

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Nov 8, 18 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:00 pm.
2. ROLL CALL; 7 present, 1 vacancy
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
5. Mayor's Comments;
Mayor commented Washburn Co Area Humane Society will be hosting an open house on Dec 1st from 1 to 4 for tours of their new facility. Winter parking restriction went into effect Nov 1st, no parking on city streets from 2 to 6 am. Reminder: residents need to clear their sidewalks after a snowfall. Congratulations to Round Man Brewing on their grand opening.
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 Oct 2, 18 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables cks –42224-42405, 18092601-18092605, 18100901-18100904, 18102401-18102401-18102405, 20180920, 20181005, 20181022;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Publish 2019 Budget;
 - d) *Municipal Operations Recommendation to Approve St. Albans Episcopal Church request for accessible parking spaces;
 - e) *Safety & Lic Committee Recommendation to Approve Temporary Picnic Lic–WI NW Heritage Passage for Ladies Night Event on 11/19/18;
 - f) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve 2 Yr Operators Lic–11/8/18-6/30/20 for: Kevin J. Moreau, Lisa Vik, Samae N Sweep, Taylor C Broadus & Peggy L Anderson;
 - g) *Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Park Permit Use–Centennial Park for Ladies Night Event on 11/19/18;
 - h) *Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Operating policy for College St Park;
Motion (Gabriel/Donovan) to approve items a–h on consent agenda. Ortmann asked for clarification of item D. Marx explained that it will be similar to what is at Methodist Church. PASSED.
8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve 2019 Purchase(trade) Loader, Fabrick Cat 60 month warranty \$43,500;
Marx–current loader is 5 yrs old; and for every 600 hours, maintenance expense runs \$5000. We would like to get on a program that we trade every 5 yrs. Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to approve purchase/trade of a 2019 Cat loader from Fabrick with 60 month warranty for \$43,500. PASSED.
 - b) Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve 2019 Non-union wages \$1.00/hr. increase, promotion to Equipment Operator 1 for Tom Romportl & 2019 Utility Lineman wages \$2.50/hr. increase (to make wage more competitive with area lineman wages);
Gabriel reported Personnel Committee's recommendation, in 2019, is to approve a \$1.00/hr increase for all non-union wages, promote Tom Romportl to equipment operator 1 & increase utility lineman wages \$2.50/hr. Marx added lineman's job also includes water & sewer responsibilities. Basically, we are splitting difference in wages with our competitors. Motion (Dohm/Donovan) to approve 2019 non-union wages of \$1.00/hr increase, promotion to equipment operator 1 for Tom Romportl & 2019 Utility Lineman wages of \$2.50/hr increase. PASSED.
 - c) Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve Office Summer work schedule Mon-Thurs 7:30 AM-4:30 PM, Fri 7:30 AM-2:00 PM when school not in session;
Marx stated currently Street & Utility depts are done early on Friday's during summer. City Hall is requesting approval that office be allowed to close on Friday's at 2:00 pm. when school is not in session. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve office summer work schedule to Mon–Thurs 7:30 am to 4:30 pm & Fri 7:30 am to 2:00 pm when school is not in session. PASSED.
 - d) Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to approve repair expense up to \$10,000 for damaged wall on 3rd base dugout wall with expected reimbursement from Spooner Baseball of 50%;
Gabriel explained dugout wall, along 3rd base line, sustained damage during back filling; which has created an unsafe situation. Spooner Baseball has agreed to reimburse city for 50% of expense.
Motion (Dohm/Ortmann) to approve repair expense up to \$10,000 for damaged wall on 3rd base dugout wall with expected reimbursement from Spooner Baseball of 50%. PASSED.
 - e) 2019 Workers Comp & Property Ins Renewal;
Marx reported receiving renewal notice from EMC for 2019 property & workers compensation ins. Proposed property ins premium \$54,622 & workers compensation \$34,499. City will received a 21% flat dividend on workers compensation of \$7590 return premium. Overall premium increased 4.4% from last yr. Motion (Gabriel/Reiter) to approve 2019 Workers Compensation & property ins renewal. PASSED.

- f) Approve 2 Year Operators Lic–11/8/18-6/30/20 for Alexander J Mussfeldt, Kaylee J Ehrlichmann, Shelbie L. Buckingham & Sheila M White;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve 2 year operators lic, 11/8/18-6/30/20 for Alexander J Mussfeldt, Kaylee J Ehrlichmann, Shelbie L Buckingham & Sheila M White. PASSED.
- g) Approve Temporary Class B Picnic Lic for Washburn County Area Humane Society on 12/1/18 for Tree of Lights Open House;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve temporary Class B picnic lic for Washburn County Area Humane Society, 12/1/18 for Tree of Lights open house. PASSED.
9. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**
- a) Financial Report Sep 18;
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to accept Sep 18 financial report. PASSED.
- b) Chief's Report;
Chief Christman reported doing a Driver's Safety Talk at Spooner High School. Captain Pank presented Alice training this month. Met with St. Francis staff regarding school safety, long range planning & grant application. Indianhead Medical Center received a grant & has provided blood stop kits for all squads. State Crime Lab confirmed one item of evidence submitted was positive for fentanyl powder. Each squad is equipped with Narcan in case an officer is exposed to this type of drug. Officers have been busy with court appearances on a large number of cases. Richter has received a large number of open record requests. Officers have dealt with a variety of miscellaneous incidents, including child abuse, theft and drug offenses. Winter parking rules will be in effect starting Nov 1st. Total incidents: 1071.
- c) BID Report;
Dunn reported BID will be mtg a week earlier this month. Ladies Night is Nov 19th & Shop Small is Sat, Nov 24th.
- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
Dohm reported budgets are a big concern, along with wages. Still money available, if you qualify.
- e) Railroad Park Update;
Reiter reported we now have our branding, which is on letterhead. Committee's vision is to see it as an entertainment center. Our website is up & looking to set up a PayPal account for donations. Reached out to WITC, their architect class will take on our project for spring 2019. Talked about trees for park.
- f) Library Liaison Report;
Reiter reported library has been freshened up, there's new paint & reorganized. Programs included a stuffed animal sleep over, on-going Lego club, every Tuesday is chess club, & patron appreciation is Nov 10th from 10 to 2. Winter reading challenge started Nov 1st.
- g) Tree Board Update;
Ortmann reported mtg on Nov 1st. Brad Johnson, gave input. 2019 Arbor Day tree planting at Railroad Park. Applied for a matching grant for a tree inventory, should find out Nov 15th if we were awarded.
10. Adjournment;
Motion (Dohm/Ortmann) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Patricia Parker, City Clerk

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor