

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 7, 20 5:00 PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:00 pm.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present (1 by Zoom)
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
No comments.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Mayor Cuskey spoke to Sargent Moore, at National Guard Armory, who reported guard unit is doing well. Washburn Co Fair & Jack Pine Savage Days have both been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID. Congratulations to Bill & Joey Marx on their recent marriage.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gagnon/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 6/2/20 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables cks: 44735-44853, 20060201-20060204, 20061601-20061606, 20200604, 20200622;
 - c) *~~Municipal Operations~~ Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve AR Write-offs: The Coin Guy's Corner, Spooner Market & Grill, What the Deck Card Shop Effective 8/4/20;
 - d) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Permit Request: College St Park, Picnic Shelter – Kelly Miller on 7/12/20;
 - e) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Crack Filling Contract Fahrner Asphalt \$24,900;
 - f) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve trade in for skid steer Fabick Cat \$14,221.28;
 - g) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Utility Purchase of Brush/Grass Mower for Skid steer, \$5,350 Fabick Cat;
 - h) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Class B Combination Liquor License – 7/7/20 – 6/30/21 for Jerseys Sports Bar & Grill;Ortmann requested to pull item C, asked what is AR Write-offs? Marx explained this is outstanding personal property taxes from businesses that are no longer in existence. We continue to send bills monthly. Motion (Gabriel/Donovan) to approve items a–h on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Conditional Use Permit for Solar Field on City Property North of Hwy Shop;
Cuskey explained triangle parcel north of Co Hwy shop is being looked at for a solar field. Marx explained currently it is zoned Industrial A, & zoning code was change to allow solar as a conditional use. Marx stated we are closed to finalizing contract. Motion (Ortmann/Parker) to approve conditional use permit for solar field on City Property. PASSED.
 - b) Discussion of Washburn County Health Department Guidelines for Operating City Facilities;
Reiter reported Safety Committee discussed activity that occurred at recent Cardinals game. Christman met with Sam Holden, from Cardinals, discussed collection of names for person in attendance. Holden plans to put up fencing for a single point entrance & will be handing out masks. City crew has put up some signs for social distancing. Donovan spoke to Cheri Nickel, Washburn Co Health Department, she suggested collecting names, phone numbers, email addresses. Donovan will be there to offer face masks & will monitor activity. Donovan anticipates they will do everything possible to comply & will follow-up as to whether Safety Committee will need to meet on 7/14th.
 - c) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Consider Request to adopt Timber Ridge Road if property owners bring road up to city standards, provide a dedicated right of way & adequate turning area;
Marx explained property owners on Timber Ridge Road are requesting city take over road which is in a state of disrepair. Currently, it's a private road to service 2 lots. Developers of property should have brought road up to standards before it was approved by city. Marx will address owners that city will accept road once it has been brought up to standards, i.e. curb & gutter, gravel & blacktop, estimated costs \$50,000 to \$100,000. Currently, this is not a city st. Attorney Kohler reviewed & indicated this document is not sufficient petition for an annex detachment.
 - d) Request to Participate in Youth Apprenticeship Program Through Spooner High School;
Staff meet with Josh Tischer, Tech Ed Instructor at Spooner High School. This program focus on kids that don't plan to attend college. Student employee works with an employer & registers with Department of Workforce Development & earns credits for taking apprenticeship towards a trade school. City will have one (1) student working with street dept with pay. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve participating in Youth Apprenticeship Program through Spooner High School. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report May 20;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to accept May 20 financial report. PASSED.

- b) Chief's Report;
Chief Christman reported they learned that reporting system that they utilize will no longer be supported after next yr. Looking into same system that WBSO uses, waiting for details & pricing. PPE supplies are more available to purchase. Summer has brought an increase number of tourists, seeing a lot of people wearing masks. Continue to attend mtg by Zoom. Officer Tucker attended Taser Instructor certification. Officer Kronberger conducted our annual department certification shoot. Officers investigated a number of sexual assault complaints, conducted a traffic stop, in connection with an ongoing drug investigation & seen an increase in traffic enforcement stops. Total incidents: 1068.
 - c) BID Report;
Dunn reported BID is not spending any money on promotions, because events are being cancelled. Looking at replacing vinyl on sign, waiting for quotes. Downtown is busy & looks very nice.
 - d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
Coquille reported not much going on. Most counties are not having an open fair, some are going to have judging & awards for their entries. Counties are concern how they will be reimbursed for COVID expense.
 - e) Railroad Park Update;
Reiter reported Board met at park. Pavilion work has begun, contractor is hoping truss will be up by end of day. Weigh station is just about done, putting in windows today. Plan to have lights & cameras on it. There will be historic sign on outside & a sign on inside honoring Del Salquist. Mayor thanked Reiter for all her hard work.
 - f) Library Liaison Report;
Reiter reported library is a very busy place, a real asset to community. Zoom story time continues & is very popular. Scavenger hunt was held, there will be 5 more forthcoming. You can sign up for book challenge online, with a chance to win prizes. Put together 794 care packages. Following CDC guidelines for disinfecting books being returned. Library is currently in stage 5.
- 10) ADJOURNMENT;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:40 pm.
ATTESTED BY:
Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor
Patricia Parker, City Clerk