

# REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tues, Sept 6, 16 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; at 5:00 pm by Mayor Cuskey
2. ROLL CALL; 6 Present, 1 absent, 1 vacancy
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
None at this time.
5. Mayor's Comments;  
Mayor read a thank you from Washburn County Area Humane Society for \$2250 donation from City. Essentia Health will be closed & moving to their new facility on Friday, will reopen Monday. Kiwanis Club disband & donated \$850 for maintenance of exercise stations on walking trail. School is back in session, please be aware of children. With heavy heart, Bill Paulson, former Mayor, has passed away. Paulson was Mayor, for City, for 19 years. Deepest sympathy to family during this time.
6. Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) 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 8/2/16 Regular Council;
  - b) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables checks- 38812-38986, 16080301-16080303, 16081601-16081605, 20160804, 20160818, 20160822;
  - c) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to allow Chamber request to use \$1500 in 2016 from 2017 Room Tax for Nov & Dec Monthly Expense;
  - d) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to support North Memorial Ambulance proposed Tax Refund Interception Agreement;
  - e) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Use Permit – Centennial Park – 9/11/16 Trinity Lutheran Church (Section 1) Pie in Park & Veterans Park – 9/22/2016 Washburn County Veterans Service Office;
  - f) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Lean-to for Utility Storage Building (Paulson Drive) Materials \$3,766.34-Arrow Building Center;
  - g) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to allow renovation of dugouts at 1<sup>st</sup> St Ball Field after review of proposed Plan by Marx & Thompson;
  - h) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request from Library for Utility Staff to install LED lights;
  - i) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Jack O Lantern Fest Street Closing; Motion (Gabriel/Reiter) to approve items a – i on consent agenda. Donovan asked to have an explanation of item C. Mayor – the city will be advancing to Chamber from their 2017 budget. Donovan - seems to be a reoccurring issue. PASSED.
8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Finance Committee & Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to move forward on solar project;  
Marx – we've been discussing solar project for about 6 months. Both committees are recommending City proceed forward. Solar will generate 12% of city's power. Transmission & capacity are 2 things that continue to grow in price. Nationwide trend is to build solar. PPA should be completed by next month & solar up running by next spring. We should see a savings of \$1,000,000 over next 25 years.  
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to approve moving forward on solar project. PASSED.
  - b) Property Planning & Development Recommendation to approve Architectural Proposal from CBS^2 for Roundhouse Project \$4,780;  
Marx – need to take first step to find out what needs to be done with roof. We will sandblast interior, so it can be better inspected. Donovan – was down in Osseo & looked at creamery that was redone & is now a brew pub. It is a very unique structure.  
Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) to approve CBS^2 proposal of \$4,780 for Roundhouse project. PASSED.
  - c) Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to Approve Architectural Proposal from CBS^2 for 221 Elm St Project \$14,800;  
Marx – proposal is to reevaluate 221 Elm to see if property is better suited for police department or city hall & develop a plan to remodel for specific department. Suggested setting up a meeting with Property Planning Committee.  
Motion (Donovan/Ortmann) to approve CBS^2 proposal of \$14,800 for 221 Elm St Project. PASSED.
  - d) Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to Approve Architectural Proposal from 2dlp for College St Park Project \$14,375;  
Marx – to develop plans & specs for a new facility at College St Park.  
Motion (Gabriel/Coquillette) to approve 2dlp proposal of \$14,375 for College St Park Project. PASSED.
  - e) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request to purchase Mower/Bagger \$6,355 Lakes & Trails (Street Machinery Capital Outlay);  
Motion (Ortmann/Donovan) to approve purchase of a mower / bagger for \$6,355 from Lakes & Trails. PASSED.
  - f) Request to Purchase Field Lights for 1<sup>st</sup> St Ball Field \$8,000 + \$1,500 for Transport (estimated operational cost \$35/game);  
Cuskey – club would like to purchase lights & poles from Cumberland. Municipal Ops discussed with no recommendation. Marx - TJ Electric proposed \$50,000 to install lights. There is a lot of work that city can do & TJ Electric is willing to donate some labor. Baier – we have a great opportunity & need to act quickly to acquire these lights. Cumberland is selling their lights for \$8000. Gabriel – asked what was expected from City? Vilella – would like City to purchase light & utilize utilities for labor. Cuskey – suggested a surcharge to help defray cost. Marx - lights are 70 feet in air & city does not have a way to maintain them. Fixtures are newer than poles. To purchase new poles it would cost approximately \$150,000. Cuskey – you have opportunity to get equipment, group might need to do some fundraising to help with expense.  
Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) to purchase field lights for 1<sup>st</sup> Street Ball Field for \$8000 plus not to exceed \$2000 to transport. Ortmann – asked what was done in past. Baier – game would be called due to darkness. PASSED.

- g) Approve Two Years Operators License – 9/5/16-6/30/18 for Jacob J. Hill; Amber M. Melton; Hunter J. Peterson; Crystal D. Daniels;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve two years operators license – 9/5/16-6/30/18 for Jacob J Hill, Amber M. Melton, Hunter J Peterson and Crystal D Daniels. PASSED.
  - h) WI DNR Clarification of LGU Liability Exemption Letter(draft);  
Marx – we received letter from WI DNR clarifying that we did follow right procedure & continue with closing of property. Kohler will pick up CSM for recording.
9. STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
- a) Financial Report Jul 16;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to accept the Jul 16 financial report. PASSED.
  - b) Chief's Report - incidents during Aug 16;  
Captain Pank – Aug was a busy month with increase in foot & vehicle traffic. Jack Pine Savage Days saw a couple of incidents which resulted in two arrests. Chief Christman attended a domestic abuse workshop at Spooner Health & Captain Pank conducted active shooter training with staff, at St. Francis School. Officers are beginning to attend specialized training & Officer Peterson & K9 Bleu will be attending final stage of K-9 training. Officers have made several drug related arrests, responded to suicidal person complaints, & domestic & disorderly conduct complaints. Total incidents for August 1044.
  - c) BID Report;  
Dunn – No update.
  - d) NWRPC Liaison Report;  
No update.
  - e) Library Liaison Report  
Reiter – Angela is doing a super job. Board approved a budget with a 2% wage increase. The programs continue to grow & working together with other organizations within community.
10. Adjournment;  
Motion (Dunn/Coquilllette) to adjourn meeting. PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

ATTESTED BY:  
Patricia Parker, City Clerk

Gary Cuskey, Mayor