

**COOK CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
KLM & WATER TOWER INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
AND GAMBLING LICENSES  
FEBRUARY 1, 2018 – COOK CITY HALL – 1:00 PM**

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**TIME AND PLACE:** A Special Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at the Cook City Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harold Johnston called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**ATTENDANCE:** Present at roll call was Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilors Elizabeth Storm, Jody Bixby, and Kim Brunner. Absent was City Councilor Karen Hollanitsch. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, Maintenance staff members Don Flack and Tim Lilya, and President/CEO of KLM Engineering, Inc. Shawn Mulhern.

The purpose of this meeting is to learn and ask questions about KLM's water tower services as well as possibly approve an ROV inspection of our water tower by KLM.

Mr. Mulhern spoke about KLM Engineering, Inc. It is a structural engineering firm with 20 staff members. They work mostly in a tristate area but do work in various parts of the United States and have even done jobs overseas. When KLM does an inspection they put 30-50 photos in each completed inspection report. An inspection can be done by ROV (remote-operated vehicle) so that the tower doesn't need to be drained of its water. Usually within two weeks of an inspection, Mr. Mulhern would come back to the City and share what was found. If an agreement is signed between KLM and the City, it would be stated within the agreement how often you would need inspections done. And the agreement could be terminated by either party with written notice. It would be KLM's hope that the City of Cook continues with a long-term agreement.

Councilor Storm asked why the outside of our water tower is so dirty. Mulhern stated that it could be pollen, how the water tower was painted, or even how the tower sweats. Mayor Johnston asked if sediment could be removed from the tower without it being emptied. Mulhern answered that divers would have to be used and it is a very expensive process. It was also asked if it was determined that work is required would KLM provide an estimate. Mulhern explained that KLM would try to help with budgets 2-5 years in advance; they provide a rough cost estimate breakdown. Mayor Johnston asked if KLM does the actual work on the tower. Mulhern stated that they do not. They get estimates from various contractors. They would still do the warranties, however. Councilor Brunner asked how long the initial inspection process takes. Mulhern shared that it usually takes less than a day and if they see something critical they would let us know right away. Administrator Martinson asked if they had done any other local water tower work. It was stated that they have worked with Hibbing, Virginia, Eveleth Hockey Hall of Fame and Chisholm. Mulhern would be happy to provide references for the Council. Mayor Johnston asked when the best time to have an inspection would be. The best time would be in the spring, when it's warmer. There was some discussion about ice in water tower tanks and the use of "mixers". Councilor Storm asked where a mixer would be located in a tank. It was stated that a mixer is at the bottom of a tank. KLM has been installing them for about 5 years. A small mixer costs approximately \$11-11,500 while a larger unit would be around \$15-16,000. These estimates do not include the additional electrical expenses. Don Flack stated that currently the City of Cook's water tower has a circulator and NOT a mixer.

Mayor Johnston asked if a violation is found who it gets reported to. Mulhern stated that it would just be shared with the City. Administrator Martinson recommended that the Council move ahead with a ROV inspection in 2018. Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to approve a ROV inspection by KLM Engineering, Inc. for the City of Cook water tower. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Gambling Licenses**

Tammy Palmer is requesting a gambling license on behalf of St. Mary's Church. This would be for bingo on April 15, 2018.

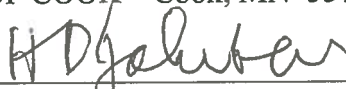
Palmer also requested a gambling license on behalf of Friends of the Park. This would be for Wings and Things on April 27, 2018.

There is also a request from the Cook Chamber – Timber Days Committee for a gambling license for the 2018 Timber Days Raffle. Motion by Brunner, second by Bixby to approve the three aforementioned gambling license requests. **MOTION CARRIED**

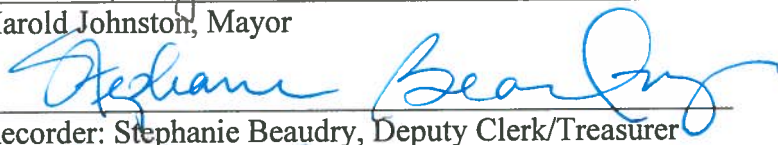
**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723



Harold Johnston, Mayor



Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer