

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN  
COOK CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 19, 2013 – CITY HALL – 5:45 PM**

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**TIME AND PLACE:** A public hearing of the Cook City Council was held at 5:45 PM on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at the Cook City Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harold Johnston called the public hearing to order at 5:45 PM.

**ATTENDANCE:** Present was Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilors Kim Brunner, Karen Hollanitsch and Elizabeth Storm. Absent was City Councilor Jody Bixby. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Maintenance Superintendent Bud Ranta and Teri Osterman – Minnesota Rural Water Association.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and consider adoption of the City of Cook Wellhead Protection Plan. This public hearing allows for public comment with none noted as received.

Teri Osterman, Consultant with Minnesota Rural Water Association, explained that the Wellhead Protection Rule is a federal mandate that has been passed onto the Minnesota Department of Health. All Minnesota cities are required to adopt such a plan. Cities with a population of less than 500 receive funding from the state. Cities over that population have to hire and pay someone to prepare the plan.

The Wellhead Committee (City Councilors Karen Hollanitsch and Elizabeth Storm, Administrator Theresa Martinson and Maintenance Superintendent Bud Ranta) looked at all potential contaminants in the DWSMA (Drinking Water Supply Management Area) which is denoted by the Minnesota Department of Health such as bulk tanks and gas stations. The committee also used their memory and noted all wells that potentially exist.

A “Plan of Action” was formed from the contaminant and well list as to what needed to be followed up on. A step will include notifying people in the area that have wells that programs are available to help seal them.

After City Council approves the Wellhead Plan, the state has 90 days to review. They can send it back to be revised or approve in its entirety. Once the state approves, the process will start in approximately 8 ½ years as an update is required in 10 years.

Mayor Johnston asked if water testing was done as part of the plan preparation. The city already does water sampling as a requirement but nothing in addition for wellhead. A consumer confidence report is completed every July and is included in the plan.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to approve the City of Cook’s Wellhead Protection Plan and submit to the Minnesota Department of Health for their review and approval.

Voting Aye: Councilors Kim Brunner, Karen Hollanitsch and Elizabeth Storm

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Mayor Harold Johnston

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 5:54 PM was made by Councilor Storm and second by Councilor Hollanitsch. **MOTION CARRIED**

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Harold Johnston, Mayor

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Recorder and Attest:  
Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer