

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Jan 2, 18 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. ROLL CALL; 6 present, Donovan arrived at 5:02, 1 absent, 1 vacancy
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
Chief Report: Chief Christman – anticipate completion of police station renovation to be around 3rd week in January. Officers participated in Christmas for Kids Fundraiser at Spooner Family Restaurant. Plans have started for 2018 Citizen’s Police Academy. 2018 Spooner Project calendars are now available. A stolen chainsaw was recovered in St. Croix Falls. Warnings are being issued for sidewalks not being cleared after a snowfall, as well as tickets for overnight parking violations. Officers have responded to a slight increase in traffic crashes due to winter roads. Total incidents 943.
5. Mayor’s Comments;
Mayor – Police Dept & City Crews are monitoring sidewalks to make sure they are clear of snow. Parking restrictions are in effect from 2–6 am until Apr 1st. Christmas tree pick-up will be Jan 19th. Jack Frost Fest is being held on Jan 13th at College St Park.
6. Presentation on River St Project by SEH – DOT Consultant;
Dan Penzkover, SEH & Beth Cunningham, WI DOT gave a presentation on USH 63 reconstruction. Public Involvement mtg is scheduled for Jan 11th at 5:00 pm. DOT is proposing a three lane roadway, with middle lane being a turning lane. Project construction is scheduled to begin in 2021. Three (3) other projects were discussed that will be completed in 2020. There might be driveways & other access points that will be closed.
7. Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gabriel/Reiter) 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 12/5/17 Regular Council Mtg & 12/19/17 Extra Council Mtg;
 - b) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Elm St Preliminary Plan, Assessment Report & Preliminary Resolution;
 - c) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Request from IRPC to bring digger-derrick to range to dig post hole & set yard light;
 - d) *Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Park Use Permit: College St Park on 6/2/18 by Tonya Allard for Graduation Party, approximately 200 people;
 - e) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Lighting replacement Veterans Memorial Park \$1,245;
 - f) *Safety & Licensing Committee Recommendation to approve-2 Yrs Operators License 1/2/17-6/30/19 for: Jeannene M Brown;
 - g) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Mid-block street light Basswood Ave pending written request from T & T Tool;
Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) to approve items a–g on consent agenda. PASSED.
9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Approve monthly payables cks – 40968-41110, 17120501-17120504, 17122001-17122005, 20171130, 20171205, 20171214, 20171220;
Motion (Dunn/Donovan) to approve monthly payable cks as stated. PASSED.
 - b) Resolution 18-01, 1-2-18 Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Police Power Special Assessments, Under Section 66.0703 WI Stats;
Marx – plan is to hold public hearing prior to Feb Council mtg, 2/6/18. Motion (Dohm/Donovan) to approve Resolution 18-01, 1-2-18 Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Police Power Special Assessment, Under Section 66.0703 WI Stats. PASSED.
 - c) 2017 Utility Write-offs \$1,697.34;
Mayor – we will continue to pursue collection through other sources. Motion (Dohm/Dunn) to approve 2017 Utility Write-offs of \$1,697.34. PASSED.
 - d) 2018 Property Insurance;
Marx – proposed premium is \$12,000 less from last yr, reason being our workers compensation experience mod factor went from 1.03 to .79. Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) to accept 2018 Property Insurance Renewal. PASSED.
 - e) Approve Temporary Picnic License;
 - Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce – Jack Frost Fest on 1/13/18 at College St Park
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve Temporary Picnic License for Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce, Jack Frost Fest on 1/13/18 at College St Park. PASSED.
10. STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report Nov 17;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to accept Nov 17 financial report as presented. PASSED.
 - b) BID Report;
Dunn – BID has hired someone to re-do BID’s website; she has, also, added a Facebook page. Looking at potentially doing more advertising online.

- c) NWRPC Liaison Report;
Dohm – they came in under budget; semiannual mtg was held in Hayward.
 - d) Railroad Park Update;
Reiter – a public announce was in area newspapers. We have received additional donation. Savings acct is approximately \$14,300.
 - e) Library Liaison Report;
Reiter – No update, no mtg in December.
11. Adjournment;
Motion (Dohm/Dunn) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:47 pm.

ATTESTED BY:
Patricia Parker, City Clerk

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor