

**COOK CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
PROPOSED AMBULANCE RATES & STAFF HOURS  
APRIL 13, 2017 – COOK CITY HALL – 9:00 AM**

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**TIME AND PLACE:** A Special Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Cook City Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harold Johnston called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**ATTENDANCE:** Present at roll call was Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilors Karen Hollanitsch, Jody Bixby, and Kim Brunner. Absent was City Councilor Elizabeth Storm. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, Ambulance staff members Marilyn Hannan and Karen Schultz, ambulance volunteers Nancy & Dan Reing, and The Timberjay.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve proposals for increased call and run rates, as well as increasing the two 32 hrs/wk ambulance staff to 40 hrs/wk. Proposed rates are as follows:

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| <b>Runs:</b>   |       | <b>Call:</b>      |         |
| Cook           | \$50  |                   | \$3 EMR |
| Virginia       | \$60  |                   | \$4 EMT |
| Hibbing        | \$80  |                   |         |
| Duluth/Cloquet | \$100 | <b>Stay-back:</b> |         |
| Over 100 miles | \$250 |                   | \$45    |


Councilor Hollanitsch stated that there has been a lot of research and work on this. Councilor Bixby asked how this would play out financially. Hollanitsch stated that it is the hope that additional transfers and calls would make up the difference and also noted that the rates haven't changed in 20 years. Mayor Johnston asked Nancy Reing if she was optimistic about the new rates. Ms. Reing stated that she was. Dan Reing stated that it might bring in more volunteers and that is what the City of Cook needs. Mayor Johnston thanked the volunteers and staff members for all of their hard work. Motion by Brunner, second by Hollanitsch to approve the presented rate changes and the increase to 40 hrs/wk for the staff members Karen Schultz and Jessica Graves currently working 32 hours. **MOTION CARRIED** Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Bixby to make the on-call/run pay retroactive to April 1, 2017. **MOTION CARRIED**


**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

  
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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

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