

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Sep 1, 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;
Mayor Cuskey spoke with Sargent Moore, guard unit is doing well. Preliminary work has started to bring guard unit home. School will be starting Sep 8th, scheduled to go 4 days a week. Thanked Washburn County Register & congratulated them on 100 plus yrs of reporting.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) 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 8/4/20 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables cks: 44955-45025, 2044794, 20072801-20072805, 20081101-20081104, 20200803, 20200820, 20200821;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve PD Hardware/Software Upgrade \$14,063.66 plus \$1,890.20 annual, \$2,100.30 plus \$135 annual;
 - d) *Finance & Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request for funding Mountain Bike Park on School property by providing in kind services;
 - e) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Itron Upgrade Auto Meter Reading \$29,690;
 - f) *Municipal Operations & Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Place 4-25 mph signs on South Front St;
 - g) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request to forgive sewer charge at 1400 Harrison St for filling pond;
 - h) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Allow unused sick leave time to be used to pay for Medicare Supplemental Policy for current employees & dependents or retirees & dependents;
 - i) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve COVID Exposure Flow Chart;
 - j) *Personnel & Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Social Media Policy;
 - k) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve Updated MEUW Safety Written Programs; Fall Protection, Blood Borne Pathogens, Confined Space, Emergency Action Plan, Hazard Communication, Personal Protective Equipment
 - l) *Property Planning Committee Recommendation to Approve Gazebo placement at Library;
 - m) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve East-West Realty Site Plan 102 River St;
 - n) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve 6 Lot Extra-territorial CSM Yellow River Properties, LLC, Section 27 T39N R12W;
Ortmann requested an explanation on m & n. Marx explained the East-West Realty site plan is addressing the changes to the River St project. CSM is property out by Spooner Lake and the city has the right to review, meets city criteria.**Motion (Coquillette/Ortmann) to approve items a–n on consent agenda. PASSED.**
- 8) **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a) Finance Committee Recommendation to approve FORP Request to finance benches;
Dunn explained this is for Railroad Park, so they could purchase benches now, with pay back to city. **Motion (Dunn/Donovan) to approve FORP request up to \$2500 to finance benches. PASSED.**
 - b) Finance Committee Recommendation to Extend North Ambulance Contract;
Marx explained changes to ambulance contract. Current rate is \$52,000 going up to \$61,000. Explained difference between current staff model & proposed staff model. North Ambulance is proposing a 5 year contract term. There will be a provision that would allow a change to contract. Increase to levy is CPI plus 2%. Group will be exploring different options for future.
Motion (Dunn/Ortmann) to approve extending North Ambulance contract to 2025. PASSED.
 - c) Washburn County Traffic Safety Committee Recommendation East STH 70 & North USH 63;
Chief Christman reported Washburn County has moved reduce speed limit zone on USH 63 to north of fire hall driveway. Traffic Safety Committee is also looking at a reduced speed zone east on STH 70 to NW Drive.
 - d) Finance Committee Recommendation to Proceed with Solar & Wholesale Power Contract Amendment with AEP;
Marx explained working with AEP on solar project. Project will be located at triangle parcel north of County Hwy Shop. Important part is savings on capacity & renewables. Governor is pushing for 100% renewables by 2050. Currently, city has 10% renewables with wind & solar contract would go until 2051. Termination clause is now right to purchase.

Motion (Gabriel/Gagnon) to approve proceeding with solar & wholesale power contract amendment with AEP. PASSED.

- e) Proposal to seal coat Ojibwa Rd & Orchard Lane from Fahrner Asphalt; Marx explained Fahrner has a new product that they will be applying to hospital parking lot. Fahrner has offered a discount for doing Ojibwa Road & Orchard Lane. If the Town of Spooner agrees cost would be \$10,697 for both roads. Orchard Lane, only, would be \$5618.

Motion (Coquillette/Parker) to approve proposal, from Fahrner Asphalt, to seal coat Ojibwa Rd & Orchard Lane. PASSED.

- f) Railroad Park Board Recommendation for Mayor to Appoint Jorgan Staupe to fill vacancy; Mayor explained there is a vacancy & would like to appoint Jorgan Staupe.

Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve Mayor's appointment of Jorgan Staupe to fill vacancy on Railroad Park Board. PASSED.

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

- a) Financial Report Jul 20;

Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to accept Jul 20 financial report. PASSED.

- b) Chief's Report;

Chief Christman reported received price quotes for new software program for records. Current program will be ending. Officers continue with our community policing. All annual events have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Chief attended a Hwy Safety mtg. Discuss extending reduced speed zones north on USH 63 & east on STH 70. Officers have been active with traffic enforcement & monitored baseball tournament at Merchant Park, no issues with non-compliance requiring masks & contact information. Officers responded & administered Narcan to a non-responsive patient prior to EMS arriving. Patient was medical cleared & then arrested for drug related charges. Total incidents 1045.

- c) BID Report;

Dunn reported advertising was discussed, working on billboard on USH 53. Downtown has been busy.

- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Coquillette reported meeting in Hayward. Roundtable discussion centered on County Health Departments.

- e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter reported there was a vacancy on Board. Pavilion is near completion. Grass seed is done. Donation of picnic tables from Greg Vreeland. Need to get donor's sign up. Lights will be up soon. Pavilion is getting used. Will be ordering 3 benches.

- f) Library Liaison Report;

Reiter reported background planning is happening on an inclusivity plan. St Francis School visits are being allowed. If anyone has any needs, please call them. Sandy Mackie Memorial will be a gazebo placed on library property

- g) At this time chairman anticipates going into closed session as per State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. to wit: Committee will proceed with Discussion of an amended Solar Proposal & wholesale power contract amendment from AEP

Council did not go into closed session.

- h) At this time chairman anticipates going back into open session;

- i) Action on Solar & Wholesale Power Proposal;

See Discussion/Action Item D above.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/Dunn) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:38 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Patricia Parker, City Clerk