

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CENTRAL IRON RANGE INITIATIVE/CIRI BROWNSFIELD
REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COALITION
COOK CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 12, 2014 – CITY HALL – 9 AM

TIME AND PLACE: A Special Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 9 AM on Friday, December 12, 2014 at the Cook City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Mayor Karen Hollanitsch called the Special Council Meeting to order at 9 AM.

ATTENDANCE: Present were Acting Mayor Karen Hollanitsch and City Councilors Kim Brunner and Elizabeth Storm. Absent were Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilor Jody Bixby. Also present was Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Rick Crum of Northeast Technical Services and The Timberjay.

The purpose of this meeting was to consider becoming a member of the Central Iron Range Initiative and CIRI Brownfield Program Coalition which was created as a coalition of member communities for the purpose of seeking a US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant.

Rick Crum of Northeast Technical Services provided history on the formation of the CIRI Coalition. The group is a non-profit 501C3 and has been in existence for approximately 10 years. Purpose of the coalition was to create a Brownfield Program. The group has extended its boundaries to include more communities than what was originally formed.

Funds available from the grants would be used for planning and would help leverage for the actual project. Phase I, Phase II, Risk Assessment and Clean Up PLAN would be financed. Creating jobs, tax base, clean up including green space are priorities.

City of Virginia is the current fiscal agent and the City of Cook will need to consider entering into a Memorandum of Agreement for the community-wide coalition assessment project.

Motion by Storm, Second by Brunner to approve Resolution 141212 authorizing the City of Cook to join the Central Iron Range Initiative (CIRI) and the CIRI Brownfield Program Coalition (Coalition) and send a letter of support for a US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant. **MOTION CARRIED**

Said Resolution attached to these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 9:36 AM was made by Councilor Brunner and second by Councilor Storm. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

Karen Hollanitsch, Acting Mayor

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