

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Dec 1, 2020 5:00 PM

Mtg held at City Hall as a Zoom Mtg.

Mtg ID: 337 946 0833

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:01 pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 7 present, 1 absent
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
Given attendance by Zoom, Mayor decided not to do Pledge.
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
COVID outbreak in area, Washburn County confirmed 3 additional deaths & 433 new cases in Nov. Sending condolences to families of deceased. Would like to reiterate health crisis in our community, would like citizens to take very serious. Please voluntarily wear masks in our community, it is very important & we need to help shorten virus. See WC Health Dept. for more recommendations. City has adopted County guidelines. Candidacy papers are available to be picked up for those members that are up for reelection. Reminder to keep sidewalks clear of snow & remember parking ordinance in effect. There is no on-street parking 2-6am, 11/1/20-3/31/21.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Parker/Reiter) 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 11/5/20 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to waive sewer charge of \$57.70 for unattended hose running water at 917 Scribner St;
 - c) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation approve Class A Beer License Application 12/1/20-6/30/21 for Spooner Marathon;Motion (Ortmann/Parker) to approve items a-c on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) North Ambulance Contract;
Nothing to report, no update. Marx last heard two towns that hadn't returned their contracts yet.
 - b) December Committee Mtg Date;
Staff is proposing to have mtgs on 12/15/20 due to the busy time at end of month/year, would help staff. We won't have mtgs if there is nothing to discuss. RR Park can keep their scheduled mtg on 12/22/20. Motion (Reiter / Donovan) to hold December Committee Mtgs on 12/15/20 except RR Park Mtg will be on 12/22/20. PASSED.
 - c) Approve Monthly Payable Cks: 45244-45344, 20110401-20110404, 20111701-20111706, 20201102-20201103, 20201120-20201121;
Motion (Parker/Gagnon) to approve monthly payable cks as presented. PASSED.
 - d) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to hold mtgs by Zoom until further notice;
Committee recommends & mayor agrees with holding mtgs by Zoom. Coquillettte would like opportunity to have in-person mtgs if there is a debatable item with public input. Will be case by case, but may need to postpone dependent on COVID situation. Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve holding mtgs by Zoom until further notice exception would be mtgs with controversial topic. PASSED.
 - e) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to leave warming house closed until further notice;
Recommend keeping warming house closed until further notice due to not having enough staff to clean as Washburn County recommends for public spaces. Motion (Reiter/Parker) to leave warming house closed until further notice. PASSED.
 - f) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to approve purchase of squad truck-Swant Graber \$29,424;
Squad truck is from 2021 budget, will be getting a squad car from the 2020 budget carry over that was postponed due to Covid. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve purchase of squad truck from Swant Graber for \$29,424 from 2021 budget. PASSED.
 - g) Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Site Plans at Spooner Middle & Elementary Schools subject to addressing Plan Commission Concerns;
Planning Commission reviewed site plans & had concerns about Elementary site plan. Marx has spoken with consultants. They are working with maintenance staff to address concerns. Council will accept site plan pending consultants' follow-up with school maintenance staff. Motion (Ortmann/Donovan) to approve site plans for Spooner Middle & Elementary Schools with contingency of addressing concerns with SES site plans & will be subject to Marx's approval. PASSED.
 - h) Approve Resolution 20-12, 12/1/20, 2021 Budget Resolution;
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to approve Resolution 20-12, 12/1/20, 2020 Budget Resolution. PASSED.
 - i) Approve Resolution 20-13, 12/1/20, 2021 Library Levy Exemption;
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to approve Resolution 20-13, 12/1/20, 2020 Library Levy Exemption;

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

a) Financial Report Oct 20;

Motion (Reiter/Parker) to accept Oct 20 financial report. PASSED.

b) Chief's Report;

Fall clean-up day was a huge success with many people that had junk ordinance violations taking advantage of event. Officers continue to monitor school zones & taking enforcement action. Have been in contact with WC Hwy Dept. regarding moving & replacing signage on CTY K near school & Hwy 63, north of Poplar, to reduce confusion in these areas. Have been informed request for a speed zone change on Hwy 70 in area of Roundhouse Rd has been denied at this time, unless there are further complaints which would trigger a safety study. State will place pedestrian cross walks in area. Don Johnson Motors have supplied SPD with coupons for Subway for community members, namely children, who are found to be doing something good in our community. SPD received thank you cards from St Francis 8th grade class along with cookies. Have continued using Facebook to keep public updated with events in city including food distribution. No dept. mtg. Dept. handled 6 drug & alcohol related incidents, 2 sex related calls, 1 felony case, & 10 other criminal cases. Drug cases included meth, heroin and marijuana. Officers investigated a death. Officers have been notifying overnight violators. Total 43 cases and 813 calls, for a total of 856 contacts.

c) BID Report;

No meeting in Nov. Ladies Night weekend addition went quite well, it spread out attendance & most people liked whole weekend rather than 1 night. It was a safer event & brought in more people from other communities. Last weekend was another very good weekend for downtown. Thank you to Sallie Lindstrom for lights & roping and city workers for hanging. Downtown looks lovely.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Semiannual meeting is 12/2/20 by Zoom. Major discussion will be budget related. A lot of funds available for CARES grants & loans for businesses. Schedule for 2021 meetings has been set.

e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter—developing updated information for increasing fundraising. Donator sign has been fixed from blowing in wind. No ATV signs have been removed, will have a new sign & berms to control where ATVs can go. ATVs would like to use pavilion. Donations received & are moving ahead with brick restoration in spring.

f) Library Liaison Report;

Board has approved & finalized 2021 budget. Memorial for Sandy Mackie is done with benches inside gazebo. Library has partnered with food distribution. Many activities happening through library with puzzle contests & story time by Zoom. Winter reading challenge partnered with Northwind Book & Fiber. Curbside pickup only.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Parker/Gagnon) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:38 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Treasurer