

# REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tues, March 7, 17 5:00 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; at 5:00 by Mayor Cuskey
2. ROLL CALL; 6 present, 1 absent, 1 vacancy
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
Kathy Busch – Spooner Post Office, Local Union president, spoke of plant closing & economic impact for our area including loss of jobs & trucking contracts. Believes this will directly affect our service. Encourage contacting state & federal representatives.  
Lisa Powers – Wash Co Veteran's office, Wash Co determined Spooner Veteran's Memorial Park is best location for Tomb of Unknown Soldier replica. Presented Betty Hubin with a plaque officially turning over 'ownership' of Tomb replica. Funds raised thus far will be turned over. Looking forward to working together on project. Community has shown great support. Donations & in-kind work have been volunteered. Hoping for placement by fall 2017.  
Jerry Miller – spoke to Police Chief regarding problem in neighborhood, but would like to express need of many homes in Spooner that need clean up.
5. Mayor's Comments;  
Tomb of Unknown Soldier replica – proud that Spooner will be final destination. City will cooperate & help with project. Looking forward to project & groups that will be working together. Promote replica & make a destination. April meeting will be 4/6/17 because of Election on 4/4/17. Dog licenses are due by 3/31.
6. Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) 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 & considered at this point to agenda.
  - a) \*Accept Minutes from 2/7/17 Regular Council;
  - b) \*Approve monthly payables checks --39657-39783, 17013101-17013103, 17021401-17021405, 20170203, 20170221;
  - c) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Inn Town Motel request to adjust sewer charge due to broken waterline;
  - d) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Cornerstone Church request to adjust sewer charge due to broken waterline;
  - e) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Man Lift Purchase, \$1,995 Star Industries;
  - f) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request to reclassify Tom Romportl Equipment Operator 2;Motion (Gabe/Donovan) to approve items a-f on consent agenda. PASSED.
8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Approve 2 Year Operators License, 03/07/17–06/30/18: Carley A. Skille, Jennifer L. Swonger & Sandra L. Vesper;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve 2 year operator's license, 03/07/17–06/30/18: Carley A. Skille, Jennifer L. Swonger & Sandra L. Vesper. PASSED.
  - b) Sale of 2000 GMC Pickup;  
Received six bids & most interest in any equipment. Bids ranged from \$553 to \$1,056. Truck has been picked up.
  - c) Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Sections 86-282(IA), 86-302(IB), 86-322(A1) to list solar field as a conditional use;  
Marx – not listed as allowable use, anticipation of solar project. By listing solar field as a conditional use, planning commission will have their opinion on project. Motion (Gabriel/Coquillette) to amend Sections 86-282 (IA), 86-302 (IB), 86-322 (A1) to list solar field as a conditional use. Passed.
  - d) College St Park Project
    - Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve College Street Park Demolition Bid – Bluse Enterprises \$5,150;  
Two bids received, other bid \$8,800 with Bluse having lowest bid at \$5,150. Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) to start project as soon as possible & accept demolition bid of \$5,150. Roll Call Vote: 6 yes, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. Passed.
    - Stormwater Plan;  
College Street Park – adding impervious area & with DNR restrictions, may not be able to enlarge parking lot as previously anticipated. Will need to hire consultant to finish plan. Have 2 consultants that Marx will meet with. Cost is approximate \$1,500 & DNR permit fee \$550. Cost to be shared between departments.  
Motion (Coquillette/Gabriel) to authorize City Engineer to hire consultant to finish stormwater plan. Passed.
  - e) Roundhouse Project;
    - WEDC Grant Agreement;  
Paperwork is done.
    - Soil Remediation;  
DNR differs on opinion, may need to file an exemption. Marx will work on considerations & alternate land to place soil offsite.
    - Update on Stormwater Plan;  
DNR accepts what has been done to date.
  - f) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve GIS – Tablet-\$900, ESRI Software Update-\$100 Topcon GPS Software Purchase \$850;  
Marx explained use of the geographical system equipment with field crews & existing GPS data. Hoping to collect better information. In order to put Washburn Co aerial photos on GIS, need additional points to store data, ERSI online version. Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) to approve purchase of GIS – Tablet \$900, ERSI Software update \$100, and Topcon GPS Software Purchase \$900. Passed.

- g) Consulting Fee to add Washburn County Aerial to GIS- MSA \$600;  
MSA created online ESRI GPS information. Cost to be split among departments. Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve consulting fee to MSA \$600 for Washburn Co Aerial. Passed.
9. STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
- a) Financial Report Jan 17;  
Motion (Gabriel/Reiter) to approve Jan 17 financial report. PASSED.
- b) Chief's Report - incidents during Feb 2017;  
Officers haven't been writing parking tickets, suspended issuance as long as there is no snow. Residents don't have to park on their lawns & possibly damage them. Implemented the Right Track program in cooperation with SMS. Been working in 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Developed program with school relating to choices with drugs & alcohol. Program replaces Washburn Co Sheriff's CounterAct program. Have also started issuing citations for truancy issues being Sheriff's Dept no longer has a juvenile officer. Preparing, along with Spooner Physical Therapy, for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Foot Pursuit scheduled for 5/21/17. Plans include agility demo with K9 Bleu & kids can run Bleu's obstacle course. Officer Price started FTO. No department meetings. Police department executed, with Washburn Co Sheriff's Office & SRT, search warrant that lead to seven suspects arrested & numerous citations expected to be issued. Officers continue to respond to a number of mental health type calls & need to transport to mental health facilities across state is having an impact on budget. 97 cases, 598 calls, 695 total contacts.
- c) BID Report;  
Dunn – approved BID budget, not much change. Contribution to Bucky Badger at parade. Discussion with advertising.
- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;  
Nothing to report
- e) Library Liaison Report  
Angie continues partnerships. Working with Shell Lake Library in April for technical classes taking turns between libraries. Preparing for summer program. New programs are developing. Updated their mission statement. Marion Wolden family donated puzzles that may be checked-out. March will be busy & Ancestry.com will also be at library. Has developed a monthly newsletter. Good things happening.
10. Adjournment;  
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to adjourn meeting. PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm

ATTESTED BY:

Krista Lyons-Hartwig, City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor