

# REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday December 2, 2014 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**
2. **ROLL CALL:** 8 Present, 0 absent
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**  
No comments.
5. **Mayor's Comments:**  
Safe deer season in Spooner. Initiative to keep sidewalks cleared. No on street parking 2 am to 6 am until April 1, 15. Christmas season, be careful with electrical cords. Take caution with decorations & be safe. Mayor Sponsored Lynn Struzan from Republic Services (formerly Allied Waste). A struggle this year with weather & holidays. She spoke on recycling. Increased 282 lbs per household. 6% up from 2013. Measurements are based on weight & tonnage. Recycled items do get recycled. 2 facilities in Twin Cities where recycling is separated by automation.
6. **Approval of Agenda:**  
**Motion (Gabriel/Dohm) to approve agenda. Passed.**
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - a) \*Accept Minutes from Nov 6, 14 Regular Council Meeting;
  - b) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Ck Numbers: 36000-36002, 14100101-14100103, 14101401-14101403, 14102801-14102804, 20141004, 20141006;
  - c) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve RESOLUTION NO. 14-22, 12/2/14, 2015 BUDGET RESOLUTION;
  - d) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve RESOLUTION 14-23, 2014, 12/2/14, A RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY LIBRARY LEVY EXEMPTION YEAR;
  - e) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve RESOLUTION 14-24, 12/2/14, A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING GARBAGE RATES;
  - f) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve RESOLUTION 14-25, 12/2/14, A RESOLUTION TO CARRY OVER FUNDS;
  - g) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve RESOLUTION 14-26, 12/2/14, INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2015 BORROWING OF NOT TO EXCEED \$ 143,517; PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE & SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SECURITIES THEREFORE; & LEVYING A TAX IN CONNECTION THEREWITH;
  - h) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Replacement of exterior lighting at City Hall \$1,228;
  - i) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Write off Delinquent Personal Property Taxes;
  - j) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Liability Insurance Renewal \$78,320;
  - k) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Upgrade Costs for Utility ERT Reader \$4,575;
  - l) \*Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to renew Building Inspection Contract 2015-16;
  - m) \*Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve position description & rate for Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Worker;
  - n) \*Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to increase wage for current warming house & Centennial Park worker \$1/hr;
  - o) \*Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Certified Survey Map for Aaron Johannes SE 1/4- SE 1/4, Section 16, T39N, R12W, Town of Spooner, Washburn County, Wisconsin.;
  - p) \*Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve 2 Years Operator's Licenses – Approve 2 Years Operator's Licenses – Dec 2, 14 – June 30, 16 for John P Kohler; & Class B Beer / Class C Wine License – Dec 2, 14 – June 30, 15 for Spooner Family Restaurant;**Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to approve consent agenda as presented. Passed.**
8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
  - a) **2015 Room Tax Budget;**  
Dunn spoke on room tax budget. As we anticipate less room tax in 2015, budget was dropped to 32,280 from \$39,000.  
Motel Signs: \$3,300 (by contract)  
Railroad Memories: \$5,120  
WI Canoe Heritage Museum: \$2,240  
Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce: \$21,120  
Spooner Rodeo: \$500  
**Motion (Dunn/Stelter) to approve room tax budget for 2015. Passed.**
  - b) **RESOLUTION 14-27, 12/2/14, TO AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS IN THE 2014 CITY OF SPOONER BUDGET PURSUANT TO SECTION 65.90 (5)(a) OF WISCONSIN STATUTES;**  
Requires a 2/3 vote.  
**Motion (Dunn/Gabriel) to approve resolution 14-27. Passed- 8 yes votes.**
  - c) Finance Committee Recommendation to approve purchase Police Department Printer \$750;  
**Motion (Dunn/Stelter) to approve purchase of Department Printer. Passed.**
  - d) Request to consider parallel parking on Walnut St during snow events;  
Should go back to Municipal Operations. Request came from a downtown merchant. It gets tight if 2 trucks are parked across from each other.
9. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**
  - a) **Financial Report Oct 2014;**  
**Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to accept the financial report for Oct 2014. Passed.**
  - b) **Chief's Report - incidents during Nov 2014;**  
Officers at St. Francis for a drug endangerment for an after school event. Anonymous tips have been increasing. Some tips have resulted in drug arrests. Some money through court seizures. \$1,200 has been awarded to SPD. A Moch system – internet based instead of radio for security & privacy. They will transition easily to new system as their radios were updated last year. They had a DEC (child endangerment situation) case, a foot chase, & a burglary. 114 cases 814 for 928 total contacts.
  - c) **BID Report;**  
Ladies night went well even though there was a storm. Nationally purchases are down 11%, but not locally! Having a men's night for shopping on Mon, Dec 22 – stores will offer wrapping. Raffle tickets at bowling alley to get prizes. BID also voted to give Bob Bos a bonus for his good work cleaning bathrooms at Centennial Park this summer.
  - d) **NWRPC Liaison Report;**

No meeting until Dec 3.

Dohm remarked on how nice Centennial Park looks. Make sure to say thanks to those that volunteer for setup.

e) Library Liaison Report:

Library – shaky Maple tree has been taken down by City. They are now planning for 100 year festival.

Spooner has an active Library.

10. **Adjournment;**

**Motion (Dohm/Dunn) to adjourn. Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Debbie Koehn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Gary J Cuskey, Mayor