

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Library - Parks and Beautification**  
**2018 Budget**  
**COOK CITY COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 – CITY HALL – 5:30 PM**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Harold Johnston, Councilors Kim Brunner and Elizabeth Storm  
**ABSENT:** City Councilors Karen Hollanitsch and Jody Bixby  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Librarian Crystal Phillips, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson and Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harold Johnston called the Special Council Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold monthly special study sessions to discuss budget planning for 2018. Study sessions will be held at 5:30 PM prior to the monthly regular council meetings for the remainder of the year to discuss the budget and levy for 2018.

The September study session focuses on the budgets for the Library and for Parks and Beautification.

**Library**

Administrator Martinson walked through various budget line items. There is an increase in salaries for the librarian and library assistant due to the increase in hours.

Librarian Phillips stated that the moose in the library needs restoration; it is aging and needs help. The library is doing well. Phillips stated that she really appreciates the extra time to work. Computer training will be taking place at the library; schedule has been set up and flyers were sent out Cook residents. Administrator Martinson said that Phillips has done an excellent job with programs. The Cook Library hosted a MN Association of Library Friends Workshop at the Cook Community Center. It was well attended and the former president of the National Library Association was in attendance as well. The library's book drop should be installed next year; the concrete slab is already in place for it.

**Parks and Beautification**

Administrator Martinson reviewed Parks and Beautification line items in the 2018 budget.

The idea of pocket parks was discussed as well as keeping the river front area in mind for a future project, or perhaps in conjunction with the bridge project. Outdoor seating outside of the library was also discussed; and further development of River Street Park perhaps a grant could be obtained to make something happen in the future. Also, Mike Koskovich is going to help the City with some ditch cleaning before winter.

The October Budget Study Session will review the Airport and Recreation budgets.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Storm, second by Brunner to adjourn the special study session meeting at 5:55 PM. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

140 John Johnston # 11/1/17  
Mayor Harold Johnston

Stephanie Beaudry  
Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer

Theresa Martinson  
Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer