

# REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tues, Oct 4, 16 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; at 5:00 pm by Mayor Cuskey
2. ROLL CALL; 7 Present, 1 Vacancy
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
None at this time.
5. Mayor's Comments;  
Mayor invited everyone to join fun during Jack-O-Lantern Fest on Sat, Oct 8. Congratulation to Essential Health on completing their project & opening of their new facility. Next Thursday there will be an open house. Fall Clean-up is Nov 5. Spooner High School is hosting Heart of North volleyball tournament. Halloween Proclamation: Mayor declared official hours for trick or treating on Oct 31 from 4 to 8 pm.
6. Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) 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 Sep 6, 16 Regular Council;
  - b) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables checks-38987-39081, 16083001-16083003, 16091401-16091403, 20160906-20160907, 20160916, 201609201-201609202;
  - c) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Use Permit Centennial Park, Ladies Night Out Event, Nov 21 & Centennial Park, Section 2 - Miss Rodeo WI 2016 Fundraiser, Oct 8;  
Motion (Gabriel/Donovan) to approve items a-c on consent agenda. PASSED.
8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Resolution 16-11, Amend Section 2-531, Room Tax Commission;  
Marx – with changes to WI Act 55, which take effect Jan 1, 17, there needs to be at least one member, from a lodging facility, appointed to Commission & there are also changes with reporting requirements. Mayor will need to appoint an owner or operator of a lodging facility within boundaries of City. Motion (Coquillette/Dohm) to approve Resolution 16-11, amending Section 2-531, Room Tax Commission. PASSED.
  - b) Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Library's request for financial assistance of \$6,633 for LED lighting replacement & \$1,000 for toilet replacement projects (Fund 10-57125);  
Dunn – Finance Committee discussed & is recommending Council approve financial assistance to library's LED lighting & toilet replacement. Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve Library's request for financial assistance of \$6,633 for LED lighting replacement & \$1000 for toilet replacement. Roll Call: 7-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Vacancy. PASSED.
  - c) Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve tree removal & replacement project on First St Blvd;  
Dohm – Scott Thompson is recommending cedar trees be removed & replaced with a flowering type tree on 1<sup>st</sup> St Blvd. Municipal Ops is in favor of project. Gabriel - discussed having electrical circuits, so Blvd could be lit, i.e. Christmas lights. Motion (Ortmann/Dohm) to approve tree removal & replacement project on First St Blvd. PASSED.
  - d) Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve erection of ball field lights First St ball field (Merchant Park) at no further expense to city;  
Dohm – ball field lights have been purchased & baseball group would like to install lights with no expense to city. Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to approve erection of ball field lights at Merchant Park at no further expense to city. PASSED.
  - e) Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Street Machinery 2016 Capital Outlay Purchases
    - Trade JD 1445 for JD 1575 - \$17,500 Tractor Central
    - Trade Skid Steer Broom - \$3,125 Tractor Central
    - Tires Dump Truck - \$2,000Marx – these are all budgeted equipment items. It's time to trade JD 1445, we will received \$17,500 on trade for JD 1575 mower. Current broom will not fit new skid steer, so we want to trade it for one that will fit for \$3,125. Motion (Dohm/Reiter) to approve street machinery purchases from 2016 Capital Outlay. PASSED.
  - f) Roundhouse project update;  
Marx – present owner is having difficulty removing items that are stored in building. Discussed a lease until items can be removed. Spoke to architect regarding issues with sandblasting this winter. Roof will be done next spring, timber can be shored up this fall. Submitted revised grant application to the DNR and WEDC for soil clean-up.
  - g) Award Proposal to demolish 1005 Grant St;  
Marx – city filed a raze order to demolish 1005 Grant St. It's a foreclosure and we've been trying to work with bank. We received 2 proposals to demolish, recommend accepting Swan Wennerberg's proposal for \$9950. Motion (Dunn/Gabriel) to approve proposal from Swan Wennerberg, for \$9950, to demolish 1005 Grant St. Roll Call: 7-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Vacancy. PASSED.
  - h) Amendment to Sec. 54-12 Official Map Established and Creation of Section 86-19 Official Map Joint Public Hearing 11/1/16;  
Marx – this is to make Council aware that there will be a public hearing on Nov 1 at 5 p.m.
  - i) Approve Temporary Class "B" Picnic License for: Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce on Oct 8 for Jack O Lantern Fest;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve temporary Class "B" Picnic License for Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce for Jack O Lantern Fest on Oct 8. PASSED.
  - j) Approve 2 Year Operators License, 10/4/16 – 6/30/18 for: Janet E Mehsikomer, Cristy R Scheffel, Jordan WJ Ortmann, Michael-Lee B Wilson, Dashawn M Shafer & John P Kohler;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve two-year operators license, 10/4/16 – 6/30/18 for: Janet E Mehsikomer, Cristy R Scheffel, Jordon WJ Ortmann, Michael-Lee B Wilson, Dashawn M Shafer and John P Kohler. PASSED.

- k) 2016 Budget;  
Dunn – thanked Bill, Pati & Krista for work done. There’s a small increase in levy. Still waiting for a couple pieces of information from State. We have an increase in revenue, which will help offset expenses. Police Department scheduling has had a positive outcome. Motion (Dunn/Dohm) to publish 2017 budget as is. PASSED.
  - l) Mayors citizen appointments to Spooner Development Corporation Christopher Thompson 04/19/16-04/21/20, Vacant 04/17/13-04/18/17, to fill unexpired terms due to resignations;  
Cuskey – expects Spooner Development Corporation will become more involved with restoration of Roundhouse. Would like to appoint Christopher Thompson to fill vacancy. Motion (Ortmann/Reiter) to approve citizen appointments to unexpired terms, Christopher Thompson 4/19/16 – 4/21/20. PASSED.
9. STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
- a) Financial Report Aug 2016;  
Motion (Reiter/Dohm) to accept Aug 2016 financial report. PASSED.
  - b) Chief’s Report - incidents during Sept 2016;  
Christman – gave a presentation on drug awareness at High School. Officers are preparing a haunted house for Halloween. Will be accepting non-perishable food donations for Washburn County Food Pantry. Spooner Homecoming went well. Chief attended schooling for Assessment for Domestic Abuse. Officers have been successful in locating drugs & other serious crimes during recent traffic stops. We have seen an increase in traffic crashes during month. Total incidents for Sep 935.
  - c) BID Report;  
Dunn – Jack O Lantern fest decorations look great. Art Meander is this weekend. Postcards have been made & will be for sale at multiple locations. Downtown business will be open from 3 to 5 pm for trick or treating.
  - d) NWRPC Liaison Report;  
Dohm – Roundtable discussion working on budget with 0% increase. Still have money available for businesses that qualify. Washburn County Economic Development has been down to coach business to a more permanent location.
  - e) Library Liaison Report  
Reiter – Board is appreciative for assistance with upgrades to lights & toilets. Career Expo was very successful. Library is partnering with Faith & Action by offering books to homebound & Lakeland Family resources to offer books to special needs children. Leadership & partnering with other groups in community is starting to grow.
10. Adjournment;  
Motion (Dohm/Reiter) to adjourn meeting. PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Patricia Parker, City Clerk

Gary Cuskey, Mayor