

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tue, Jan 3, 17 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; at 5:00 pm by Mayor Cuskey
2. ROLL CALL; 7 Present, 1 Vacancy
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
Pete Hubin, Spooner Veterans Memorial, thanked city for their support.
5. Ethan Martin, Eagle Scout, Dog Park;
Mayor Cuskey thanked & presented Ethan Martin with a plaque of appreciation for his contribution of Dog Park to city.
6. Mayor's Comments;
Mayor – Christmas tree pick-up will be Jan 13. Jack Frost Fest will be held on Jan 14 at College Street Park. Reminder: need to renew dog licenses. Parking restriction are in effect until Apr 1. After a snow fall, please clear sidewalks within 24 hours.
7. Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gabriel/Dohm) 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 12/6/16 Regular Council;
 - b) *Approve monthly payables checks — 39375-39460, 16120601-16120603, 16122001- 16122005, 20161204, 20161206, 20161213, 20161219, 20161220, 201611031;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to approve write off for Radio Shack NW Elec & AI's Repair Service personal property taxes as they were out of business 1/1/16;
 - d) *Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Utility Account Write Off \$3,031.26;
 - e) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to recommend Council approve vacating alley east 125 feet of Block 22 of third addition subject to public hearing to be held 2/7/17, 5 PM;
 - f) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to recommend council approve Park Use Permit - Centennial Park: Railroad Memories, Section 1 & 2 on 6/17/17, 7/8/17 & 8/4-8/5/17;
 - g) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to recommend council approve Utility 2016 Ford F250 from Link Ford, \$28,019;
 - h) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to recommend council approve purchase of Utility CAT skid steer, \$48,965;
 - i) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to recommend Council decline Durand family 312 & 316 Miller Ave for Park Purposes;
 - j) Plan Commission Recommendation to recommend Council approve Hans Rechsteiner & James Martel extraterritorial CSM for Little Valley & Crooked Roads SW-SE Section 13, T39N, R13W in Town of Evergreen;
 - k) Plan Commission Recommendation to recommend Council deny site plan for proposed Agricultural Storage Building by Randy McQuade as it requires a variance;
Motion (Dohm/Reiter) to approve items a–k on consent agenda. PASSED.
9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Finance Committee Recommendation to authorize funds from room tax, not to exceed \$7,500, to pay for billboard on Hwy 53 & have Marx try to negotiate lower pricing;
Dunn – sign has been there for a couple years & Chamber can no longer afford to pay for same. That sign has been rented, but another one is available. Marx – cost is \$7150 for year & \$625 for new vinyl, total \$7775 for this year. Dunn – BID has budgeted \$1500 for sign in past & doesn't anticipate any change. Ortmann – asked if there was any other property. Dunn – we checked, but could not find another. We could start renting in February. Motion (Dunn/Donovan) to approve authorization of \$6275 from room tax funds to pay for billboard on USH 53. Roll Call: 6 - Ayes, 1 – Nays (Ortmann). PASSED.
 - b) Squad Car Bids;
Marx – Don Johnson Cumberland quoted \$24,219.50 for 2017 Dodge Charger. Motion (Ortmann/Reiter) to approve Don Johnson Cumberland quote of \$24,219.50 for 2017 Dodge Charger. PASSED.
 - c) Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to accept proposed location of Tomb of Unknown Soldier Memorial at Veteran's Waterfront Park;
Lisa Powers & Ella Parker, Washburn County Veterans Service Office, shared pictures of a replica of Tomb of Unknown Soldier. Powers - Washburn County has accepted ownership of tomb & it will be stored in Madison until we are ready. Ella Parker explained they would like to place tomb west of current memorial in Veteran's Memorial Park. Cuskey – did go look & thinks it would be a very good location. Property Planning Committee recommends Council accept proposed location. Motion (Gabriel/Dohm) to approve proposed location for Tomb of Unknown Soldier at Veteran's Memorial Park. Powers - we'll need to work on a plan to present to Washburn County Public Property Committee. PASSED.
 - d) Approve 2-Yrs Operators License 1/2/17–6/30/18 for Amanda R Moyer;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve a 2-Yrs Operators License 1/2/17–6/30/18 for Amanda R Moyer. PASSED.
 - e) Approve Temporary Class "B" Picnic License: Spooner Chamber of Commerce for Jack Frost Fest in College Street Park on 1/14/17;
Motion (Reiter/Dunn) to approve temporary Class "B" Picnic license to Spooner Chamber of Commerce for Jack Frost Fest on 1/14/17. PASSED.
10. STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report Nov 16;
Motion (Reiter/Dohm) to accept Nov 16 financial report. PASSED.

- b) Chief's Report - incidents during Dec 16;
Christman – Officers have been issuing numerous parking tickets for overnight street parking & warnings for sidewalks not cleared after a snowfall. Officers have been busy working drug cases & subsequent search warrants & an attempted burglary. Three officers attended Patrol In-service. Total incidents 739.
 - c) BID Report;
Dunn – No report
 - d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
Dohm – shared budget report with Council.
 - e) Library Liaison Report
Reiter – No report
11. Adjournment;
Motion (Dohm/Ortmann) to adjourn meeting. PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.
ATTESTED BY:
Patricia Parker, City Clerk
Gary J Cuskey, Mayor