

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Jan 5, 21 5:00 PM

This mtg held at City Hall as a Zoom Mtg.

Mtg ID: 337 946 0833

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 7 present, 1 absent (Gabriel)
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
There was no Pledge of Allegiance, due to mtg being held by Zoom.
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year. We will continue to follow COVID protocol until further notice. Reminded residents' winter parking restrictions are in effect, as well as clearing of sidewalks after a recent snowfall, & it's time to renew your dog license.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gagnon/Ortmann) 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 12/1/20 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to add \$5,000 to River St funding for new street signs;
 - c) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to pursue participation in alley project east of River St, south of Maple St at request of DOT;
 - d) *Property Planning & Development Recommendation to approve AGR estimate of \$1,450 for painting & sealing basements at City Hall & PD;
 - e) *Property Planning & Development Recommendation to grant DOT Easement at Centennial Park;
Motion (Dunn/Parker) to approve items a–e on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Approve Monthly Payable Cks: 45345-45496, 20120101-20120104, 20121601-20121604, 20201130, 20201203, 20201208, 20201211, 20201221-20201222;
Motion (Gagnon/Parker) to approve monthly payable cks. PASSED.
 - b) Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Section 86-463 Fences;
Mayor explained property owner cannot erect a fence that would obstruct the vision triangle. Marx further explained the amended maximum fence height is 4 feet in front yards and shall be of see-through design. There was a sentence, that wasn't consistent, that stated front yard fences were not allowed. This sentence was deleted. Dunn questioned why 4 feet. Marx stated this is just for front yards. Motion (Coquillette/Reiter) to approve amending Section 86-463 Fences. Discussion: Ortmann questioned if amendment was clear enough to just state 4 foot fence. Coquillette explained it's addressed further down in ordinance. Dunn asked to table so Council can review full ordinance. Council consensus is to table until next month. No vote taken, motion failed.
 - c) Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Section 86-224(b)(8) Mobile Home Park Accessory Buildings;
Plan Commission tabled, no recommendation until next month.
 - d) Extraterritorial Certified Survey Map for Tom Foss, SE-NE Section 28, T39N, R12W, Town of Spooner;
Mayor explained this is near Spooner Lake, will need to go to Washburn County for approval. Motion (Ortmann/Parker) to approve extraterritorial CSM for Tom Foss, SE-NE Section 28, T39N, R12W, Town of Spooner. PASSED.
 - e) Kwik Trip addition Site plan review;
Marx explained Kwik Trip plans to add an addition to expand kitchen & make improvements to back parking lot. Addition meets city's setback requirements. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve site plan for Kwik Trip addition. PASSED.
 - f) Veterans Memorial Park 2021 Project;
Marx explained they want to put some monoliths in park. Each structure is 7 ½ feet tall & will be engraved with a description of a war. All they're asking for is permission to do project. Motion (Ortmann/Reiter) to approve Veterans Memorial Park 2021 Project. PASSED.
 - g) Approve Resolution 21-01, 01/05/2021 Adjusting Garbage Rates;
Motion (Parker/Gagnon) to approve Resolution 21-01, 01/05/2021 Adjusting Garbage Rates. PASSED.
 - h) GIS Contract MSA;
Marx explained this is for our GIS mapping, we have mapping for water, sewer & electric. This company has a student that can offer to help us add thing to map, along with staff training. Spooner Utilities would invest \$7500 a year to help with future projects.
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve GIS Contract with MSA. Discussion: Gagnon asked how many years to get update completed. Marx believes it will be a couple years, & then we should be able to do it ourselves. PASSED.

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

a) Financial Report Nov 20;

Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to accept Nov 20 financial report as presented. PASSED.

b) Chief's Report;

Chief Christman reported officers have been checking for overnight parking violations & addressing issues with vehicles parked on streets. CIB audit has been completed. New squads are progressing through manufacturing. Officers continue to assist with food distribution & traffic direction on CTH H. SPD & SFD did a Santa Parade on Friday before Christmas break. Utilizing Facebook to inform public of food distributions, along with COVID related information. All group mtgs scheduled for community room have been cancelled. Officers responded to a number of traffic crashes, assisted with traffic control and dealt with a number of mental health issues. Total Incidents: 905.

c) BID Report;

Dunn reported no mtg in Dec. Very good Christmas season for downtown shops. Thanked Sally & Jim Lindstrom and Mort Dahl for their hard work decorating downtown.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Coquillet reported semi-annual meeting was held. There are funds available; along with COVID related funds. There are quite a few revolving loans being paid off. Recycling rates are going up, NWRP is closing some remote sites. Spooner site will remain open.

e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter reported no mtg in Dec. Board will not pursue Community Development Investment grant. Actively fund raising, has been very successful. Perlick Distillery will be giving a donation & will be doing a railroad theme drink, this summer, and will donate \$3 to FORRP. Bench loan has been paid off to City. Song Circle used pavilion, as a social safe place, & sang songs for 3 hours. Condolences to Ken Staves for loss of 2 family members. Board decided not to participate in ArchiveSocial for Facebook. Friends of Railroad Park, which is a 501(c)(3), has Facebook account & will clarify that they are not part of city.

f) Library Liaison Report;

Reiter reported no mtg in Dec. Angie & staff have been working closely with food distribution. Library staff is happy to assist, give them a call.

Parker announced that Ron Nietge passed away today. Nietge did refereeing for local schools.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Parker/Reiter) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor

Patricia Parker, City Clerk