

City of Spooner Budget Hearing

November 5, 2013

Hearing called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Carol Dunn at Spooner City Council Chambers on 11/05/2013.

Zufall questioned increase of wages to employees.

Motion (Stelter/Gabriel) to close hearing. Passed.

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 5, 2013 5:00 PM, Or Immediately following the 2014 Budget Hearing, City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER;**

2. **ROLL CALL;** 7 present, Others in attendance: Marx, Koehn, Kohler, Chief Christman, Zufall, Coquillet, J Ford, Jensen, Struzan, Jirik & 4 high school students.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY;**

Allied Waste did a presentation on 1 year of recycling in Spooner. 130 tons of recycling. 56 tons was at 6 month date.

Schluter noted that he has more leaves now after leaf pickup. Struzan & Koehn pointed out it is difficult to find a date that works. It has been later in year & bags are frozen to ground.

5. **Mayor's Comments;**

Halloween went fine, no issues. A lot of pedestrian traffic. Traditional deer hunting – hopes everyone is safe and uneventful season. Putting up Christmas decorations, please be careful.

a. Resignation of Council Person – Esa Everroad

Mayor read her resignation.

b. Appointment of Council Person – Rick Coquillet

Swore in Coquillet.

Motion (Thompson/Dohm) to appoint Rick Coquillet to 1st Ward. Passed.

6. **Approval of Agenda;**

Motion (Gabriel/Dohm) to approve the agenda. Passed.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA;**

a) *Accept Minutes from October 1, 2013 Regular Council Meeting;

b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Check Numbers- 34318-34483, 13090501-13090503, 13091701-13091705, 130100101-13100103, 13101501-13101505, 20130903, 20130909, 20130918, 20131004, 20131021;

c) *Accept Finance & Personnel Committee Recommendation to renew employee health insurance with Health Partners 12/1/13;

d) *Accept Finance & Personnel Committee Recommendation to establish policy to reimburse expense for Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan to active employees or spouses not to exceed \$250/month, provided it is in city's best financial interest to do so;

e) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to ratify WPPA Contract, 1%/1% Split, \$0.45/hr shift pay/ three year term;

f) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation for 2013 Non-Union Wages, 3% Increase Chief Christman, Captain Pank, Clerk Koehn, Administrator Marx, 7% Increase Street Department, Utility Department, Clerical Staff;

g) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve Employee Handbook;

h) *Accept Property Planning & Development Committee to Execute Access Agreement for city property south of Hwy H with Spooner Health Systems and to continue to negotiate Purchase Agreement and Developers Agreement;

i) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Applications for Licenses:

Application for 2 yrs Operator License – 11/05/13 – 6/30/15 Amos B Tijerina;

Picnic License St. Francis de Sales – 11/09/2013 – Polish Dinner & Auction;

Picnic License Approval of Wisconsin Canoe heritage Museum– 11-09-2013: Red Cedar Symphony Night;

I Play Inc. & Sam's Resale – Second Hand Store Application, 111 Elm Street;

What the Deck Card Shop – Re-sale Application, 111 Elm Street;

Motion (Schluter/Thompson) to approve the consent agenda. Passed.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

a) Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to offer \$40,000 for old fire hall; Thompson reported that Fire District board adjusted dates to accommodate a late move out - April 1, 2014.

2/3 required vote to commit the undesignated funds.

Motion (Gabriel/Stelter) to recommend an offer of purchase of fire hall for \$40,000. Passed. –

Roll Call – 7 yes with Thompson abstaining.

b) Review status of Spooner Ice House payment of overdue real estate taxes & other debt;

Came in with a payment today, right before council.

c) 2014 Budget;

Dunn addressed this line item. Insurance came in at 2.5 % instead of 17%. Actual increase to budget is \$10,748 less than last year.

Motion (Dunn/Dohm) to approve budget as presented.. Passed. Roll Call vote 8 yes.

d) Consider changing December council to December 10th;

Committee day on November 19th & council as normal December 3, 2013. Finance later in day on 19th @ 2:30 p.m.

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

a) Financial Report September, 2013:

Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to accept financial report as presented. Passed.

b) Chief's Report - incidents during October, 2013:

Chief Christman reported all ads filled for Spooner Project calendar. Thanks area merchants & is very appreciative of their support.

Combined event for Halloween – with Spooner Fire District, North Ambulance & Spooner Police Department – over 500 kids.

Many investigations & traffic stops. Several drug arrests along with OWI stops. 190 calls, 1130 contacts.

c) BID Report:

The mural is being worked on at this point. A form will let you be apart of mural.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report:

Dohm reported on The Heritage Incentive from St Croix.

e) Library Liaison Report:

Ortmann reported a 50 cent raise for staff. Trying a type of 'red box' program for library.

10. **Adjournment:**

Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn, Clerk

Gary J Cuskey