

# REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Feb 4, 20 5:00 PM, City Hall

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:00 pm.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
Marilyn LaPorte, 1102 Woodland, asked why some residential streets are not maintained as well as others. She explained that she lives in TIF district & streets are snow & ice covered & getting very narrow. Her residence is on a corner lot & asked why snow gets pushed up into her yard 10 to 15 feet. Mayor assured that we will follow-up with Street Dept.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;  
Mayor announced Jack Frost Fest is Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be pond hockey at College St Park, along with many other activities. Reminded residents to keep sidewalks clear of snow & ice. Also, winter parking restrictions are in effective from 2:00 to 6:00 am. Update: Local guard unit is doing well, they are based in Kuwait.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Gagnon/Reiter) to approve agenda. PASSED.
- 7) 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 and considered at this point to agenda.
  - a) \*Accept Minutes from 01/7/20 Council Mtg;
  - b) \*Approve monthly payables cks: 44058-44225, 1921601-19121605, 19123101-19123103, 20191213, 20191220, 20200103, 20200121;
  - c) \* Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Purchase of City Hall Base Station Radio not to exceed \$1,515.96;
  - d) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Personal Property Tax Write-Offs of \$7.01;  
Motion (Gabriel/Parker) to approve items a–d on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Finance & Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Deny Lakeland Family Resource Request to pay sewer backup charges;  
Marx reported this is at 314 Elm St, insurance company is recommending that we deny because we had no previous knowledge there was a problem. Motion (Coquillette/Parker) to deny Lakeland Family Resource request to pay sewer backup charges. PASSED.
  - b) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Engineers Special Assessment Report for Ash St;  
Marx report this project is from First St to Bashaw St. There will be Public Hearing on Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Letters will go out next week to property owners. Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve Engineers Special Assessment Report for Ash St. PASSED.
  - c) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to adopt Urban Forestry Plan;  
Mayor highlighted report indicating that there are approximately 90 diseased city trees that should be removed. Motion (Ortmann/Reiter) to approve adopting the Urban Forestry Plan. Dunn expressed concern that if we adopt plan, is city going to move forward with removal of trees. Mayor indicated this is a guide for city to use. PASSED.
  - d) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation accept water leak detection survey- Waterworks Services \$4,200;  
Marx explained this is a process to help detect leaks. A consultant will use a device to listen for leaks in mains. We are responsible for reporting water loss every year on PSC report. Motion (Gagnon/Ortmann) to accept water leak detection survey, Waterworks Services for \$4,200.00. PASSED.
  - e) Property Planning & Development Recommendation to Quitclaim Deed Easement along Northwestern Drive to Superior Oil Co. & Gene M Thompson Trust to clear title to those parcels;  
Marx explained that on old railroad map it shows a 15 foot easement for city that was never recorded. City no longer needs property for a roadway & this will clear title for Superior Oil & Thompson Trust. Motion (Parker/Donovan) to approve quitclaim deed easement along Northwestern Dr to Superior Oil Co. & Gene M Thompson Trust to clear title to those parcels. PASSED.
  - f) Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Extraterritorial CSM for Mark Schultz, N5648 Shepherds Drive;  
Marx explained that there is a 5 acre parcel that Mark Schultz created for development. CSM meets City's Comprehensive Plan requirements. Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) to approve extraterritorial CSM for Mark Schultz, N5648 Shepherds Drive. PASSED.
  - g) Plan Commission Recommendation to select "Triangle" as preferred location for solar field;  
Mayor stated triangle property north of County shop is best location for solar field. Marx explained we looked at several other vacant parcels & feel triangle is best location.
  - h) WI DOT decision to delay Hwy 63 (River St) Project until 2022;  
Marx explained that WI DOT had decided to delay USH 63 project until 2022. They will be addressing the intersection of USH 63 & STH 70 to bring it up to modern standards. Dunn asked about the reconstruction of STH 70 & Marx indicated they are rethinking that project, also.

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

a) Financial Report Dec 19;

Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to accept Dec 19 financial report. PASSED.

b) Chief's Report;

Chief Christman received numerous questions about new Federal age from 18 to 21 for tobacco & vape products. Spooner Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> graders held their Right Track graduation. Right Track program is to promote awareness & good decision making skills when dealing with peer pressure, drugs, alcohol, tobacco & bullying. Purchased 2 new laptops. New squad has arrived, currently switching equipment over. Chief & Captain attended Management Conference in Superior & Officer Kronberger attended Firearms Instructor training in Appleton. Officers dealt with mental health emergency detentions, resulting in transports to Oshkosh & Amery. Towed some vehicles for snow removal issues downtown. Participated in search warrant on Maple Plains Reservation on a fraud case. Equipment for making fraudulent credit cards, along with merchandise was collected. Suspect was arrested. Responded to a welfare check at a residence in Spooner, subject attempted to light residence on fire was later evaluated & chaptered. Officers investigated a death, which appears to have been from natural causes. Spooner PD investigated a report of sexual assault to a minor & an adult was arrested. Investigated a complaint of a suspicious vehicle/person at Middle School, resolved complaint with no charges related to incident. Total incidents 1000.

c) BID Report;

Dunn reported BID talked about their 2020 budget, hoping to put funds aside for promotion & signage to get people to downtown stores during USH 63 reconstruction & Christmas lights for same. Also, looking into additional advertising.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Coquillette reported during roundtable, the other counties are reporting having vacant seats on their boards. Approximately 5% of towns that applied for MSL grant will have their projects granted.

e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter reported they will need to file tax returns this year. Emily Gall, North of Eight, will be working with us on securing our website domain, website & promotion materials. Ed Slaminski, DNR, spoke to us on a recreational stewardship grant.

f) Library Liaison Report;

Reiter reported continue to work on inclusivity & partnering with other libraries & having pop ups at town halls in county. Outreaching more in schools. Highlighted February events happening at library. April 1<sup>st</sup> will be having a Census Day so people can come & be counted.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Ortmann/Parker) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:36 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Patricia Parker, City Clerk

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor