

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 6, 2014

Budget Hearing:

Carol Dunn, chairperson of Finance Committee called budget hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. Expenses have increased \$16,000 & so have revenues. City's levy limit was held to a zero growth & was actually held to a lower amount. Mill rate however went up slightly as assessed values went down, rate goes up in order to collect same amount of dollars.

Motion (Gabriel/Schluter) to close hearing. Passed. Hearing closed at 5:05 p.m.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER;**
2. **ROLL CALL;** 7 present, 1 absent
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY;**
None
5. **Mayor's Comments;**
Reported that negotiations on sports center, NW Sports Complex have ceased with Poteet's. They have declared they no longer have an interest in project. Spooner Redevelopment Authority (SRA) met earlier & feel they want to stay active for other potential investors. Mayor thanked individuals that stepped up to the plate to help & appreciated community's help on this project. Mayor thanked Rick Coquilllette as chairperson of SRA & difficult situation he was in. Spooner Redevelopment Corp also worked very hard to make it happen. Halloween was a safe night & no issues. November 1 begins off street parking. Between 2 am and 6 am no parking on any city streets. Encourages hunters to be safe.
6. **Approval of Agenda;**
Motion (Dohm/Stelter) to approve agenda. Passed.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a) *Accept Minutes from Oct 7, 14 Regular Council Meeting;
 - b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Ck Numbers: 35865-35999, 14090301-14090303, 14091601-14091605, 14100101-14100103, 14101401-14101403, 20140909, 20140919, 20141004, 20141006, 201409091;
 - c) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Increase in fees for MEUW Safety Program 2015 7.9%, 2016 2%, 2017 1.5%;
 - d) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to increase pay \$1/hr for office staff in recognition of completing their certification as Municipal Clerk – Treasurer effective with next payroll;
 - e) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to increase 2015 Non Union Wages 3%;
 - f) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to allow City Administrator to carry over unused paid time off from 2014 to 2015;
 - g) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to accept Power Industrial Truck Safety Prog;
 - h) *Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Electric Utility purchase of pipe & wire locator \$4,575;
 - i) *Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Electric Utility purchase replacement Well 5 Motor \$5,538;
 - j) *Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Centennial Park use – United Women Veterans Northwestern Chapter – Nov 24, 14;
 - k) *Accept Plan Commission & Committee of Whole Recommendation to approve Comprehensive Plan Section 9 & Future Land Use Map, subject to public hearing on entire plan when completed;
 - l) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve 2 Years Operator's Licenses – Nov 6, 14 – June 30, 16 for Joseph E Goodrich;**Motion (Gabriel/Schluter) to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed.**
8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a) 2015 budget;
Dohm commented that there wasn't a lot of people in audience to protest. Feels it shows there is confidence of public for their council. Mayor thanked staff for their work as it seemed to go pretty smoothly.
Motion (Dunn/Stelter) to approve 2015 budget as presented. Passed. Roll call vote 7 votes one absent.
 - b) Finance Committee to pay Redevelopment Authority Members \$30/meeting;
Dunn considered paying them same as other committee members.
Spooners Redevelopment Authority (SRA) is different than Spooner Development Corp (SDC).
SRA takes existing places & re-invents them. The SDC is to bring business into town. Mission's are different.
Motion (Dunn/Schluter) to pay Spooner Redevelopment Authority \$30 per meeting. Passed. Roll call vote
 - c) Property Planning Committee Recommendation to approve offer to purchase 30 of 35 acres of County Land east of highway shop at \$5,900/acre;
Marx presented this line item. Second time Marx was to meeting to present a purchase proposal. They refused offer first time. Monday's mtg on Nov 3, the vote was 3 for & 2 against offer. \$177,000 for property & defer the special assessment of \$21,000 until there was hook up.
Will take this back to their committee mtg in Dec, Kohler needs to draft an agreement for purchase of 30 of 35 acres. There will be 27 usable acres.
Motion (Coquilllette/Gabriel) to approve offer. Passed.
 - d) Property Planning Committee Recommendation to approve Resolution 14-21, 11/6/14, A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE 301 & 302 WALNUT ST A BLIGHTED AREA;
Discussion on whether dorms are inhabitable. With pigeons having uncontrolled access to building, it is highly unlikely it is inhabitable.
Motion (Schluter/Stelter) to approve Resolution 14-21, 11/6/14, A Resolution to Declare 301 & 302 Walnut St a Blighted Area. Passed.
 - e) Municipal Operations Recommendation to fund \$978 for poly film to cover rink before flooding & \$1,600 for new LED lighting;
\$978 rink costs was held back on first vote, but with more information that tarp is reusable, Municipal Operations has agreed it should be purchased. Additionally new lights are necessary as old ones sometimes don't even light. They are junk. As the park budget has been spent, this will be a roll call vote to amend budget. City crew has helped out a great deal fixing up College Street hockey rink.

Motion (Dohm/Ortmann) to approve expenses. Passed. Roll call vote

- f) Renewal for Liability Insurance;
No action at this time. Marx has not received information.
- g) Accept Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Request from Lombard Family to name new extension of Walter St north of Spruce St, Jordan Lane in remembrance of their son/grandson that has passed away;
Dohm spoke on this line item. All property along this road has been Lombard property forever & it should be called Jordan Lane.
Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) to approve street name change. Passed.
- h) Finance Committee & Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve 2015 purchase of pickup & plow for St Dept (\$30,692.92) now \$30,866.92 & Utility Dept (\$31,990.92) now \$32,434.92 from Timber Ford trucks were ordered Nov 1, 14 to avoid fleet price increase to be delivered after Jan 1, 15;
Both Finance & Municipal Operations recommended the 2 purchases based on \$30,692.92. However, the final price includes licenses fees & a break controller, so the new price is \$31,999 if ordered by Nov 1. City is saving quite a bit going with a fleet price.
Motion (Stelter/Ortmann) to purchase trucks at price to include additional fees & a break controller. Passed.
- i) Discussion on Date for Committee Meeting in Nov 2014;
All the meetings will be on Nov 18. With council to still be Dec 2, 14.
- j) Mayors Appointment to Redevelopment Authority – Tony Baier 4/19/11 – 4/21/15 to fill an unexpired vacancy;
Motion (Gabriel/Schluter) to appoint Tony Baier. Passed.
- k) 2 Years Operator’s Licenses – Nov 6, 14 – June 30, 16 for Bobbie J Geissler, Mary J Wahlstrom & Andrew C Bartell;
Motion (Schluter/Coquillet) to approve 2 year operator’s licenses presented. Passed.
9. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**
- a) Financial Report Sep, 2014;
Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to accept the Sep 2014 financial report. Passed.
- b) Chief’s Report - incidents during Oct 2014;
Coffee for Cops has started up again & had great attendance at Economart’s deli.
Safety seat inspections & hot chocolate were available for kids at Halloween event.
They are taking applications for police academy. Staff is also working with an advocate on drug abuse & how it affects the community. He is helping write a series of articles on this topic.
Two search warrants (one DEC – kids at risk in a drug house) & found stolen fire arms & drugs.
24 drug related charges on 1 case. 3 cell phones stolen, a camper, an arson investigation & a peeping tom report. 134 cases 888 contacts.
- c) BID Report;
Nothing new. Christmas lights discussion. Want to get them coordinated with colors. BID is considering purchasing new lights. Marx noted staff is in survival mode to get ready for winter. Still digging in streets as of last Friday.
- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
Dohm: nothing to report.
- e) Library Liaison Report;
Library have some individuals that have a couple hundred dollars in fines & are working on collection.
10. **Adjournment;**
Motion (Dohm/Schluter) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn, Clerk/Treasurer

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor