

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COOK CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2008 – CITY HALL – 6 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Dick Edblom, Councilors Karen Hollanitsch, Elizabeth Storm, Dave Danz and Dan Manick

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: The Timberjay, Cook News Herald, Candi Nylund, Bob Champa, Karen Lind, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson and Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm

Mayor Dick Edblom called the regular meeting of the Cook City Council to order at 6:50 p.m.

Cook Area Credit Union CEO, Rich Crettol, submitted a letter responding to the council decision to reduce the budget for the Cook Police Department.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

Motion by Manick, second by Hollanitsch to approve the consent agenda as follows:

To approve a 3% cost of living increase for all City of Cook full-time employees for 2009.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to eliminate council salaries for 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

Aye: Councilors Storm, Manick, Hollanitsch and Danz.

Nay: Mayor Edblom

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval/correction of the Regular Council Minutes of November 20, 2008
- B. Approval/correction of Special Council Minutes of December 1, 2008 – Truth In Taxation Initial Hearing
- C. Approval/correction of Special Council Minutes of December 8, 2008 – Truth in Taxation Continuation Hearing
- D. Reporting of the November Liquor Store Sales

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2008	\$102,795.03	\$1,234,795.52
2007	<u>\$101,790.46</u>	<u>\$1,180,143.27</u>
	\$ 1,004.57	\$ 54,652.25

- E. Bill Presentation

Paid since last presentation \$ 113,319.36

- F. Maintenance Department December Report
- G. December Airport Operator's Report
- H. Al Vogt Letter Dated December 12,2008 – Resignation from Police Commission

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

In an effort to reduce costs, the city will no longer contract with Udovich Garbage Services for city garbage service. The city was handling the bookkeeping for the garbage billing to the residents on a monthly basis. The city also was selling city garbage bags to businesses whom would then sell bags to the residents. Residents will still have a choice to utilize the garbage service but will now contract directly with Udovich Garbage Services and the bookkeeping will now be handled through Udovich Garbage Services.

Motion by Danz, second by Manick to eliminate the existing city garbage service contract and let the residents contract directly with Udovich Garbage Services. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

Legal newspaper bids will be sent to the Cook News Herald and the Timberjay utilizing the same practice as the previous year according to Administrator Martinson.

A recognition letter was addressed to Lee Phillips on behalf of the City of Cook for his years of service with the Cook Chamber of Commerce. Lee has retired as President of the Cook Chamber of Commerce.

The Cook Fire Department has requested a gambling resolution from the City of Cook for a gambling premises license renewal application. The resolution would allow for gambling at the Old Muni Bar and Lounge.

Motion by Danz, second by Hollanitsch to approve Resolution No. 081218 for a gambling premises license renewal application for the Cook Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNCIL FORUM:

Councilor Manick reported that the maintenance department has done a great job with the city snow removal.

Councilor Hollanitsch urged residents and business owners to attend the city council meetings and be involved with city government. She complimented Mayor Edblom for allowing an open floor to discuss city business and allowing residents to speak even if not on the agenda.

Councilor Storm also encouraged council meeting attendance. She would like to discuss a city sales tax and assessment for the next council meeting. Councilor Storm also expressed gratitude to Councilor Danz for his knowledge and research with the City of Cook while active on the city council.

Councilor Danz thanked the residents for allowing him the opportunity to serve on the city council. He also supports the competition in running for city council.

Officer Dan Nylund submitted a letter to the council requesting additional compensation for his severance package offer. He felt that the fringe benefits should be paid to him as if he was accruing them until the end of 60 days.

Administrator Martinson requested that her and Councilor Hollanitsch be given the authority to negotiate Officer Nylund's severance agreement request with City Attorney Mark Weir.

Motion by Hollanitsch, second by Storm to authorize Administrator Martinson and Councilor Hollanitsch to negotiate a severance agreement, for Officer Nylund, with City Attorney Mark Weir.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Danz, second by Manick to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Palm
Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer