

**COOK CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
WATER/WASTEWATER/MAINTENANCE TOUR  
JUNE 22, 2017 – COOK WATER PLANT – 5 PM**

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**TIME AND PLACE:** A Special Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 5 PM on Thursday, June 22, 2017 starting at the Cook Water Plant.

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Present at roll call was Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilors Jody Bixby, Kim Brunner, and Elizabeth Storm. Absent was City Councilor Karen Hollanitsch. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, Maintenance Supervisor Bud Ranta, and The Timberjay.

The purpose of this meeting is to tour various maintenance facilities within the City of Cook and provide guests the opportunity to learn about the city's maintenance facilities, as well as ask the Maintenance Supervisor, Bud Ranta, questions about processes and facilities.

The tour began at the Cook Water Plant which is located beneath the Cook water tower. Supervisor Ranta shared various facts about the water tower and the water system as well as explained how the water flows and filters through the various tanks and pipes as well as the treatment of the water. (Fluoride and Chlorine are added to the municipal water supply.) Administrator Martinson inquired as to what projects will have to be considered in the near future. The painting of the inside of the water tower, possibly painting the outside of the water tower, dealing with the sand media and filter, and also a booster will need to be pulled & rebuilt when the booster reaches the age of ten. There is going to be an inspection of the water tower on Monday, June 26, to determine whether the inside of the water tower will indeed need to be painted. It was noted that the new Cook water tower was a \$1,000,000 project which was 100% funded.

The next stop on the tour was the new Maintenance garage located at the north end of Vermilion Drive. This garage was purchased in 2016 to provide additional storage for maintenance equipment. Located directed to the east of this garage is the city's lift station. It is at the lift stations where the city's sewage is pumped out to the sewage ponds located down County Rd 25. There are two pumps at the lift station, each 28 feet deep. The lift station pumps an average of 53,000 gallons of sewage each day. The city hopes to build a new maintenance building right next to this newly purchased garage. It would house the larger equipment and would allow all of the maintenance equipment to be in one central location instead of three different buildings in different areas of town.

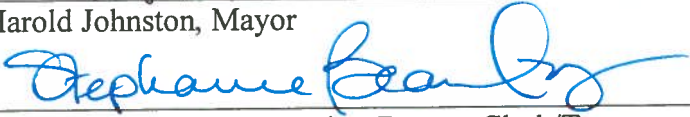
The final stop on the tour was out to the sewage ponds. The City of Cook's sewage ponds are a 3-cell, parallel system. They sit in a 25 acre area. There are no chemicals used in the ponds. The sewage initially flows into either of the outer cells. Eventually it gets moved to the middle cell. Discharge back to the Little Fork River takes place in the spring and in the fall; 145 million gallons is released during discharge. The water is tested before it is discharged to make sure it meets the safety standards.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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Harold Johnston, Mayor

  
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Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer