

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 3, 2013 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL:** 7 present, 1 absent (Everroad), others in attendance: B & J Andrea, J Ford, J Walker, D Ebner, R Coquillette, Chief Christman, J Kohler, B Reiter, T Jensen, F Zufall, K Pierce, D & M Richter, J Villella, M Hermanson, J Weiner
Gabriel (left mtg 5:35)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

Ebner here about stop sign on intersection Michigan & Second St. Feels no purpose.

J Villella on behalf of Community Bank of Northern Wisconsin in regards to Tamarack – requests liquor license at that site.

K Pierce has listing for Tamarack Bar & is asking not to have license granted elsewhere.

M Hermanson has interest in bar as real estate.

5. **Mayor's Comments:**

School started today, so young folks around town more – please be careful of them.

Asked Chief Andrea to come forward. Mayor presented him with a plaque which hardly recognizes all dedication he has given to City of Spooner. Additionally, Spooner Police Department presented him with a plaque along with great appreciation.

6. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to approve agenda. Passed.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) *Accept Minutes from August 6, 2013 Regular Council & August 19, 2013 Committee of Whole Meetings;
- b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Check Numbers- 34065-34197, 13071001-13071003, 13072401-13072405, 13080702-13080704, 20130704, 20130709, 20130710;
- c) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to allow Marx to take necessary action to secure Electric Capacity for City of Spooner;
- d) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to 15 mph speed limit signs upon verification from WI DOT & post children at play signs in Park West, superseding previous action;
- e) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Applications for Licenses: Applications for 2 yr Operator License – 9/3/13 – 6/30/15: James B Chamberlain;
- f) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Application for Licenses: Application for 2 yr Operator License 9/3/2013 – 06/30/2013 Keisha M Friede contingent on completing missing information on application;
- g) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Picnic License for Northwest Passage– September 27, 2013;

Motion (Schluter/Stelter) to approve consent agenda without item d. Passed.

Item D does not need DOT approval. Marx explained that it is because of two curves that are unimproved, creates a need for 15 mph.

Motion (Schluter/Stelter) to approve item D. Passed.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve half the proceeds go to replacing trees at IRPC and other half to the Boulevard Shade Tree Rebate program;

Dohm addressed this item. Some of the trees are not healthy; City wants to thin them. IRPC would like to get money to plant trees to keep a sound buffer.

Stelter noted idea of tree rebate as a Tree City is to plant right tree in right place.

Motion (Dohm/Schluter) to use half anticipated funds for IRPC and other half for planting on Boulevards. Passed.

- b) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to rescind previous recommendation to place a stop sign at Michigan and Second Street;

At a meeting last month, Committee had recommended stop sign because of a letter City has received.

Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to rescind sign on Michigan & Second Street & have it removed. Passed.

- c) Safety & Licensing Committee: "Class "B"" Combination Liquor License – September 4, 2013 – June 30, 2014 for Spooner Market & Grill;

Motion (Dunn/Stelter) to grant license to Spooner Market & Grill. Passed. Roll Call Vote

- d) Review status of the Spooner Ice House payment of overdue real estate taxes and other debt;
Geary responded to a certified letter from the City. He agreed to pay current utility bill by the due date plus 20% of past due by the 15th of each month.

- e) Sprinkler System for Centennial Park Expense (cost share \$500-Spooner Garden Club, \$1,000 Spooner BID, \$1,559 City Contingent Fund);

This was denied at committee level.

\$1,000 from City's contingency fund.

Motion (Stelter/Ortmann) to approve Sprinkler System. Passed. Roll Call Vote because it is unbudgeted funds.

- f) Status of TID 5 Creation;

The project is stopped at this time.

Motion (Stelter/Thompson) to stop process. Passed.

9. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**

a) Financial Report July, 2013:

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

b) New Chief Christman's First Report to Council - incidents during August, 2013:

Big changes in department. Chief Andrea has retired, resignation of Officer Dewayne Olson & promotion of Officer Mike Kronberger as a full time officer

c) BID Report:

Approved \$1,000 for sprinkler system. Meeting September 17th at 8:00 to see artist for park mural. Mayor expressed his thanks for donation towards sprinkler system.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report:

Dohm reported that there are still loans being issued & many are expanding. They do a good job screening people. Try to keep businesses in North land.

e) Library Liaison Report:

Reported by Ortmann. Library is in need of partial new roof. Jane Frankiewicz had her evaluation & appears to be highly regarded by their board.

10. **Adjournment:**

Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn, Clerk

Mayor Gary J Cuskey