

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 7, 2013 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER;**
2. **ROLL CALL;** 7 Present, 1 Absent (Everroad, by phone), Koehn, Marx, Chief Andrea, Kohler, Savage, Fenniman (Town of Spooner), R Ripley, Ford, Jensen, Heino, J Ripley
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY;**

lorns asks that Item G be discussed soon that they can return to bar. R Ripley wants time to discuss First St as property owners.

5. **Tree City Presentation by Brad Johnson, WI-DNR;**

Brad Johnson – important to recognize the great job employees have been doing as Tree City. City has been Tree City for 10 years. Required to spend \$2 per capita for trees & have a Tree Board. City has built a foundation & is only one in Washburn County for this length of time. It is an honor for City to have flags waving on a regular basis. Very unique to have street dept & utility to work on trees. It's not expensive to keep trees healthy. Challenge to City of Spooner is emerald ash borer. It will kill all ash trees in City. Mayor was presented with a new entrance sign & different flag for representing 10 years. Mayor also received a memento for being tree city for 10 years. Marx has been big part & supporter of trees – Clerk Koehn & Dunn also received acknowledgement. Tree Board was introduced & also given thanks.

Mayor Cuskey thanked Johnson for his work with City for trees.

6. **Mayor's Comments;**

Clerk's week, thank clerks for all they do.

7. **Approval of Agenda;**

Motion (Dunn/Stelter) to approve agenda moving item 9(g) to beginning. Passed.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) *Accept Minutes from April 3, 2013 Regular Council Meeting and April 16, 2013 Reorganizational Meeting;
- b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Check Numbers-33552-33685, 13030501-13030503, 13032001-13032005, 13040301-13040303, 13041601-13041605, 20130304, 20130306, 20130314, 20130318, 20130403, 20130406, 20130416, 20130418;
- c) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve **Resolution 13-14, 05/07/2013, RESOLUTION REALLOCATING USE OF FUNDS BORROWED BY RESOLUTION 11-19;**
- d) *Accept Finance and Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Proposal from Erickson Excavating to build portion of Roundhouse Road in exchange for using fill for Fire Hall Project, cost to city \$950, approximate value \$16,000;
- e) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Operators Licenses 2 Year 05/07/13-June 30, 2014 Alex Joel Peterson, Felicia Pokorny, Wayne A Ratzemberger, William J Boileau and Timothy D Stilwell; Operators License 2 Year 07/01/13-June 30, 2015 John R Ennis and Richard C Coquillet
- f) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Picnic License Rodeo 7/11-14/2013, Spooner Cardinals May-August 2013
- g) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Award Bids:
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers Painting -\$9,820, Crackfilling-\$19,800, Chip Seal-\$40,200, Micro Seal - \$18,150, Thompson Masonry -Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter - \$20.75 Total Combined , Heavy Equipment - Bluse Enterprises - \$295 Total Combined;
- h) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Park Use Permit - Veterans Park-Lakeland Family Resource Center, 6/1/13- 10-12 PM;
- i) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Amendment to Chapter 78 (Utilities) Article II (Water Service) Division 1(Generally) Section 78-31 (Abandonment of Private Wells)City of Spooner Code of Ordinance, 05/07/13:
- j) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve Proposed Summer Hours for Street & Utility Department (4-9's, 1-4) Second Monday of May to Second Friday of September;
- k) *Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to deny Site Plan Approval Creative Kids Learning Center (scheduled for BOA 05/06/13);
- l) *Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve **AMENDMENT TO CITY OF SPOONER CODE OF ORDINANCES CREATING SECTION 86-18** Commercial & Industrial Architectural Design Standards(Originally passed 2010, but never codified)

Remove item k for discussion.

Motion (Thompson/Gabriel) to approve consent agenda a – l without item K. Passed.

Item K. Plan Commission must deny because it violates City Ordinance. Board of Appeals will make decision.

Motion (Thompson/Gabriel) to approve item K. Passed.

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Recommendation From Property Planning & Development to proceed with Proposed land exchange at Blooming Valley-Town of Spooner;

Gabriel discussed City will deed them 5 acres on corner of City property on County Highway A & Blooming Vale Road, they will demolish old town hall once new one is built. City will lease their building back to them while new one is being built. There will be a Memorandum of Understanding that if City uses land next to them as a waste water treatment plant, they can have no objections. Also, \$15,000 for exchange.

Dunn asked for an explanation from Fenniman on why they don't build where they are. Fenniman explained that they would have to put up a fence & parking for ball field would be gone. Currently town hall has windows boarded up. He feels he is being a good neighbor by asking to move elsewhere unlike City when they purchased Town of Spooner property. Savage feels an open & larger area would be preferable.

Discussion. Thompson felt it was an opportunity to make ball field better & can use \$15,000 for a pavilion.

Ortmann agreed that it would be nice to improve those ball fields.

Dohm stated he has had several calls asking to vote against. He also noted that IRPC has concerns because they are building even closer to IRPC shooting range than they are currently.

They need a nice building to have a lovely town hall.

Motion (Gabriel/ Thompson) to approve recommendation to move forward with proposed land exchange at Blooming Vale Road – Town of Spooner along with memorandum of understanding. Passed. 2 (Dohm/Stelter) nays

- b) Recommendation From Property Planning & Development & Municipal Operations to place 2 8x8 Signs on 53/63 Land (\$175 DOT Permit 30 day minimum review-DOT Recommends 4x8 Max Size);

There was proposal to put one large sign on property, but at Property & Planning Meeting, it was decided to have two of them instead. Where large sign would go will probably be taken away when highway project comes

through. Currently DOT doesn't like 8X8 size. This issue will be re-revisited. DOT is pushing the smaller 4X8 sign. No action at this time.

- c) Recommendation From Municipal Operations to approve Aggie Memorial at Centennial Park at no cost to city:

Dohm referred to Marx for explanation. Marx showed picture of where mural would be placed. Size is 16X20. A picture of old corner tavern. BID has 4,000 to 5,000 towards this project. \$6,500 will be the total cost. Mayor noted there is miss-information - Aggie did not run strip club, that came later with Chatterbox and Ethel.

Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to approve Aggie Memorial. Passed.

- d) RESOLUTION NO. 13-15, 05/07/13, PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO EXERCISE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POLICE POWERS UNDER SECTION 66.0703, WISCONSIN STATUTES. All property fronting upon both sides of following alleys: From River St to Front St, between Walnut St & Elm St. Block 4 Original Townsite & From River St to Summit St between Walnut St & Oak St Block 8 Original Townsite:

These alleys are nearly impassible at this time. Hearing is May 29, so it can go to council in June. Engineer will process costs & assessment.

Motion (Dohm/Stelter) to pass Resolution 13-15. Passed.

- e) Canoe Museum request for Street Closing & Picnic License May 25, 2013;

Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to approve street closing & picnic license May 25, 2013. Passed.

- f) Approve Operators License 2 Year 05/07/13- June 30, 2014 Justina F Anderson, Deborah Quam;

Motion (Thompson/Gabriel) to approve operator's licenses. Passed.

- g) Class B Combination Liquor License – June 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013 for Danielle N Leckel d/b/a The Rabbit Hole;

Motion (Schluter/Stelter) to approve license from June 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. Passed.

- h) Status update on Interim /Final Interconnection Agreement with NSP & Amendment to Interconnection Agreement with DPC

Marx explained there is now an agreement with NSP for interconnection through attorneys. Purchase may be in place with NSP before interconnection agreement will be done so we would amend our interconnection agreement with Dairyland Power Company.

Motion (Thompson/Gabriel) to approve signing interconnection agreement with Xcel Energy or sign with Dairyland Power Company then sever agreement with NSP, depending on timing of events. Passed.

10. STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

- a) Financial Report March, 2013;

Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to approve financial report for March 2013. Passed.

- b) Chief's Report - incidents during April, 2013;

Increase in problems at School. DEC meeting – new officers in different position because of change in staffing. Several have now taken the EVAC training.

They have found several sick raccoons with possible distemper & officers have been taking care of them, heads go to DNR for testing. There have also been more mental health issues recently, more than usual. 965 contact & calls. Call ratio is a good balance – a number of calls in many fields. Chief sees all bases are covered & that all calls aren't in one area.

- c) BID Report;

Aggie Memorial should be started soon. It is time to start putting flowers out.

- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Business is picking up around counties & new interest in this area. They are on budget.

10. Adjournment;

Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn, Clerk

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor