

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – STUDY SESSION
COOK CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 23, 2009 – CITY HALL – 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dick Edblom, Councilors Dan Manick and Karen Hollanitsch

ABSENT: Councilors Elizabeth Storm and Jody Bixby

OTHERS PRESENT: City Resident Geri Wilkinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm, RLK Engineer John Jamnick, Maintenance Supervisor Bud Ranta, Ambulance Director Penny Buckingham and Donna Hoffer, U.S. Census.

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. At each meeting the council will discuss two main items and agenda item research will be done prior to each meeting.

Local Government Aid (LGA)

For the City of Cook, the Governor's proposed LGA cuts are \$23,849 for 2009 and \$49,802 for 2010. The House proposed cuts for 2009 is \$4,364 and \$6,806 for 2010 and the Senate's proposal is \$3,166 for 2010. The legislative session ends in May and results will be then. Councilor Manick stated the importance of reviewing the budget and planning for these cuts now. Councilor Hollanitsch proposed to have Gary Giroux, the auditor, at the next meeting to discuss the effect of the cuts on the budget.

Annexation

RLK Engineer, John Jamnick presented the council with a draft of all properties owned by the City of Cook. He also provided a map of expansion options for annexation of land. It was recommended that the city focus on economic development while considering the cost to add utilities.

Capital Improvement Plan

RLK Engineer, John Jamnick distributed a 2009 CIP Project Listing of all activities within the City of Cook. The listing includes projects in planning, in design and future concept. These projects were created and reviewed by City Council, Department Supervisors and Administration. The most current project is the Well Replacement Project that will be submitted for bids in May. Mayor Edblom would like to see the CIP Project Listings be reviewed again in July or August.

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to adjourn the special study meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Palm
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer