

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – STUDY SESSION**  
**COOK CITY COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 – CITY HALL – 5:00 PM**

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PRESENT: Mayor Dick Edblom, Councilors Karen Hollanitsch, Elizabeth Storm, Dan Manick and Jody Bixby

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Resident Geri Wilkinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm

Mayor Edblom called the special council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is for the council to hold monthly study sessions regarding the City of Cook for 2009. The residents of Cook are encouraged to attend these sessions and submit ideas for study to City Hall. Items will be discussed on an importance basis.

Meeting times will be at 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month before the regular council meetings. The September meeting addresses the 2010 budget planning and discussion.

**Revenues**

City staff will research the costs associated with reviewing and issuing building permits and factor in the size of the structure to determine if it is necessary to increase the fees charged for commercial and residential building permits. The same will also be considered for pet license fees.

City staff will also review the HRA payment in lieu of taxes paid to determine if these revenues could be raised. St. Louis County will be contacted for a listing of delinquent taxes for the City of Cook. Suggestion was also made to encourage more baseball and softball tournaments in the community.

The sale of the squad car was discussed as whether to sell it as a security vehicle or what the cost would be to dismantle the security vehicle to a street vehicle. The city may also utilize the vehicle as a command vehicle for fire and ambulance based on their departmental needs and if the value isn't sufficient enough for resale.

Airport Hangar lease fees will be increased .01 cent per square foot over the next three years. The raise will take effect January 1, 2010. The council appreciates the support that the hangar owners contribute towards the Cook Airport but need to address the revenues to keep airport operations positive.

Motion by Manick, second by Storm to increase airport hangar lease fees by .01 cent per square foot over the next three years beginning January 1, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Oct 22 Special Council Meeting will review the 2010 enterprise fund budgets.

The Office Assistant position will be increased back to 32 hours per week effective immediately. The 2009 budget had decreased the position to 24 hours per week and the position requires 32 hours per week.

Motion by Storm, second by Edblom to increase the Office Assistant position back to 32 hours per week effective immediately.

Aye: Mayor Edblom, Councilors Bixby, Hollanitsch and Storm

Nay: Councilor Manick

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to adjourn the special study meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Palm  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer