

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**COOK COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**  
**COOK CITY COUNCIL**  
**JULY 24, 2014 – COOK 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, July 24, 2014 at the Cook City Hall.

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Present were Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilors Jody Bixby and Kim Brunner. Absent were City Councilors Karen Hollanitsch and Elizabeth Storm. Also present was Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Maintenance Superintendent Bud Ranta, John Jamnick – JPJ Engineering, Rock Gillson and Josh Gillson – Redwater, Inc., Nicole Peterson – ARDC, Cook News Herald and the Timberjays.

The City of Cook does not have an existing Comprehensive Plan. The city has received a 2014 IRRRB grant and has contracted through ARDC to complete a plan. The Cook City Council is serving as the planning committee for the process. The IRRRB will require a comprehensive plan in place for future funding and this is an opportunity for the community to view its future direction as communities are changing.

The Council is serving as the Planning Commission for the Comprehensive Planning Process with Members of Planning and Zoning also invited.

The Agenda includes the following attached documents as provided by ARDC:

Cook Comprehensive Plan Committee Agenda

Cook Draft Vision and Goal Statements

Draft Comprehensive Plan Chapters – Health Community, Housing and Transportation

Schedule of next meeting date

There were no recommended changes or comments on the Draft Vision and Goal Statements.

In reviewing the Draft Comprehensive Plan Chapters (Healthy Community, Housing and Transportation), the council is requesting additional items be added or deleted:

Discussion included making Cook a medical center. Consider mode of transportation besides vehicle and healthy foods (Ag section) doing more work on that area.

**Healthy Community**

Add:

Wellness Center is a “future” vision at the former school

Carefree Living – Assisted Living

Pharmacy

Coroner/Funeral Services

Former school could serve as an Emergency Shelter designated through Red Cross. The former school has the gymnasium. The community has need for cots, other supplies.

**Healthy Community Continued**

Remove:

None

**Housing**

Add:

Consideration of possible Mining Projects and what that will do to Cook’s housing needs

Survey results will be finalized and consideration of comments will be added

Population statistics and available housing show a need for: Studio, 1 bedroom, condos – planners are seeing the age friendly housing across the country

Green building is also a trend and includes environmental design (LEED) Standard

Redwater, Inc. – Planning for 18 units (1100 sq. ft.) for the 2 story end of building (2 bedroom/2 bathrooms). Carefree living style. Market level housing. Indoor parking. Maintenance free living.

Attractive to those wanting to move from LV. Football field – possibly geothermal.

Hospital/Clinic staff – housing needs consideration

Remove:

None

**Transportation**

Add:

Pedestrian Counts were completed and included in the chapters. 20 year plan.

3 Golf Courses

Bois Forte Transit

Low Bridges – North River Street Bridge Replacement Project

Intersections/Roundabout at Hwy 24/115

Remove:

None

**The Comprehensive Plan Committee Notes of July 24, 2014 as recorded by Nicole Peterson of ARDC are attached to this document and should be considered a part of these minutes.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:02 PM was made by Councilor Bixby and second by Councilor Brunner. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

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Harold Johnston, Mayor

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