

# REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

September 4, 2012 5:00 PM , City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL:** 7 present, 1 absent (Thompson), others in attendance: Marx, Koehn, Kohler, Chief Andrea, Ortman, Jensen, Ripley, Coquillet

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

Ripley – did one of the first surveys of City. Then 2 was County surveyor. Spoke on Civic Center. Commented on difference between Barron Electric & City utilities. Listed accomplishments. Would like taxes reduced by 10% for 2013. Asked committee as a whole to look at erosion problem on First Street by his house.

5. **Mayor's Comments:**

School started today & busses are out. More activity on streets & sidewalks. Mayor asks everyone to watch out for increased traffic & children.

6. **Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion (Dohm/Schluter) to approve agenda. Passed.**

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) \*Accept Minutes from August 7, 2012 Regular Council Meeting;
- b) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve August, 2012 payables check numbers **32454-32562, 12070601-12070603, 12072501-12072505, 12080701-12080703, 12082201-12082205, 20120701, 20120802-20120803;**
- c) \*Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve Operators Licenses Two year 09/04/2012-06/30/2013 Christina M Janz, Lori M Goetsch, Andrew C Bartell; Provisional: William J Boileau
- d) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to purchase spare regulator for new substation out of bond funds;
- e) \*Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to repair 105' of defective curb on Walnut Street \$1,260
- f) \*Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve purchase of 3 Phillips LED Street Light fixtures for demonstration purposes \$1,798.08 + shipping;
- g) \*Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve to sale of 1970 Vac-all to B & D Services for \$3,000;
- h) \*Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to deny Request for Mailbox - 222 Balsam St. to be on Summit St;
- i) \*Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to Proposal from Steigerwaldt Land Services to update GIS System Phase 1 \$3,000 Phase 2 \$4,000 split 75% Utility 25% City;
- j) \*Accept Property Planning & Development Recommendation to approve parking lot lease w/ Spooner Machine;
- k) \*Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Section 86-803, 5, (g) Street Setback Area;

**Motion (Dohm/Stelter) to approve consent agenda w/out item(s) j & k. Passed.**

Item j. Across from his property lot lines. He will pay rent based on what taxes would have been if it weren't public property.

**Motion (Dohm/Everroad) to approve Item J. Passed.**

Item k. Parking Ordinance was not consistent w/ other sections – to allow a barrier between sidewalk & road. City is changing landscaping portion of parking ordinance for commercial. This will prevent someone from parking such that part of vehicle would be over sidewalk. Barrier needs to be some type of barrier to keep wheels from coming into sidewalk area.

**Motion (Gabriel/Otto) to approve Item K. Passed.**

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Submit Water Rate Case to PSC using a uniform rate structure rather than a step rate & to request a 6% rate of return;

Current rate of return is 4% & is not sufficient. It is estimated to be a 17 percent increase on a typical water bill. Doing a straight rate rather than declining rate – will encourage conservation.

**Motion (Dohm/Everroad) to approve rate increase. Passed.**

- b) Property Planning & Development Recommendation to Adopt Resolution No. 12-04, 09/04/12, **A Resolution to Create a City-County Auditorium Board Ordinance Pursuant to § 66.0923, Stats.**

Kohler used language of statute to form Resolution. Vehicle used to acquire Civic Center is County & City. 10 members, 5 from City & 5 from County. 4 at large from both entities. Once this is passed it will be given to County to take to a County full meeting.

**Motion (Schluter/Stelter) to create a joint auditorium. Passed.**

It does affect levy cap. Levy would limit how much tax money City can raise.

- c) Mayors Appointments to: Auditorium Board:

Mayor appoints: Andrea Neubich (1 year), Jim Heim (2 years), Esa Everroad (3 years), Chris Thompson (4 years). Neubich is head of Hockey Association & is Comptroller for Voyager Village

**Motion (Stelter/Otto) to approve Mayor's appointments to Auditorium Board. Passed.**

- d) Operator License One year 09/04/2012-06/30/2013 for Holly Olson;

**Motion (Everroad/Schluter) to approve Holly Olson. Passed.**

- e) Change November Council meeting to November 7, 2012 due to Federal Election on November 6, 2012;

**Motion (Gabriel/Otto) to change November Council meeting to November 7, 2012. Passed.**

- f) Resolution 12-05 Reimbursement Resolution, Resolution 12-06 Authorized Representative Resolution (for CWF funding application);

Seeking clean water fund for some of older water lines. It is required City pass a resolution they will accept reimbursement for costs. Applying for money – project will cost about \$200,000 cost.

**Motion (Everroad/Dunn) to approve Resolution 12-05 Reimbursement Resolution, Resolution 12-06 Authorized Representative Resolution for CWF funding application. Passed.**

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

- a) Financial Report July, 2012;

**Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to approve financial report. Passed.**

- b) Chief's Report - incidents during August 2012;

Well over 50 traffic stops. Advocate recently did an article on bike officer, very nice. Pharmaceutical drugs are becoming a very bad problem. Captain Christman has been attending some regular meetings with Hospital on

this issue. Staff met with new teachers. Change in worthless check policy. The District Attorney doesn't do them any more unless they are over \$500. Municipal Court will deal with them which is a policy change. Draft a policy change to Police Department & to Municipal Court Judge— what to expect from merchants, is it rent or debt. Have to prove person meant to defraud. Dishonor – by they don't pay it back. A questionnaire for each merchant on what they need to provide with a bad check. Each person is required to be personally served when it goes through City. Not sure what getting into, new to City & no support anywhere.

Mayor commented that PD gets 1,000 to 1,200 calls a month, now this problem is added to mix?

Our officers attended fatality on Highway 70 & received compliments on how well officer handled a bad situation & death. 1067 calls for August 2012.

c) BID Report;

Lost all flower baskets over weekend because of lack of watering. Dunn called two other communities to see how they water. There has been an Issue with watering plants all summer. Should review how it is done.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Several communities are considering combining their services, ie child services

10. Adjournment;

**Motion (Dohm/Everroad) to adjourn. Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Debbie Koehn

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Mayor Gary J Cuskey