

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Aug 6, 19 5:00 PM, City Hall

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:00 pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
- 5) Lance Ausing, Regional Economic Development Director WI EDC, Presentation
Lance Ausing gave introduction about WEDC & programs that are available for economic growth. Ausing feels Spooner is prime candidate for main street programs & other business opportunities.
- 6) Mayor's Comments;
Mayor recognized & thanked Spooner Utility & City crews for 2 days of mutual aid restoring power in City of Barron. City Council received a thank you from Spooner Little League for all improvements at College St Park. Oct Council mtg will be changed to 10/3. USH 63 mill & overlay project is starting 8/12. Mayor welcomed new officer Noah Horsch & administered Law Enforcement Oath of Office.
- 7) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Donovan/Gagnon) to approve agenda. PASSED.
- 8) **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 7/2/19 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to approve monthly payables cks –43340-43491, 19070201-19070204, 19071701-19071705, 20190620, 20190703, 20190722;
 - c) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to place exit only signs with a right arrow on alley by Treat Depot;
 - d) *Municipal Operations Recommendation to place Slow Children at Play signs on Hwy. K between Hazel St & Spruce St;
 - e) *Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Utility purchase of equipment mats \$2,400;
 - f) *Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to accept Park Plan developed by FORP for construction of parking area, pavilion & playground;
 - g) *Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Extra Territorial CSM for Cathleen Crandall (Cable Lake);
 - h) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve 2 Yrs Operators Lic 8/6/19-6/30/21 for: Courtney L Graham, Gary V Johnson, Stephanie K Tinsley & Jacob A Wahleithner;**Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve items a – h, except item d on consent agenda.** Discussion: Donovan requested to pull item C. Marx explained this is having alley's eastbound traffic exit through Treat Depot parking lot. Coquillet requested to pull item D. Marx explained Washburn County will not allow this type of sign to be placed on county highways. County recommends that City not post sign, could increase city's liability if an incident occurs. **Except for Item D. PASSED. Item D: All in favor to place sign, Ayes-0, Nays-8. PASSED.**
- 9) **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a) Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to accept Bid from Cahill for repairs to Canoe Museum \$9,900;
Gabriel reported Property Planning Committee is recommending bid from Cahill be accepted for repairs to canopy & siding for \$9,900. **Motion (Gabriel/Gagnon) to accept Cahill bid of \$9,900 for repairs to Canoe Museum. Roll call: Ayes-8, Nays-0. PASSED.**
 - b) First St Field Building repairs;
Marx met with Butterfield Masonry, they are proposing to build a 12" wall behind existing wall & install steel plates to pull/hold existing wall. City would need to hire an excavator, pay for materials & provide sand for backfilling. Other part is to replace deck, install a railing, & build steps to make it safe. Estimating repairs should be no more than \$5000. **Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) approve First St Field building repairs up to \$5000 taken from other city buildings. Roll call: Ayes-8, Nays-0. PASSED.**
 - c) Water Utility Simplified Rate Case effective 10/1/19;
Marx explained, for information, the simplified rate care will be published 8/8, this will increase water revenue by \$19,220 annually. Customers will received notice with their next utility bill.
 - d) Approve Centennial Park Permit for Spooner Garden Club Plant Sale on 8/24/19;
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve Centennial Park Permit for Spooner Garden Club Plant Sale on 8/24/19. PASSED.
 - e) Request to Petition FCC to add Local TV Channels to DIRECTV & DISH Networks;
Clerk Parker explained this request came from Washburn County Clerk. County is assisting with process of asking FCC to add local TV stations (Eau Claire/La Crosse) to DIRECTV & Dish Network. Petition will be available to sign in clerk's office.
- 10) **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**
 - a) Financial Report Jun 19;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to accept Jun 19 financial report as presented. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Chief Christman reported Spooner Rodeo & Block Party events were well attended with few problems. Message board signs were used to assist with traffic direction. WI State Patrol & SPD PT Officers assisted with events. Chief met with homicide investigation team & Washburn County DA. Officers were called to assist with a barricaded subject with a knife, subject was arrested after less lethal shotgun rounds were deployed. Officers &

EMS responded to a report of a man in a pool of blood. Male was deceased upon arrival. This case has been ruled a homicide & remains under investigation at this time. Officers transported two subjects to Green Bay for emergency detention this month. Total Incidents 1264.

c) BID Report;

Dunn reported Jack Pine Savage Days went well. BID hired a professional photographer, have received some really nice photos. BID is working with Ladies Night Out group, talking about putting permanent lights on some of trees in park. Ghost Hunters is coming to Spooner in Sept to do some filming.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Coquillette reported there is now a WEDC office. State will be taking over CDBG grants, taking control away from local government.

e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter reported Jacene Silvas & 2 youth group were out cleaning up grove of trees & Mary Kasten has created a landscape plan. City removed stumps & placed a picnic table. Board approved floor plan from DBS & a contract with North of Eight Design & Marketing to develop some marketing tools. We have a donor that will pay to build a 36 X 48 picnic pavilion & gravel parking lot. Property Planning & Development Committee is supportive of our park site plan.

f) Library Liaison Report;

Reiter reported Nan Hendry is doing ukulele lessons. Diane Dryden interviewed Library Director. Highlighted all events going on at library. There will be a fund raiser on Sep 28th at Potter's Shed.

11) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Donovan/Gagnon) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:47 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Patricia Parker, City Clerk

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor