

Budget Hearing
November 7, 2012

The Finance Committee was called to order by Chairperson Carol Dunn at 5:00 for City of Spooner Budget hearing. There being no comments or an objection, hearing was closed.
Motion (Dohm/Schluter) to close the hearing. Passed. Hearing was closed at 5:05 p.m.

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 7, 2012 5:00 PM, or immediately following the 2013 Budget Hearing, City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**
 2. **ROLL CALL:** 7 Present, 1 absent (Gabriel), others in attendance: Marx, Koehn, Kohler, Captain Christman,
 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
 4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**
None
 5. **Mayor's Comments:**
Civic Center is open now & ice is being made. Election Day was a big deal, 1274 voters with 202 registrants that day. McQuade has donated \$1,500 in memory of their mother Betty. Betty McQuade was active on city council.
 6. **Approval of Agenda:**
Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to approve the agenda. Passed.
 7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a) *Accept Minutes from October 2, 2012 Regular Council Meeting;
 - b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Check Numbers – 32652-32772, 12090501-12090503, 12091801-12091805, 12100301-12100303, 12101701-12101705, 20120904, 20120905, 20120920, 20121001, 20121015;
 - c) *Accept Personnel Committee to renew 2013-14 Building Inspection contract with North Lakes Mechanical Consulting Services, Inc.;
 - d) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve **Class B Combination Liquor License – November 7, 2012 – June 30, 2013** for 555 Holdings fka Kegglers Pub & Pin Operators Licenses; Two Year 11/07/2012 – 06/30/2014 – Kathleen Barrett, St Francis de Sales Church;
 - e) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to change policy of waiving City Garbage Charges for Landlords;
 - f) *Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Extra-territorial Certified Survey Map for Philip Hedlund, N5599 & N5603 Tower Hill Road, Part of NE/4-NW/4 & SE/4-NW/4, Section 25, T39N,R12W, Town of Evergreen, Post Recording Review-V18 P 157 CSM's;
- Motion (Everroad/Schluter) to approve consent agenda. Passed.**
8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a) 2013 Budget:
Marx discussed budget & new financing. With new financing City's budget will not have to use any funds from TID 3 as originally planned.
Motion (Dunn/Thompson) to approve budget. Passed by roll call vote. 7 yes (Gabriel absent)
 - b) Finance Committee Recommendation to accept Banking Proposal from Community Bank of Northwestern Wisconsin;
If proceed with change in banking/loans we will have savings on our loans that will impact our budget. Looking at this before discussion of Item A on Budget. The City received three bids – Shell Lake State Bank, Johnson Bank, and Community Bank of Northern Wisconsin. Community Bank had no fees & lowest interest for refinancing out loans.
Motion (Dunn/Thompson) to approve banking proposal from Community Bank of Northern Wisconsin. Passed.
Council gave Marx latitude to work with Bank on possibly combining some of smaller loans into one.
 - c) Consideration to City towards construct of restroom and concession building at 1st Street Ball Field;
Dohm felt it is a legitimate request but also feels there are other projects that need to be done. Perhaps should consider for next years budget. The Cardinals Goal is \$82,000. Dohm suggested borrowing for the City's portion of \$25,000. The club believes they can raise the balance if the City can pay \$25,000.
Great deal of discussion as three committees has turned down request.
Could take one of re-financing loans just discussed & increase by \$25,000 for project.
The ice rink has an aging building-what about that building? The Cardinals Baseball Team will clean bathrooms during their season.
Clerk noted increase in utilities at First Street Park has nearly doubled, request discussion on who will pay utilities. Villella feels that all other City parks are paid for by City, City should pay this one also, it should not be their expense.
Cuskey asked about an agreement for when this group is gone & next group is in charge.
Dohm suggested it go to Finance Committee again. Mayor felt it would be a good time for a discussion as everyone is here now.
Motion (Schluter/Stelter) to borrow \$25,000 to fund the new ball park concession building. Passed. Roll call vote-7 yes (Gabriel absent)
 - d) Proposal to clear City owned parcel between 53 & 63 in cooperation with clearing project proposed by Washburn County Highway Department;
County is going to have a logger come in for proceeds & county will do grubbing – take stumps out. Dunn doesn't think it makes sense. If trees are cut, next owner may not want it cleared. It could be type of business that wants protection of trees for example barrier from Highway sounds.
Property & Planning agreed to go forward if it didn't cost City anything. But County won't commit to any costs, City doesn't have much information.
Motion (Dunn/Otto) to decline proposal from County. Passed.
 - e) McQuade Family Donation to RR Park in Honor of their mother, Betty McQuade;
City of Spooner thanks them for donation. Mayor Cuskey has known Betty for many years.
 - f) 2013 Farmers Market request;
Dohm talked about new program. They are asking for exclusive use of parking lot & asking for signage.
 - g) Proposals to provide Engineering/Grant Services;
A firm has talked to Marx about packages for assisting with clean water funds etc. They are working in Minong & Webster now. Municipal Operations agreed to do a bid with three companies' City has used in past; MSA, SEH, Cooper.

h) 2013 Health Insurance renewal:

Great news. Rates were flat for 2013 & some went down. Saved about \$30,000 from what was budgeted. We budgeted at 17% but came in at a zero. Several years ago, when City moved to higher deductible & HRA plan that is now in place, it has saved municipality quite a bit in their budgets.

Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to renew with Health Partners. Passed.

i) Road Crossing Permit/easement to Dairyland Power Cooperative-69 kV Tap Line West Beaverbrook Ave.: Marx explained working with Xcel & difficulties. Dairyland & Xcel are now pleased because Marx has done survey & work associated with easement.

Motion (Dunn/Dohm) to approve easement. Passed.

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

a) Financial Report September, 2012:

Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to approve September 2012 financial report. Passed.

b) Chief's Report - incidents during October 2012;

Captain Christman gave report. During homecoming Police Department provided traffic & security. They used bicycle for Jack Frost Festival which worked well for Zombie run, also. Squad cars are now numbered on sides & roofs to be recognizable from the air or side. 851 calls in October.

Dohm thought the Department should have a pat on back because Halloween went so smoothly.

c) BID Report;

None at this time.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Doing well. Went through amount of loans -3 mill worth of loans out there. NWRPC is being used as a model in many communities & in other regions.

10. Adjournment;

Motion (Thompson/Dohm) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn, City Clerk/Treasurer

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor