

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Nov 5, 20 5:00 PM or immediately following 2020 Budget Hearing

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:02 pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Mayor shared a thank you from residences on Black Bear Ave for installation of a street light. Also, a thank you from Ryan McKinney for authorizing work done on bike park by city crew. Reminded residents that winter parking restriction are now in effect. Clean up Day is Nov 7 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Still following COVID guidelines. Committee mtgs will be Nov 17.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Reiter/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 10/6/20 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables cks: 45160-45243, 20100701-20100704, 20102001-20102006, 20201005, 20201020, 20201021;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve W/O Graphic Wood Technologies unpaid personal property taxes in amt of \$576.38;
 - d) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Use Request: Railroad Park-6/11/21 by Annette Heino;
 - e) *Municipal Operations & Safety & License Committee Recommendation to deny request from Round Man Brewing to block parking spaces to provide outdoor seating;
 - f) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to not participate in Storm Water Planning Grant;
 - g) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve as policy, until further notice, COVID related time off be paid as regular wages when directed to quarantine by Public Health Dept or Dept Mgmt;
 - h) *Personnel Committee to approve a 2.50% wage increase for all non-union wages;
 - i) *Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Certified Survey Map for Mike Masterjohn 600 & 602 N Front St;
Ortmann asked for information on item i.
Motion (Ortmann/Donovan) to approve items a–i on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) North Ambulance Contract;
Marx reported as of Monday all but 4 municipalities have signed their contracts.
 - b) 2021 Budget;
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to amend 2021 Budget as published by reducing expenditure \$27,600 & increase debt service by \$27,600. PASSED.
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to approve amended 2021 budget. PASSED.
 - c) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Grader repairs \$45,000;
Marx explained that it was discovered grader brakes had locked up & caused damage to axle & interior parts of wheels to burn. Motion (Coquillet/Parker) to approve grader repairs for \$45,000. PASSED.
 - d) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Request to Build Dugouts at Blooming Valley Fields contingent on Washburn Co Variance approval & group provides their own funding & plan submittals;
Coquillet explained that we received a request for dugouts at Blooming Valley fields. City will need to pay for a variance request, from Washburn Co, due to fields are too close to road. Motion (Coquillet/Ortmann) to approve request to build dugouts at Blooming Valley Fields contingent upon Washburn Co Variance approval & group provides their own funding & plan submittals. PASSED.
 - e) Property Planning Committee Recommendation to approve testing of Formal Postal Building–Front St. with a previous cost estimate of \$9,015 at City's expense to be approved by building owner;
Marx explained cost for testing went up to \$9,400. This study will include Phase 1 investigate lead & asbestos. Phase 1 will probably recommend soil testing. Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to approve testing of formal postal building, Front Street, with a cost estimate of \$9,400 upon approval by building owner. PASSED.
 - f) Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Amendment to Chapter 14 Building Permit Required;
Marx explained that when we switched from UDC inspections to a Land Use Permit, a portion of ordinance was eliminated. This amendment serves only to correct ordinance as it should be written online. Motion (Parker/Ortmann) to approved amendment to Chapter 14 Building Permit Required. PASSED.

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

a) Financial Report Sep 20;

Motion (Reiter/Dunn) to accept Sep 20 financial report. PASSED.

b) Chief's Report;

Christman reported officers participated in emergency drills at all 3 public schools, debriefs were held with school staff. Also met with St. Francis School regarding their emergency drill. Utilizing Facebook page to inform public of recent weather alerts & upcoming fall cleanup day. Also did a press release regarding our partnership with Embrace. Will be providing information for CRA, another victim advocacy organization. Officers continue to monitor traffic in school zones & taking enforcement action with violators. Some citations have been issued in regards to junk & nuisance ordinance violations. Officers have had numerous traffic crashes to investigate & numerous traffic enforcement stops. Officers arrested a subject, after a traffic violation was reported. Subject was found to be in possession of over 80 gms of suspected heroin. Other arrests include OWI & drug possession offenses. We have been made aware of numerous scam calls received by public. Total Incidents: 892

c) BID Report;

Dunn reported new billboard is up. There was a lot of discussion about a new tag line, stayed with the same one. Will continue to research a new branding. Ladies Weekend will be a 3 day event, November 21–23 from 10:00 to 5:00.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Coquillet reported cancelled Nov mtg, Annual mtg will be held in December.

e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter reported electric is done & lights are on. Donator benches arrived & in place. Al Jones proposed a bid to repair brick on Roundhouse will start work in spring. Jon Alesh proposed designating the Roundhouse on historic registry. Developed a mission statement. Updated website & Facebook pages. Thanked City crew for work that has been done.

f) Library Liaison Report;

Reiter reported library board thanked city for approval of budget. Library is in stage 6, still doing a lot of curbside. Farmers to Family took place past 2 Wednesdays, good turn out.

10) ADJOURNMENT:

Motion (Reiter/Dunn) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:33 pm

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Patricia Parker, City Clerk