

# REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 7, 2012 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL:** 8 council members present, 0 absent, others in attendance: Kohler, Captain Christman, Marx, Lyons-Hartwig, Coquillette, Thornley, Jensen, Ford, Johnson, Maresh, Beecroft, Weinstock

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

None

5. **Mayor's Comments:**

The Rodeo was successful & well attended, record setting attendance. Jack Pine Savage days went very well; Savage Dash was well received & went good in its first year; there were no real issues with law enforcement. Thank you to Rodeo Committee, Jack Pine Savage committee, Spooner Fire Dept, National Guard, City of Spooner street and utility departments for all their hard work. Also, Washburn County Fair was well attended. The Mayor commented he was a judge for talent show & enjoyed it very much.

6. **Approval of Agenda:**

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

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) \*Accept Minutes from July 3, 2012 Regular Council Meeting;
- b) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve July, 2012 payables check numbers 32283-32454, 12062001-12062003, 12062501, 12062701-12062702, 12062901, 12063001, 12070301, 12070401-12070402, 12070701-12070702, 12070801, 12071001-12071002, 12071301-12071302, 12071401-12071402, 12071501, 12071801, 12071901;
- c) \*Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Operators Licenses Two year 08/07/2012-06/30/2013 Tessa J Smith, LaToya R Cockroft, Samantha J King;
- d) \*Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Amend Section 6-34(e) Quotas;
- e) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Park Reservations: College Street Park 08/18/12 Ain Dah Ing; 08/12/2012 Spooner Fire District ;
- f) \*Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to deny Kennel License, 801 N. River St (Inn Town Motel);
- g) \*Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Section 34-36 Length of lawn & grasses;
- h) \*Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve request to make improvements at skateboard park (cinder block rail & portable rail at no cost to city);
- i) \*Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Centennial Park Automatic door Lock \$1,160 plus new door hardware;

Asked to pull d & g.

**Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to approve items a-i of the consent agenda without d & g. Passed.**

Item D – Amend Section 6-34 (e) Quotas;

The requested action is to correct the code from “Class ‘A’” Combination to “Class ‘B’” Combination. The City was regulating wrong license type. Discussion regarding types of licenses, their purpose & number & type of licenses currently used in City. Kohler addressed & said licenses established before 1997 when State law changed were grandfathered in.

**Motion (Everroad/Schluter) to accept safety & license committee recommendation to amend Section 6-34(e) Quotas. Passed.**

Item G – Amend Section 34-36 Length of lawn & grasses; Was a provision for natural lawns, part of ordinance is now eliminated. There have been some complaints with large tracks of land not mowed; these are not practical to mow. Have added to ordinance woodlands & undeveloped areas larger than an acre are exempt. No one in city has a valid permit for natural lawns as they are no longer allowed. The Department of Natural Resources, who previously held only valid permit, is exempt because they are over 1 acre.

**Motion (Dunn/Everroad) to accept plan commission recommendation to amend Section 34-36 length of lawn and grasses. Passed.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve proposed Street and utility projects for 2013-2014, South River St River Crossing-Bay Ave to Tony's, \$147,331, Elm St - First St to Third St \$389,603, Roundhouse Road-Paulson to Timberlane \$253,780-\$356,500; Marx – The Roundhouse Road project is broken down in three phases & are projected over a 2 yr period. Entire cost is estimated at \$948,744.50. Water rate increase will include capital projects. By doing it through rate increase, it should strengthen utility base. Need action. Thole is working on water rate increase. South River St Crossing project will give us another source of water if there is ever an issue with water main on Pioneer. This is water utility cost & not a City cost. Elm Street project – Start at First St. to Third St. Old 4” water main is cast iron & there are multiple water main breaks. This project would consist of replacing water & sewer mains, storm sewer system, curb & gutter. Costs would be covered mainly by water & sewer utility with city & residents paying through assessment process for curb & gutter portion. Curb & gutter cost per land owner for last City project was \$10 per foot. There is tree loss expected but can not be avoided with narrow road. This is only a preliminary stage & not sure about sidewalks at this point. This is not a new project; it is part of 5 year plan & City is at point of refining cost estimates. We could save \$100,000 if we decide to have a rural section with ditches instead of urban style of curb & gutter. It is best if water system had loops built in to provide better flow. Will relocate Roundhouse Rd somewhat to east. Water portion of project will be included in rate increase, budget for street portion, sewer portion will come out of sewer utility. Projects will be completed over 2 year period. Priority is South River Street crossing portion.  
**Motion (Dohm/Otto) to approve municipal operations committee recommendation to approve proposed street & utility projects. Passed.**
- b) Request for refund of fees paid for conditional use permit for Kennel License, 801 N. River St.; Marx-denied by Planning Commission -kennel is not allowable in C-1 zoning. Should not have been given original permit because of zoning. Prohibited use. Kohler advised. Discussion.  
**Motion (Everroad/Stelter) to deny request for refund of fees paid for conditional use permit. Roll call vote: 5 yeas and 3 nays. Passed.**
- c) Operators Licenses; Two year 08/07/2012-06/30/2013: Jean M Leckel & Caroline Shields;

**Motion (Everroad/Schluter) to approve operators licenses for Jean Leckel & Caroline Shields. Passed.**

- d) Mayors Appointments to: Redevelopment Authority: Missy Gauger 04/19/11 – 04/21/15 To fill a resignation;  
**Motion (Gabriel/Stelter) to approve Missy Gauger to fill resignation of Janet Krokson. Passed.**
- e) Maintenance Cost Estimate from Washburn County for storm sewer discharge at Yellow River on Hwy 63:  
Marx-storm water discharge at bridge at River St, storm sewer carrying sediment, blocks drainage & leaves sediment in neighbor's property. State said County has exhausted their maintenance fund. State tells us it is a City expense. City has agreement to maintain & repair storm sewer but Marx doesn't believe agreement is applicable to this project. We can not do this project we would have to hire county. We need a bulldozer & excavator but city trucks will haul out material & haul in rock. Estimated cost is \$3225-4225.

**Motion (Dunn/Everroad) to spend up to \$4,500 to fix discharge from general fund storm sewer capital outlay. Passed.**

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

- a) Financial Report June, 2012;  
**Motion (Schulter/Dohm) to accept financial report for June 2012. Passed.**
- b) Chief's Report - incidents during July 2012;  
Captain Christman spoke. 1,094 calls for July 2012 for 7 member department. Very busy with summer activities during Fourth of July, Rodeo & extra patrols during Washburn County Fair. Utilized bike patrol for first time during rodeo parade, worked out well. Officer was able to respond more quickly than car patrol due to traffic volume. Received much appreciated reimbursement from Paradigm to help with part-time officer wages. We anticipate additional reimbursement for extra patrol during Jack Pine Savage Days. Had department meeting & shoot on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Two underage parties this month resulting in 18 underage alcohol citations & contributing citation. Vandalism complaints regarding flower pots, signage at a church & chamber office.
- c) BID Report; Dunn – very busy in downtown area. Used promotion tool "Find Waldo" to encourage customers go in to businesses. Had a total of 20 businesses participate & kids would go in to stores looking for Waldo. Many customers' comments were regarding going into stores for first time. Seem to work well to get people in stores. Jack Pine Savage weekend was extremely busy weekend.
- d) NWRPC Liaison Report; Dohm – frac sand is big discussion & using railroad.

10. **Adjournment;**

**Motion (Dohm/Schluter) to adjourn. Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Krista Lyons-Hartwig, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Gary J Cuskey, Mayor