

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 4, 20 5:00 PM

- 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;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
 - Appointment of Penny Swan to Deputy Clk-Treas in recognition of becoming a Certified Municipal Clk-TreasMayor Cuskey thanked Spooner Garden Club for their efforts maintaining flower gardens around city hall, Triangle Park, & Centennial Park. No update on National Guard unit. Congratulation to Penny Swan for her successful completion of Municipal Clk-Treas Institute. She will be appointed Deputy Clk /Deputy Treas.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve agenda. PASSED.
- 7) Cheri Nickell Washburn County Health Officer;
Cheri Nickell gave an update on COVID-19 within County. There were 26 new cases this past week. Nickell answer several questions regarding testing & turnaround time for results. Highly recommends that everyone wear a mask & continue social distancing.
- 8) 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 7/7/20 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables cks: 44854-44954, 20063001-20063004, 20071401-20071404, 20200703, 20200720, 20200721;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Resolution 20-10, 8-4-20 A Resolution to Carry Over Funds from 2019 Budget;
 - d) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Wage Increase for Penny Swan on Completion of Certification as Municipal Clk-Trea;
 - e) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to enforce current ordinance to not allow attachments to utility poles or st signs;
 - f) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Permit Request: Railroad Park Pavilion Spooner Hunters Education 9/3/20;
 - g) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Spooner Garden Club Request to place Ellen Schmidt Memorial Bench in Centennial Park upon review of proposed location;Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) to approve items a-g on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 9) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Enforcement of Governor's Mask Order;
Chief Christman explained protocol & steps that will be taken when a complaint is received about a noncompliant not wearing a mask. Dunn wants it known that city will enforce Governor's mask order. Donovan was in dismay with Washburn County Sheriff's statement. There's a baseball tournament coming up & will be asking all attendees to wear a mask & concern with push back that might be received. Motion (Dunn/Donovan) that the city will enforce governor's mask order.
Discussion: Coquillettte stated in June city adopted Washburn County Health guidelines. Washburn County Health Department is enforcing agency that can pass it on to District Atty. Reiter comment this statement is too far to go. Cuskey commented that if council passes motion, people will think city will be issuing citations because they aren't wearing a mask. Roll call – Ayes 2 (Donovan & Dunn), Nays 6. Motion Failed.
 - b) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Resolution 20-11, 8/4/20 Requiring Safety Precautions in Public Places in City of Spooner;
Marx explained a situation occurred within city hall & potential of having to close. If this were to happen we might need council members to cover phones. There needs to be a contingency plan. Resolution was discussed & consensus was to add if not able to social distance, a mask is required to first 2 bullet points. Motion (Coquillettte/Parker) to approve Resolution 20-11 8/4/2020 Requiring Safety Precautions in Public Places in City of Spooner. Discussion: Donovan commented he will attend baseball game to make a contact list & ask people to mask, & 2 officers will be present. PASSED.
 - c) Request from Library to place Sandy Mackie memorial gazebo at Library;
Angie Bodzislaw, Librarian, explained library received approximately \$4,000 in memorial funds for Sandy Mackie. After discussion with family, they would like to see gazebo on corner of Walnut & High St next to fountain. Marx offered to meet with Angie to make sure it meets zoning criteria. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve placement of Sandy Mackie Memorial Gazebo at library after review by Property Planning Committee. Discussion: Gabriel stated that Property Planning needs to review plan. PASSED.

- d) Ambulance Service Notice to Terminate Contract;
Cuskey explained that North Memorial Ambulance has given their 6 month notice to terminate their contract, unless it can be renegotiated. Marx explained that North is willing to extend contract 1 year, which will give us time to explore options that might be available. Currently, we are at \$20 per capita, North Ambulance states they need to go to \$26 to \$28 per capita. In Burnett County, they formed an association with same ambulance service to create an intergovernmental cooperation group, & that would allow us to increase levy to pay for service. Next mtg will be in August with North Ambulance present.
- e) Request to place ribbons on trees in city parks during month of October in recognition of domestic violence victims;
Chief Christman explained that they are looking at placing ribbons on trees at police station, & also on trees in parks. Embrace initially wanted to place ribbons on utility poles & are looking for other options. Motion (Ortmann/Dunn) to allow placement of ribbons on trees in public parks. PASSED.
- f) Approve Change of Agent for BNR 3 Store, Inc. d/b/a Marathon to Jimmy S. Brenenstall;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve change of agent for BNR 3 Store, Inc. d/b/a Marathon to Jimmy S. Brenenstall. PASSED.

10) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

- a) Financial Report June 2020;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to accept June 20 financial report. PASSED.
- b) Chief's Report;
Chief Christman reported a Letter of Commendation & Challenge Coin was presented to Mariah Lynch for her action involving a 5 yr old child choking. Jordan Price has been hired as a part-time officer. Price has started FTO program. Officer Horsch represented SPD at Law Enforcement funeral in Ashland for an officer who died in line of duty. Officer Peterson & K9 Bleu participated in Annual K9 Trials. Officers continue to be active with traffic enforcement & handled a number of accidents. Handled a number of mental health cases, 2 involved transport to mental health facilities outside immediate area. There's been a slight increase in number of disorderly conducts complaints this month. Total incidents 1084.
- c) BID Report;
Dunn reported no mtg this month. There have been no events held. Talking about a week long sidewalk sale.
- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
Coquillet reported mtg in Hayward. Talk is COVID
- e) Railroad Park Update;
Reiter reported met at park. Pavilion is being shingled & concrete is done. Steve Poethke came yesterday to inspect pavilion. Weigh Station has been completed. Website has been updated. Mayor recognized Reiter for excellent job.
- f) Library Liaison Report;
Reiter reported Angie Bodzislav continues to be a leader. Library will maintain at stage 5 & has backed up to curb side only. They will start increasing hours next week. Angie has completed her Masters.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 6:23 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor

Patricia Parker, City Clerk