

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**RECREATION AND AIRPORT – 2017 BUDGET**  
**COOK CITY COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2016 – CITY HALL – 5 PM**

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**TIME AND PLACE:** A Special Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 5 PM on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at the Cook City Hall.

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Present was Mayor Harold Johnston, City Councilors Kim Brunner, Jody Bixby, and Elizabeth Storm. Absent was Councilor Karen Hollanitsch. Also present was Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold monthly special study sessions to discuss budget planning for 2017. Study sessions will be held at 5 PM prior to the monthly regular council meetings for the remainder of the year to discuss the budget and levy for 2017.

The October Study Session focuses on the budgets for Airport and Recreation.

**AIRPORT**

Discussion regarding the airport apartment rent. Councilor Storm suggested raising the rent to \$650/month. It is currently at \$600/month. Mayor Johnston asked if we needed to have a professional look into how we set the rent rate. Administrator Martinson stated that we could look around for comparables, but this is a unique apartment. We should also look at the lease and see if we need to update it. Motion by Storm, second by Bixby to raise the rent to \$650/month. **MOTION CARRIED**

Hangar lease rates will also be reviewed and compared to other airports.

We took a hit in fuel sales this year. They are much lower this year that they were last year; that is hurting the revenues. The city also needs to be looking at future building repairs, such as new flooring, etc. Council Storm shared concern about the airport equipment just sitting outside in the elements; there is nothing to house it.

Capital projects will be prioritized once the master plan is complete.

**RECREATION**

Each line item in this department was reviewed with the council. The city won't have an accurate idea of expenses and revenues until we have been through a full year of operation. Council Storm stressed that the city needs to make sure that the building is well-maintained.

There was a donation to the community center of a "Free Library" box. The council decided that it would be too much of an invitation for vandalism, so they graciously declined the donation.

John Mankus will not be able to take care of the rink ice for the city this year; we are in the process of finding someone else to flood and care for it.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 5:53 PM was made by Councilor Storm and seconded by Councilor Bixby. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

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Mayor, Harold Johnston

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Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer