

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday October 7, 2014 5:00 PM,
or immediately following public hearing regarding abandoning an alley, City Hall

Public hearing: hear comments from public on a resolution to vacate a portion of alley by Cornerstone Church. Fred Symeth and elder of cornerstone church spoke on reasoning for request. Children move from church to playground they own and they have to navigate across alley.

Staff made it clear that it is understood, if any utilities have to be relocated, it is at owners expense & not City's. Called for further comments 3 times. Hearing none, called hearing closed.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Council called to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**
None
5. **Mayor's Comments:**
Reminded community next Tuesday was going away parade for National Guard Troops that are being deployed. There is a ceremony at school auditorium at 2 p.m. Please attend & support our troops.
Oct 11 is Jack-o-Lantern Festival & Zombie run.
Nov 4 is Election Day, therefore regular Council meeting is rescheduled to Nov 6 at 5:00 p.m.
Mayor read a Proclamation establishing trick-or-treat times. Those times are established as: Oct 31, 4-8 p.m. Please put on your porch light. Please be aware it is also an early release day.
Motion (Dohm/Stelter) to approve the proclamation for trick or treating. Passed.
6. **Approval of Agenda:**
Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to approve agenda. Passed.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a) *Accept Minutes from Sep 23, 14 Committee of Whole Meetings & Sep 2, 14 Regular Council Meeting;
 - b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Ck Numbers: 5644-5651, 10153-10156, 35760-35865, 14090101-14090104, 14090401, 14090501, 14091001, 14091101-14901102, 14091701, 14091801, 20140909;
 - c) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Sale of 2004 Pickup & Plow to Spooner School District - \$10,000 subject to school board approval;
 - d) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to amend Power Supply Contract with AEP to include additional capacity needed to receive 100% of period June 1, 16 – May 31, 17, June 1, 17 – May 31, 18, & 40% of period June 1, 18 – May 31, 19, June 1, 19 – May 31, 20;
 - e) *Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to provide mid-block crosswalk & signing on Oak Street for St Francis De Sales Church & School;
 - f) *Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to purchase Terex PTX75 skid steer & grapple from Duffy's Sales & Rental \$27,831.10 including trade of Bobcat S630 skid steer funds from 2015 Street Machinery Capital Outlay;
 - g) *Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Certified Survey Map for Stephen & Anne Focht & Scott Korthof & Ann Bloms-Korthof within Lots 4, 5, & 6, Block E, Scribner Addition to City of Spooner, & other unplatted lands within Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 30, Township 39 North, Range 12 West, Washburn County, Wisconsin. 815, 817, & 821 Scribner St;
 - h) *Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Site Plan for Holiday Station parking lot improvements subject to submission of code compliant lighting plan;
 - i) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve 2 Years Operator's Licenses – Sep 2, 14 – June 30, 16 for Jillanna K Washkuhn, Kaitlyn E Goodrich, Dylan R Behan;
 - j) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to close City Hall on Dec 26, 14, staff to use a vacation day;**Motion (Schluter/Gabriel) to approve consent agenda. Passed.**
8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a) **Finance Committee Recommendation to publish 2015 budget;**
Dunn, Chair of Finance Committee presented summary page & brief discussion on 2015 Budget. Budget was held to a zero increase.
Motion (Dunn/Gabriel) to publish 2015 budget as presented. Passed.
 - b) **Property Planning Committee Recommendation to approve offer to purchase 30 of 35 acres of County Land east of highway shop at \$5,900/acre with County to keep 5 acres in Northwest corner, subject to council approval & repayment of \$21,147.50 of deferred utility assessment agreed to in 2004 - \$155,852.50;**
Marx attended three property meetings at county & felt there was an agreement. But at last meeting on Mon, Oct 6, they were not in agreement. They are also objecting to paying assessment of \$21,147.50 that was agreed to in 2004. County Property Committee wants prime property on Hwy H. they don't seem to understand that a larger project, a tax paying entity would want that property.
Will go back to committee for discussion to see what next step would be. No motion necessary because there is no deal. Repayment amount is because City paid for extension to Tire shop. Now County owes us.
 - c) **Property Planning Committee Recommendation to approve contract with Endeavor Environmental Services to refresh all appropriate inquiry for Roundhouse, develop a work plan to property surrounding roundhouse & rail yard for \$2,400;**
In order for City to accept Roundhouse property, they must do an All Appropriate Inquiry (phase I). This contract would update All Appropriate Inquire & address rest of rail yard. This is not to do testing, must to determine history. Consultant will know after this study what it will cost to do the clean up. The goal here is to develop a remedial plan, achieving a no further action status.
Motion (Gabriel/Schluter) to approve update of the All Appropriate Inquiry for \$2,400. Passed. Roll Call vote – 2/3 vote necessary as change in budget. 7 yes, Thompson abstaining.

- d) Municipal Operations Recommendation to fund \$1,078.38 material expense for outdoor hockey rink repair & to deny request of \$978 for poly film to cover rink before flooding;
Dohm discussed taking out the cost of the white tarp. There is more information on tarp, he has found it is a reusable tarp & will shield the ground & allow the water to freeze faster.
Motion (Dohm/Ortmann) to approve the \$1,078.38. Passed. Roll call vote 8 yes. unbudgeted funds.
- e) Resolution No 14-17, 10/07/14, VACATE PORTION OF ALLEY;
Mayor re-iterated that any utilities that require moving, will be at owners expense & not at City's.
Motion (Thompson/Schluter) to approve Resolution #14-17, 10/07/14 Vacate portion of alley. Passed.
- f) Resolution No. 14-18, 10/07/2014, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACQUISITION OF 301 & 302 WALNUT ST BY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CITY OF SPOONER & A FINDING THAT A COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN IS NOT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE NEED FOR ACQUISITION, USES OF PROPERTY AFTER ACQUISITION & RELATION OF ACQUISITION TO OTHER PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT;
Empowers Spooner Redevelopment Authority (SRA) to take possession of 301 & 302 Walnut St.
A blight resolution is necessary and RDA authorizes blight. There is a public hearing and only person noticed is owner. After hearing, there is a blight resolution. This requires a 2/3 vote. No public notice.
Finance is holding public hearing before council on Nov 6.
Council will hold public hearing before council on Nov 6 for blight. If blighted can put public funds into it.
Motion (Thompson/Dohm) to approve resolution Passed. Needed a 2/3 vote 7 yes, 1 no
- g) Class B Combination Liquor License – Oct 7, 14 – June 30, 15, Northwest Wisconsin Event Center, James Poteet, Agent, 301 Walnut St pending receipt of Wisconsin Sellers Permit and FEIN;
Motion (Thompson/Schluter) to approve with beginning date to be from time contingencies are meet, has provided all pertinent information necessary & has control of premises. Passes.
- h) Application for Temporary Class “B”/”Class B” Retailer’s License, St. Francis de Sales catholic Congregation, 300 Oak St, Nov 15, 14 Polish Dinner;
Motion (Dohm/Stelter) to approve Temporary license. Passed.
- i) Mayors Appointment to Redevelopment authority Jim Duetsch to fill unexpired term of Chris Thompson who has resigned 4/17/13 – 4/21/15 Vacant 4/19/11 – 4/21/15;
Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to approve Mayor’s appointment of Jim Deutsch to redevelopment authority. Passed.
- j) Personnel Committee Recommendation regarding hiring a lineman to replace retiring David Reijo;
Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) to offer lineman job to Randy Nyehagen. Passed.
- k) Renewal for Health Insurance;
Going to a high deductible is what saved us. No increase this year!
Motion (Gabriel/Dunn) to approve renewal with Health Insurance. Passed
9. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**
- a) Financial Report Aug 2014;
Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to accept financial report. Passed.
- b) Chief’s Report - incidents during Sep 2014;
New program to extract data from cell phones is working fine & has already been used. In process of installing new computers in squad cars & looking at voice activated software. One DEC arrest which is (drug endangered child). Many scams coming around through phone calls, computers & one on one contact. 1173 contacts for month. Bike patrol will be out for Halloween!
- c) BID Report;
Found there were no Spooner Postcards anywhere, so working on postcards of Spooner. They are creating their own.
- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
All counties are struggling with budget. They are also at zero or better.
- e) Library Liaison Report;
Currently, 3rd graders getting their library card which is kind of a right of passage to have your own card.
10. **Adjournment;**
Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45

Attest:

Debbie Koehn
City Clerk/Treasurer

Cuskey, Gary J
Mayor