

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 5, 20 5:00 PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 Present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Mayor Cuskey reported Nat'l Guard Unit is still deployed & doing well, they are headquartered in Kuwait. Thanked everyone for following Safer at Home policy. We will start seeing more businesses opening back up. Clerk Parker announced Open Book will be done by phone with assessor on May 19th. Board of Review will be held on May 26th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor reminded residents, as we come into spring, to keep their lawns mowed.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gagnon/Donovan) 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 4/21/20 Reorganization Council Mtg;
Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) to approve item a on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Resolution 20-08, 5/5/20, 2020 Budget Amendment;
Marx explained City is required to file Expenditure Restraint Report every year with Dept of Revenue. In doing that, we found out that we violated allowable increase. What happened was the spreadsheet that we use to calculate budget, did not account for extra expense that was budgeted for library. We have the opportunity to amend report, so we do not lose expenditure restraint payment. Motion (Donovan/Parker) to approved Resolution 20-08, 5/5/20, 2020 Budget Amendment. Roll Call: Ayes –8, Nays–0. PASSED.
 - b) Create Chapter 78 Utilities, Article V. Wireless Communications Facilities in the Right-of-Way;
Marx explained this pertains to 5G & small wireless companies that are coming into communities & making all kinds of attachments to power poles in right of ways. This will allow us to manage these miscellaneous attachments to our poles. Donovan asked who will oversee compliance. Marx stated this would fall on himself & Gary Johnson who will work on permitting process. Motion (Coquillet/Parker) to approve creating Chapter 78 Utilities, Article V. Wireless Communications Facilities in Right-of-Way. PASSED.
 - c) Plan Commission Decision to approve Rezoning request from Solar Land Co 626 W. Maple St. R-3 to C-1;
Mayor explained that Planning Commission reviewed & saw no problem moving forward. It is in our comprehensive plan to open that corridor to commercial zoning. Motion (Gagnon/Parker) to approve rezoning request from Solar Land Co, 626 W Maple St from R-3 to C-1. PASSED.
 - d) Liquor License Fees and requirements;
Marx explained that League of Municipalities sent out a concept, to try & assist some of restaurants & bars that are being affected by COVID-19. Legislature is allowing municipalities to reduce license fees for 2020/2021 licensed year. Marx asked if city wants to look at reducing them, this will also account for loss revenue for City. Motion (Coquillet/Reiter) to approve, for 2020/2021 liquor licenses, to reduce license fee to 50%, as a one-time fee reduction due to COVID-19. PASSED.
 - e) Amendment to Chapter 74, Division 4, Section 302, Speed Limits Increased & Section 74-03 Limits Reduced;
Marx explained Katherine Stewart, Municipal Judge, was reviewing some of our ordinances & found an error in speed limit section. This is two parts, one where speed limit has been increased & second where it had been decreased. Michelle questioned #3, increasing speed where there is a pedestrian crossing. Mayor stated we are changing our ordinance to support speed limits that are posted. Motion (Gagnon/Ortmann) to approve amendment to Chapter 74, Division 4, Section 302, Speed Limits Increased & Section 74-03 Limits Reduced. PASSED.
 - f) Approve Change Order for Manhole Rehabilitation;
Marx explained we bid manhole rehabilitation two different ways. Base bid was to do complete reconstruction for 15 manholes & alternate was to do spray lining. After looking at these with contractor, there are 8 manholes that will need total reconstruction & 7 manholes that are acceptable for spray lining, with 3 that will need to be raised. Contract would increase to \$59,571. Motion (Donovan/Ortmann) to approve change order for manhole rehabilitation. PASSED.
 - g) Approve Monthly Payables cks: 44556-44601, 20042101-20042106, 20200420;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to approve monthly payable cks. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report Mar 20;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to accept Mar 20 financial report. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Chief Christman reported receiving several donated homemade medical style masks from community. We were able to purchase KN95 masks & hand sanitizer from various vendors. All purchases of equipment & materials for COVID-19 are being tracked for possible reimbursement. State & Federal government entities are making plans for 3 phases of reopening. Non-essential businesses are allowed to conduct curbside pickup orders. Most people in our area are observing health guidelines. Seeing a slight increase in mental health type calls. Domestic calls seem to remain same. Traffic volumes have increased with warmer weather. Investigating theft of a boom

trailer, tracked suspect to MN. Report & request for a warrant have been forwarded to DA's office. Dept received numerous complaints of trespassing & vandalism/graffiti to railroad property, Spooner Middle School property & signage in City of Spooner. Some juvenile suspects have been identified, with ongoing investigation. Continue to receive information regarding illegal drug activity. Total incidents 923.

c) BID Report;

Dunn reported some of downtown businesses have met through Zoom. Some businesses have started to open for curbside pick-up. This has been tough on certain businesses.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Coquillette reported they had their monthly mtg by telephone. All County Boards are concerned about their budgets. Only 2 counties have cancelled their county fairs. Everyone else is waiting on social distancing guidelines.

e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter reported there were no meetings in March or April. Cahill feels they will start on pavilion next week. Anonymous donor of \$250. Family of Del Salquist donated railroad ties for historical signs. Michael Pliske donated model railroad magazines.

f) Library Liaison Report;

Reiter reported Board met through Zoom. Library has been innovative & an asset to community. They have curbside pickup & a lot of inter-activity through Zoom. Community First is using library to package bags that are being given out to communities throughout County.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Parker/Reiter) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg was adjourned at 5:56 pm.

ATTESTED BY: Gary J Cuskey, Mayor/Patricia Parker, City Clerk