

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 3, 16 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; at 5:00 pm
2. ROLL CALL; 7 present, 1 absent
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
Debbie Jetto – expressed concern with regards to recycling bldg on Front St. There are aluminum cans blowing around; refrigerators & freezers are being dropped off & it's becoming an eye sore. Business hasn't been there since last November. Mayor - city will look into same.
5. Mayor's Comments;
Open Book is June 1st from 9 to 11 am & Board of Review is June 6th from 9 to 11 am. Spring Clean-up is Sat, May 7th. Reminded residents to keep their lawns mowed. Mayor read a letter, from Jill Weber Dean, thanking Council for supporting new storage building for canoe museum.
6. Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gabriel/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 4/7/16 Regular Council & 4/19/16 Reorganizational Meeting;
- b) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Walnut St, High St to alley & Parking Lot (not to include City Hall lot & alley) closure request – Badgers Marching Band 7/8-7/9/16;
- c) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Use Permit – Jehovah Witness Section 1 - 5/14, 6/4, 7/2, 7/16, 7/30, 8/13, 8/27 & 9/10, Section 2 – 5/28 & 6/18;
- d) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request to place “Little Free Library” in Triangle Park;
- e) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve BID Request to place Kiosks in Centennial Park & 2 ATV parking lots;
- f) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Award Bids for 2016 St Maintenance Projects Chip Sealing Fahrner Asphalt Sealers \$1.47/SY - \$44,100 – Sidewalk & Curb Construction Unlimited \$21.65 total combined price;
- g) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Purchase Fork Set for Loader - \$4,600 – Nortrax;
- h) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve 2 Yrs Operators 5/3/16 to 6/30/17: Dylan R. Behan;
- i) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Applications for Licenses: Temporary Class “B” – 7/9/16 for Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce Rodeo Parade Band, City Parking Lot at Walnut & High Streets;
- j) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Chippewa Fire District proposal for petroleum inspection services;
Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to approve items a – j on consent agenda. PASSED.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Minnesota Twins Grant Opportunity College St Park;
Marx – there's a grant opportunity, through Minnesota Twins, for up to \$10,000 with matching funds. Little League wants to rebuild dugouts, sod infields & install an irrigation system. They have to show they have matching funds when they apply. Per our audit, we need to re-appropriate some funds & could use that for match. Motion (Dunn/Dohm) to provide matching funds up to \$10,000. 7 – Ayes, 0 – Nays, 1 – Absent. PASSED.
- b) Personnel Committee Recommendation to hire Austin Tucker as FT Police Officer;
Gabriel – Personnel Committee is recommending Austin Tucker to fill FT police officer position. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve hiring Austin Tucker as FT police officer. PASSED.
- c) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to accept Counter Proposal from Barron Electric to Serve Solar Project Site;
Marx – if we are to proceed with solar project, which is in Barron Electric Service Territory, we need to decide whether to accept their counter offer. Initially, Barron Electric proposed 6 mils per kWh with a 6 year extension, we, then, counter offered at 3 mils with no extension & BEC came back with 3.75 mils with a 2 1/2 year extension. In dollars, we would pay approximately \$5000 a year to have solar project. Would like to tell AEP to continue with study.
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to accept Barron Electric's counter proposal. PASSED.
- d) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Proceed With Simplified Water Rate Case;
Marx – results from preliminary audit reflects we would be eligible for a water rate increase. Water utility had a rate of return of 3.17% which qualifies us for a simplified rate case. Our auditor is recommending we pursue rate case.
Motion (Dohm/Coquilllette) to approve proceeding with simplified water rate case. PASSED.
- e) Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Plan Commission Organization Ordinance Sec. 2-211;
Cuskey – Planning Commission is recommending ordinance be amended back to original ordinance. It would decrease number of council member on commission to 2, currently there are 3 members present with one vacancy. Dunn – doesn't see a lot of diversity in group.
Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to approve amendment to Plan Commission Organization Ordinance Sec. 2-211. Vote: Aye – 6, Nay – 1, Absent - 1. PASSED.
- f) Mayors Appointment to Library Board Bridget Rongner 7/1/16 – 6/30/19;
Mayor – Cappy Kantor is retiring & would like to appoint Bridget Rongner to library board.
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve appointing Bridget Rongner to Library Board for 7/1/16-6/30/19 term. PASSED.

- g) Approve 2 Yrs Operators License 5/3/16 to 6/30/17: Debra J Koehn, Peter J Malischke, Julie A Kincaid & Anthony A Luc;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve 2 yrs operators license for Debra J Koehn, Peter J Malischke, Julie A Kincaid & Anthony A Luc from 5/3/16 – 6/30/17. PASSED.
 - h) Approve Amended Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, Inc. to include Business after Five Open House on 5/27/16;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve amending the temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, Inc. to include 5/27/16. PASSED.
 - i) Approve College Street Park Use Permit for Spooner Alumni Marching Band on 7/8/16 from 5-10 p.m.;
Motion (Dohm/Ortmann) to approve College Street Park Permit for Spooner Alumni Marching Band on 7/8/16. PASSED.
 - j) Approve Centennial Park Use Permit for Spooner Garden Club on 6/4/16 from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm;
Motion (Dohm/Dunn) to approve Centennial Park Permit for Spooner Garden Club on 6/4/16. PASSED.
 - k) Amendment to Sec. 54-12 Official Map Established & Creation of Section 86-19 Official Map;
Marx – would like council input how they would like to proceed, we should invite surrounding towns to attend a meeting for discussion. Council consensus is to have a Committee of Whole sometime in June. Asked Council to review map.
 - l) Approve Monthly Payables Checks – 38315-38461, 16033001-16033003, 16041301-16041304, 16042601-16042604, 20160403, 20160418;
Motion (Dunn/Ortmann) to approve monthly payable checks. PASSED.
 - m) Approve Resolution 16-06, 05/02/2016, Amending Resolution 15-26, 12/01/2015;
Marx – council originally passed carry over resolution in Dec 2015. Per audit, we need to change some of figures, i.e. replenished employee sick vacation leave, add to other city buildings, add to park capital outlay, 2017 street improvements, Hwy 63 project, etc.
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to approve Resolution 16-06, 5/2/16, amending Resolution 15-26, 12/1/15. PASSED.
 - n) Approve Temporary Class "B" Alcohol License for Spooner Cardinals on 5/15, 5/21-5/22, 5/29, 6/4-6/5, 6/11-6/12, 6/17-6/19, 6/25-6/26, 7/2, 7/9-7/10, 7/16-7/17, 7/23-7/24, 7/30 (12 events);
Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to approve temporary Class "B" Alcohol License for Spooner Cardinals for 12 events. PASSED.
8. STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
- a) Financial Report Mar 16;
Motion (Dunn/Dohm) to accept the Mar 16 financial report as printed. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report - incidents during Apr 16;
Chief Christman – Officers Leverton & Berres are currently doing field training. We are gearing up for 2nd Annual Foot Pursuit 5K Run/Walk Event. Community members have requested we do cross walk detail, again. A video editing program was purchased to make it easier to produce community safety/awareness messages. Officer Hartl was chosen as March officer of month. There has been a number of drug related arrests & mental health cases. There, also, has been numerous reports of an IRS phone scam. Total incidents in April 965.
 - c) BID Report;
Dunn – Getting ready for summer, flower will be out in next couple weeks. Kiosk, in Centennial Park, is moving along.
 - d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
Dohm – there is still money available, a few business have been looking,
 - e) Library Liaison Report
Reiter – Jane will be retiring on Jun 30th. Accepting application for an adult librarian. With more & more electronic, experiencing a decrease in circulation numbers. Summer programming is coming up.
9. Adjournment;
Motion (Dohm/Ortmann) to adjourn meeting. PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Patricia Parker, City Clerk

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor