

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 2, 20 5:00 PM

This Mtg will be held at City Hall with adherence to social distancing & as a Zoom Mtg

- 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;  
James Beckel, 1007 Second St, stated he was hoping slides & playground equipment will open up soon.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;  
Mayor Cuskey commented that it's good to see businesses getting back open, people moving around. National Guard Troop in Kuwait is doing good & staying busy. Their replacement force is in training. Its summer time, grass is growing, reminded residents to keep their lawn & boulevard's mowed. Encouraged folks to practice social distancing & wear a mask. Announced that Spooner Rodeo has been cancelled for this year.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Donovan/Gagnon) 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 May 5, 20 Council Mtg;  
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve item a on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Resolution 20-09, 6/2/20, 2019 CMAR Report;  
Marx explained DNR requires this report every year for the WWTP license. There is one issue, it shows Nitrates in monitoring wells. Scored a B+.  
Motion (Coquillette/Gabriel) to approve Resolution 20-09, 6/2/20, 2019 CMAR Report. Ortmann questioned Nitrates. Marx explained that there is no regulation, it's just a sign that there are things in groundwater. PASSED.
  - b) Award bid to purchase digger derrick-TJ Electric \$13,806.99;  
Marx explained old Digger Derrick was decommissioned, because bucket could not be certified. We expected to get a trade-in value of \$10,000, but decided to put it out for bid. Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) to award bid to purchase Digger Derrick to TJ Electric for \$13,806.99. PASSED.
  - c) Approve Monthly Payables cks: 44602-44734, 20050501-20050504, 20052001-20052006, 20200503, 20200520;  
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to approve monthly payable cks. PASSED.
  - d) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Adopt Washburn County Health Department Guidelines for Operating City Facilities;  
Reiter reported committee met & recommends that we move forward with our Insurance Company recommendation for adoption, to prevent spread of COVID. As soon as guidelines change, city will follow suit. Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to adopt Washburn Co Health Department Guidelines for Operating City Facilities. PASSED.
  - e) Safety & License Committee Recommendation Approve License Applications & approval/disapproval criteria;
    - Enforce provisions of Section 6-37(a) to require deferred agreement for past due fees & utilities owed to city prior to issuing licenses;
    - Class A Combination Liquor License – 7/1/20–6/30/21 for Schmitz's Economart, Kwik Trip 329;
    - Class A Liquor License – 7/1/20–6/30/21 for The Chocolate Factory;
    - Class A Beer Combination (Cider Only) License – 7/1/20–6/30/21 for Holiday Stationstore #14;
    - Class B Beer License – 7/1/20–6/30/21 for Denelie's Pizza & Sam Hicks Restaurant;
    - Class B Combination Liquor License – 7/1/20–6/30/21 for Big Dick's Buckhorn Inn, Snags Sports Bar, Tony's Riverside, Wobblin' Duck Saloon, Bass Hunters Saloon, Corner House Pub, La Tequila Mexican Restaurant, Hanks Bar, Round Man Brewing Co. & Liquid Lounge;
    - Class B Beer License & Class C Wine – 7/1/20–6/30/2021 for Nicks Family Restaurant;
    - Temporary Class "B" License for Spooner Cardinals, 6/6, 6/13, 6/19, 6/28, 7/10-7/11, 8/14-8/16;  
Reiter – committee met. Donovan asked about enforcement.  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve license applications & criteria. PASSED.
  - f) Approve Class A Combination Liquor License – 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 pending receipt of signed application for BNR 3 Stores;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve Class A Combination Liquor License for BNR 3 Stores pending receipt of signed application. PASSED.
  - g) Plan Commission Recommendation to deny Site Plan Submitted for Cell Tower at 210 E. Maple St & recommend that project be placed on a parcel that is not on a main thoroughfare;  
Mayor explained that Verizon wants to erect a 150 foot tower that is needed for coverage, 911, etc. Plan Commission would like Verizon to select a site that is not on main thoroughfare. Marx stated that this will be going to Board of Appeals, & Plan Commission will send their recommendation to same. Motion (Coquillette/Gabriel) to recommend Board of Appeals denies site plan for Cell Tower at 210 E Maple & recommends project be placed on a parcel that is not on a main thoroughfare. PASSED.

- h) Plan Commission Recommendation to support Proposed mixed use development at 314 Elm St & support owners Use Variance to be Submitted to Board of Appeals;  
Marx explained this property is currently zoned R-2. New owner would like to create a duplex in lower level, main level for office space & third floor mtg space. This will need to go to Board of Appeals because we don't have a mixed use classification in our zoning. There are two (2) types of variances, one is a Use Variance which allows someone to use the property contrary to zoning code. Motion (Ortmann/Dunn) to recommend Board of Appeals support proposed mixed use development at 314 Elm St & support owners Use Variance. PASSED.
- i) Discussion of Spooner Youth Baseball request to use City Baseball Fields;  
Josh Vilella stated request is from Spooner Youth Baseball, looking for approval to use city park. Marx explained that it would be in conflict of CDC guidelines of social gathering criteria, of 10 or less people. Vilella stated that league also has State guidelines to follow. Coquillette suggested that they approach Washburn Co Health, because city has adopted their guidelines. Donovan indicated this was also based on recommendation from our insurance company.

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

- a) Financial Report Apr 20;  
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to accept Apr 20 financial report. PASSED.
- b) Chief's Report;  
Chief Christman reported on Supreme Court's decision of Emergency Order #28. Dept. of Public Health has provided guidelines for business re-openings & public safety. Will continue to share updated information on Facebook. Mtgs & circuit court appearances are done virtually at this time. Plans are being made to safely conduct Municipal Court in future. Charges were filed against a MN man for theft of boom lift from Ace Hardware. Officers continue to make traffic stops & arrests for drug possessions. Officers investigated reports of graffiti & 2 juveniles have been referred to Human Services. Total Incidents for May 517.
- c) BID Report;  
Dunn reported BID did meet. Washburn Co Health provided guidelines for businesses to reopen. County will be doing COVID contact tracing. BID talked about events, but at this time we can't plan for same.
- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;  
Coquillette reported biggest discussion was health departments in counties. One county has given Health Department police powers. Washburn Co is thinking about giving health department authority for enforcement. County Fairs are still up in air. Washburn Co is considering still having their Fun Fest in August. Outdoor events will require 6 ft. spacing per group unit.
- e) Railroad Park Update;  
Reiter reported met in conference room at police dept conference room. Talked about having a planning mtg in August. Pavilion is scheduled to start end of week. Working on weigh station, looking good. Historic signs - starting to work on remaining 4 signs.
- f) Library Liaison Report;  
Reiter reported Library Bd has been mtg regularly thru zoom. Angie is working on keeping library open as much as possible. Starting June 5, library will be open by appointment, will allow 5 people in library for 15 minutes. Policy for a pandemic was developed. Summer reading program will be starting soon.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Donovan/Gagnon) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 6:00 pm.  
ATTESTED BY: Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor/Patricia Parker, City Clerk