

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Nov 5, 19 5:00 PM or immediately following 2020 Budget Hearing, City Hall

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called the mtg to order at 5:03 pm.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Mayor stated with hunting season & Thanksgiving holiday upon us, asked hunters & travelers to be safe. Reminder: Effective 11/1 there is no on street parking allowed for snow removal purposes. City has received complaints about garbage carts not removed from street. City ordinance states that carts need to be removed within 24 hours after pick-up. With winter approaching, reminded residents with sidewalks that they are responsible for keeping them clear from snow & ice.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve agenda. PASSED.
- 7) CONSENT AGENDA:
**All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine & will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event item will be removed from General Order of Business & considered at this point to agenda.
 - a) *Accept Minutes from 10/3/19 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Approve monthly payables cks: 43740-43854, 19100901-19100904, 19102201-19102205, 20191003, 20191021;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Accept Bowmar Appraisal Proposed 2020-2021 Assessment Maint Contract;
 - d) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Lend Voting Machine to Town of Spooner plus Maintenance Costs for 2020;
 - e) *Finance Committee Recommendation to change Auditor for 2019 Audit to Two Rivers Accounting;
 - f) *Finance Committee & Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to Prioritize MLS Project Applications-Roundhouse, Ash & Front St, Respectively;
 - g) *Finance Committee & Health Ins Committee Recommendation to Accept WEA Trust Health Ins with Vision Proposal;
 - h) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to forgive sewer charge 501 Benson;
 - i) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve 2 Years Operator License, 11/5/19-6/30/21 for: Carmella J Crandell, Victoria K Flinn, Katie Hayward, Katy Jacobs & Tamara A Ostermann;
 - j) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Temporary "Class B" Picnic License for: WI NW Heritage Passage d/b/a Arts in Hand Gallery on 11/25/19 for Ladies Night Out;Motion (Gabriel/Donovan) to approve items a-j on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 10) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Amendment to Section 10-8 Keeping of Animals;
Marx explained committee reconsidered proposed amendment & decided it should stay same. Ortmann stated she would like to see ordinance remain as is, but add and/or. Ortmann shared her thoughts on resident that is exception. Mayor stated we need to address complaints when received. Chief explained that when you start setting distances & under control, it becomes more difficult to enforce. Motion (Donovan/Parker) to approve amendment to Section 10-8 Keeping of Animals. Ayes-7, Nay-1 (Ortmann). PASSED.
 - b) Approve 2020 Budget;
Mayor thanked staff & finance committee for hard work on 2020 budget. Motion (Coquillette/Gagnon) to approve Resolution 19-15, 2020 Budget Resolution. PASSED.
 - c) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to purchase Snow Blower \$65,335 From Fabrick Cat;
Coquillette reported city has very old unit & has opportunity to purchase a hydraulically driven unit that can mount to loader. Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve snow blower purchase of \$65,335 from Fabrick Cat. PASSED.
 - d) Finance & Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve blvd treatment for River St Project as colored concrete \$134,100;
Marx explained this is narrow strip between sidewalk & curb. This will allow drivers to see that this is not a drivable area. Finance & Municipal Operations Committees both recommend colored concrete. Motion (Coquillette/Parker) to approve blvd treatment for River St project as colored concrete for \$134,100. Discussion: Dunn asked if project still consisted of three (3) lane with a bike lane. Marx responded no, there is not enough room. PASSED.
 - e) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to proceed with Lake Planning Grant Application;
Marx explained that Washburn County Lakes & Rivers Assoc. has asked to put sumps in manholes to collect sediment & prevent run off into river. Marx thinks it's a good project to do & it could possibility open up other grant opportunities. Motion (Ortmann/Reiter) to approve proceeding with Lake Planning Grant application. PASSED.

- f) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve 2020 Projects Ash St, Alley/Parking Lot & Police Dept. Lot including tree removal & new curb cut;
Marx explained these projects will depend on funding. Currently, alley drains across police station parking lot & across sidewalk before getting to storm sewer. Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve 2020 projects Ash St, Alley/Parking Lot & Police Department Lot including tree removal & new curb cut. Discussion: Dunn express concern about taking out another big tree, it takes over 100 years to grow a tree that big. PASSED.
- g) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to postpone utility replacement project in HWY 70 until DOT needs to do pavement replacement;
Coquilletta explained that this was a financial decision that was made. In 2026, WI DOT plans to resurface STH 70, if city replaced water & sewer, we would be responsible for paying for everything from subgrade down. In 2034, the state plans a total pavement replacement, therefore state would assume majority of expenses.
- h) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to hire 2 part time officers Cody Dorn & Jasmine Beebe;
Christman explained that they interviewed a couple of individuals to fill 2 part time officer positions. Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve hiring 2 part time officers Cody Dorn & Jasmine Beebe. PASSED.
- i) Resolution 19-14 Authorizing Sidewalk along Ash St.;;
Marx explained primary reason is for MSLIT grant. In order to apply for funding, we need to add sidewalk from College St to Bashaw. This project will be done in three phases. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve Resolution 19-14 Authorizing Sidewalk along Ash St. PASSED.
- 11) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
- a) Financial Report Sep 19;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to accept Sep 19 financial report. PASSED.
- b) Chief's Report;
Chief Christman reported giving presentation to Driver's Ed class & started Right Track program with Spooner 6th grade class. Plans are being made for 10/31 Halloween event, participants include: Spooner Police Dept., Spooner Funeral Home & American Family Ins. Capt. Pank conducted ALICE training at Spooner Health Care. Recommending hiring Cody Dorn & Jasmine Beebe as part-time officers. For career class, 2 high school students did a ride along. Upward Bound contacted us about a program for students interested in law enforcement. Homicide charges have been filed by Washburn Co District Attorney against Joseph Rogers in a homicide case. Spooner PD also investigated 2 other deaths in city this past month. Spooner Officers & WBSO deputies assisted members of DCI with a search warrant, which resulted with taking a male subject into custody on possession of child pornography charges. Officers have responded to 7 accidents, report of a home invasion, complaints of scam attempts & identity theft. Total incidents: 1089.
- c) BID Report;
Dunn reported Ladies Night Out is coming up & shop small Saturday. Bid approved more internet advertising. Discussed events in town should be at Railroad Park.
- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
Coquilletta reported next mtg is in December.
- e) Railroad Park Update;
Council viewed DBS presentation of exterior and interior of Roundhouse. Phase I of parking lot is being done by Monarch, gravel parking lot. Have state approved plans for pavilion. Working on a brochure & handouts. First historic sign is up. There is a MLS grant opportunity for historic preservation. Mayor thanked Terri for all her hard work.
- f) Library Liaison Report;
Reiter reported library held recipe contest during Jack-O-Lantern Fest. A 12 year old girl won overall prize. Discussion of strategic planning. This Friday, Tom & Scot Perlick will be there to discuss distillery. Winter reading program is starting Saturday.
- 12) ADJOURNMENT;
Motion (Gagnon/Parker) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 6:05 pm.
ATTESTED BY:
Patricia Parker, City Clerk
Gary J Cuskey, Mayor