

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 6, 2013 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER;**
2. **ROLL CALL:** 8 members present, Marx, Parker, Chief Andrea, Kohler, J Andrea, Geary, Stencel, Zufall, Jensen, Tetrault, Captain Christman & Solveson
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None
5. **Beverly Stencel-First Impressions Program:**
Stencel explained First Impressions Program & shared a report from 10 years ago, when city participated with City of Washburn in program. If Spooner would like participate in program again, Beverly would assist in finding another community also willing.
6. **Mayor's Comments:**
Cuskey –Firemen's Golf Tournament was a success. Community member, Tommy Downs, passed away. He served on council for many years.
7. **Approval of Agenda;**
Motion (Everroad / Gabriel) to approve agenda. Passed.
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a) *Accept Minutes from July 2, 2013 Regular Council Meeting;
 - b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Check Numbers-33952-34064, 13061201-13061203, 13062501-13062505, 13071001-13071003, 20130604, 20130614, 20130619, 20130704;
 - c) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to accept 2012 Audit Report;
 - d) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to place stop signs on Second Street at intersection with Superior Street;
 - e) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Applications for Licenses: Applications for 2 yr Operator License – 8/6/13 – 6/30/15: Jennifer L Fulton, Beverly J Kauffman, Zachary M Mullikin, Ashley K Signs, Andrew C Danielson;
 - f) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Revoke Operator License – Eric P Anderson;
 - g) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approval of Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Day Picnic License – August 31, 2013;
 - h) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Use Permit - College St Park: Benedictine Living Center, 8/3/13 and College St Park: Relax & Renew Massage Therapy, Jerry Elsen on 8/15/13;
 - i) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Street Light near 415 Timberlane Rd;
 - j) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve 15 mph speed limit Park West;
 - k) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to build parking area at First St Ball Field;
 - l) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to accept low bid on Sanitary Sewer Lining Project from Visu-Sewer \$197,677.50 and Manholes from Weiser Concrete \$3,500;
 - m) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to Set Starting Salary for Chief Christman at \$56,000 and Captain Pank at \$50,000, including base and longevity starting August 12, 2013
 - n) *Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to Extraterritorial CSM for Mike Spafford, SW-NE, Section 25, T39N, R12W, Town of Evergreen, SE Quadrant Tower Hill Road and Elizabeth Lane;
Motion (Schluter / Thompson) to approve consent agenda except item d & j. Passed.
Item D: Marx – note street name should be Michigan, not Superior. **Motion (Dohm / Schluter) to approve the placement of a stop sign on Michigan Street. PASSED.**
Item J: Ortmann – reviewed state statutes & it is very specific that a 15 mph speed limit is associated with a school zone area. Do we want to bring this into a residential area; if this change will affect entire park or just this specific street; or could we do some different signage? Thompson – this was a citizen request to reduce speed limit, it is highly populated & there are many children in area. Tim Jensen – is city making a precedence by changing this street. Cuskey – we can either make no change or refer back to committee for further discussion. Council consensus is to refer back to committee for clarification.
9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a) Finance Recommendation to fund Spooner Development Corporation with \$2,500 out of fund balance;
Dunn – Finance was initially asked to considered funding \$25,000 to Spooner Development Corporation; but recommends \$2500.
Motion (Dunn / Schluter) to approve funding \$2500 to Spooner Development Corporation; ayes: Thompson, Gabriel, Dunn, Everroad, Dohm, Schluter and Stelter, opposed: Ortmann. PASSED.
 - b) Business Development Proposal Brian O'Meara;
Marx – will schedule a meeting with O'Meara for additional information.
 - c) Ehlers Proposal to create TID 5;
Marx – Property Planning committee recommends Ehlers proceed with publication of notice to create TID 5 so we don't lose out on 2013 funding.
Motion (Dunn / Gabriel) to authorize Ehlers to publish an intent notice to create TID 5. PASSED.
 - d) Proposal from Cooper Engineering to prepare Plans & Specifications for Utility & Street Improvements for TID 5; No action taken.
 - e) Review of action taken by city council on July 2, 2013, on matter of liquor license application of Spooner Ice House, granting a grace period until this date for payment of overdue real estate taxes & other debt;
Geary – does not have enough to pay everything in full, but does have a payment to apply today & will make another payment next week. Everroad – feels we need to try & work with Geary. Marx – Geary needs to follow through on his promises & provide in writing.
Motion (Dohm / Thompson) to accept Lars Geary proposal & provide same in writing. PASSED.
 - f) Proposal to thin Red Pine at Blooming Valley Property;
Marx – a forester asked if city would be interested in thinning pines, in return City would receive approximately \$4500 for lumber. Dohm – would like to see trees thinned, but would like to use proceeds to be reinvested in planting trees for a sound & safety barrier. Gabriel – we need a plan, we can't plant trees

where trees have been harvested. Cuskey – we have been here twice & we need to do what's healthy for trees.

Motion (Schluter / Ortmann) to approve thinning trees on Blooming Valley property & develop a plan for replanting. PASSED.

- g) Approve Applications for Licenses: 2 yr Operator License – 8/6/13 – 6/30/15: Jessica L Powers and Thomas N Powers;
Motion (Everroad / Schluter) to approve a 2 yr operator license for Jessica L Powers and Thomas N Powers. PASSED.
- h) Approve Park Use Permit - Veterans Memorial Park: Jill Flores & Frances Bowers, 8/9/13;
Motion (Everroad / Thompson) to approve park use permits for Veterans Memorial Park on 8/9/13 by Jill Flores & Frances Bowers. PASSED.
- i) Action/Discussion Irrigation System in Centennial Park:
Marx –current irrigation system is a soaker hose that is replaced annually. Scott Thompson received a quote of \$2558 for installing an irrigation system; but parks' budget will not cover this expense. Dunn – will bring to next BID meeting for discussion to see if they are able to assist. No action taken.
10. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**
- a) Financial Report June, 2013;
Motion (Schluter / Dohm) to accept financial report as presented. PASSED.
- b) Chief's Report - incidents during July, 2013;
Cuskey – this is Chief Andrea's last report & thanked him for his service. Andrea - thanked council & Marx for opportunity to work with them. Spooner Rodeo, Washburn County Fair & Jack Pine went well. We received 40 applications for part time officer position. In July, we saw an increase number of traffic accidents, we have a couple larger drug cases & there were a few burglaries.
- c) BID Report; No report
- d) NWRPC Liaison Report; Dohm – a couple new businesses have expressed interest in area.
- e) Library Liaison Report; - Ortmann – over 500 children & teens are participating in summer reading program.
11. **Adjournment;**
Motion (Dohm/Stelter) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

Pati Parker, Deputy Clerk

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor