structure with a 28' x 90' bridge. The project is anticipated to be funded by the MNDOT Bridge Replacement Program and in order to be eligible for the program the final design needs to be completed.

To the north of the bridge, and next to the existing road is a house that is vacant and needs to be removed. The building is located in the floodway meaning the property could not be rebuilt on, per FEMA requirements. The City would consider acquiring the property and proceeding with its demolition, plus acquiring easement from the railroad for the street improvements.

The total estimated project cost for construction planning is \$104,000 with St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funding at \$90,000 and the city share \$14,000. The initial project cost includes design, improvements, land acquisition, demolition, legal costs, etc. with the remaining project cost to be approximately \$550,000 with possible 100% MNDOT funding. The City of Cook is seeking approval to apply for project funding to St. Louis County CDBG through Resolution 141120.

No comments were received.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Bixby to approve Resolution 141120 to authorize funding application to St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for replacement of the North River Street Bridge over the Little Fork River and a residential demolition needed for bridge replacement.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign all pertinent documents for this project on behalf of the city.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:14 PM was made by Councilor Bixby and second by Councilor Hollanitsch. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

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Harold Johnston, Mayor

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Recorder: Cindy Palm, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer