

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 2, 2013 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER;**

2. **ROLL CALL;** 8 council members present, Marx, Koehn, Chief Andrea, Kohler, Coquillette, Geary, Solveson, L. & J. Ford, Zufall, Kube

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY;**

None.

5. **Eric Kube, Habitat for Humanity;**

They are hoping to bring more activity to area & have taken occupancy on July 1st in old Country Store. One is in Hayward & St Croix Falls. Don't sell bedding or clothing but sell about anything else for a house. Two full time & two part time employees. Last year they had \$700,000 in revenues & \$170,000 in profits at St Croix Falls store. Organization tries to re-invest in town & help people stay in their homes by painting etc. Thompson asked if local Spooner residents will see their help & Kube replied everyone will see a lot of things happening soon. Simple coat of paint can help many houses. At this point, habitat for humanity is asking surrounding communities for donations. Mostly asking for vacant land that may be currently off tax roll. They build & get a family in to get it back on tax roll. Each store is autonomous; Hayward's store serves that area & their funds stay there; Spooner store funds stay here. They give loans to low income but don't charge interest.

Mayor welcomed them to Spooner & encouraged their involvement with community.

6. **Mayor's Comments;**

4th of July week & hope everyone stays safe. The fire works will be at school campus on July 4, 2013.

Next week is Rodeo with parade on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

7. **Approval of Agenda;**

Motion (Gabriel/Dohm) to approve agenda. Passed.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA;**

- a) *Accept Minutes from June 4, 2013 Regular Council Meeting;
- b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Check Numbers-33815-33951, 13050101-13050103, 13051401-1351403, 13052901-13052904, 13053101-13053103, 13061201-13061203, 20130503, 20130507, 20130514, 20130517, 20130604, 20130614, 20130619
- c) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve 2019 Pricing from AEP;
- d) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Request for Porta Potty at Spooner Farmers Market;
- e) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Applications for Licenses: Applications for 2 yr Operator License – 7/2/13 – 6/30/15: Marjorie E Costello, Kevin C Lindberg, Lauren W Schroeder, Kaitlyn J Schroeder, Jamie L Dubois, Deanna M Fogelberg; Temporary License Application, Spooner Chamber of Commerce, Jack Pine Savage Days 7/29/13-8/4/13;
- f) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Deny 2 yr Operator License – Jennifer J Rognholt;
- g) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Use Permit - College St Park Shelter Area Ain Dan Ing 8/17/13, 10-6 PM, Bowling Alley Parking Lot Spooner Mom's Club 7/13/13 During Parade, Railroad Park Jack Pine Savage Dash 7/29/13-8/4/13;
- h) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Jack Pine Street Closing;
- i) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to police officer positions with application deadline being July 26, 2013 & interviews on August 7, 2013;

Items 'c' & 'd' are pulled.

Motion (Schluter/Everroad) to approve consent agenda except item c & d. Passed.

Item 'c' was recommended by finance for approval, but GLU (group of electric municipal utilities) will be meeting at end of month & are hoping for a price reduction.

Item 'd' was recommended by Municipal Operations to allow Farmer's Market to setup a porta potty. Questions on locking it or not. Person in charge will try it unlocked to see if it is abused. Dunn & Thompson asked it to be moved towards back of parking lot on east side.

Motion (Stelter/Dohm) to accept committee recommendation & to move it as discussion suggests. Passed.

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) *Accept Finance Recommendation to approve Repairs for Zamboni recently donated to City- \$2,960;

Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to accept Zamboni & approve repairs for Zamboni of \$2,960. Passed. Roll call 8 yes

- b) WWTP Blower & VFD Purchase Focus on Energy Funds, \$16,575;

Marx addressed issue. City has received Incentive funds in addition to the initial request for funding. \$54,000 cost for the project. It is expected to save \$18,000 a year in energy savings.

- c) ATV Parking Lot Update;

Have applied for funding & it looked like a done deal, but Department of Natural Resources wasn't funded for this program this year. ATV registrations were down & funding was cut.

- d) Conditional use request by Morning Glory Permanent Makeup, Kristi Miller;

Motion (Thompson/Gabriel) to approve conditional use request by Morning Glory Permanent Makeup, Kristi Miller, contingent on her providing proper licensing. Passed.

- e) Mayors Appointment of Jerry Fabert to fill unexpired term of Mike McLellan 07/01/13-06/30/16 Spooner Library Board;

Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to approve appointment of Jerry Fabert to fill unexpired term of Mike McLellan 07/01/2013-06/30/2016 for Spooner Library Board. Passed.

- f) Deny Insurance Claim from Brittney Messin;

Kohler spoke to this issue. Claimant slipped & fell. There is no merit to claimant therefore City is denying claim.

Motion (Thompson/Schluter) to deny Insurance claim from Brittney Messin. Passed.

- g) Consider Approval Sidewalk Use Form from Northwind Book & Fiber;

Motion (Gabriel/Everroad) to approve sidewalk use form from Northwind Book & Fiber. Passed. (Dunn abstained)

- h) Consideration to allow Spooner Ice House to operate with outstanding debt, debt to be paid by July 28th;

Kohler spoke on City ordinance.

Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to allow Spooner Ice House to use their liquor license with outstanding debt, debt to be paid by August 6, 2013 & to be reviewed by council at that time. Passed.

i) Consideration to allow Piller's Poor Boys to operate with outstanding debt, debt to be paid by July 28th;

Motion (Dohm/Schluter) to approve allowing Piller's Poor Boys to use their liquor license with outstanding debt, debt to be paid by August 6, 2013 to be reviewed by council at that time. Passed.

10. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**

a) Financial Report May, 2013;

Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to accept & approve financial report May 2013. Passed.

b) Chief's Report - incidents during June, 2013;

Increase in traffic. Officer Pank is on leave with a new son. Officers Peterson, Richey & Richter participated in a Special Olympics run. They carried a torch to south side of town to be then taken to Shell Lake. There has been a steady increase in OWI arrests. Officer Quinton & Chief Andrea were involved in a DEC case which stands for Drug & Endangered Child. They found a small child running around in just a diaper. Methamphetamines were involved; it was a very bad situation.

Number of complaints of vandalism in down town area. China House had a burglary. 1,038 calls so far.

c) BID Report;

Vandalism was ripping flowers out & tossing them around into doorways of downtown area. Makes no sense. Cameras may deter behavior. Everroad noted that all buildings on Walnut Street are now occupied.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Dohm talked about meeting he recently attended. Budget is down. There is a new business in Northwest Regional Planning incubator building that makes truck toppers. They are using 20,000 sq foot & have 25 employees.

11. **Adjournment;**

Motion (Dohm/Everroad) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn, Clerk

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor