

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Dec 4, 18 5:00 PM, or immediately following 2019 Budget Hearing City Hall

1. CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:05 pm.
2. ROLL CALL; 7 present, 1 vacancy
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
None.
5. Mayor's Comments;  
Mayor commented nomination papers are available now from City Clerk. City has an empty alderperson seat in Ward 3<sup>rd</sup>. If a resident, in Ward 3, is interested in running, nomination papers are due by 1/2/19. January Council will be 1/3/19. December City mtgs will be 12/18/18. Reminder: there's an ordinance to keep sidewalks clear from snow & ice. Off street parking is in effect until 4/1. Thanked administrative staff for all their work preparing budget, along with finance committee.
6. Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) 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 11/8/18 Council Mtg;
  - b) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to approve monthly payables cks – 42406-42487, 18110601-18110604, 18111901-18111905, 20181101, 20181104. 20181120;
  - c) \*Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve 2 Yr Operators Lic – 12/4/18-6/30/20 for: Rebecca J. Sprenger;
  - d) \*Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve 7/5/19 Proposed Office Closure;
  - e) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve 2019 Part-time Summer Wages starting rate \$9.00 with returning employees to receive \$0.50 more & Warming House Attendant Wages starting rate \$9.00 with returning employees to receive \$0.50 more than existing wage;
  - f) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve 2019 Part-time Police Wages to remain unchanged with exception that those with a 6 month tenure receive an additional \$0.25/hr;
  - g) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Trade Skid Steer, Fabick Cat \$4,500 w/2 yr. warrantee & trade every 2 yrs;
  - h) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to place stop sign on west side of Rusk St @ Benjamin St.;Motion (Dohm/Donovan) to approve items a–h on consent agenda. PASSED.
8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Amendment to Section 2-171 Spooner Housing Authority;  
Marx explained amendment to Chapter 2-171 defines appointments to Spooner Housing Authority. Also, added Residency Requirements that defines members are not required to be residents of city. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve amendment to Section 2-171 Spooner Housing Authority. PASSED.
  - b) Approval of Management Agreement for Spooner Housing Authority/Washburn County Housing Authority;  
Coquillettte explained Management Agreement came from HUD. Spooner Housing Authority accepted offer from Washburn County Housing Authority to management properties of Goslin Court. Motion (Reiter/Dohm) to approve management agreement for Spooner Housing Authority/Washburn County Housing Authority. PASSED.
  - c) Accept Resignation of Current Spooner Housing Authority Members & Mayors Appointment of Washburn County Housing Authority Members to fill vacancies: Katheryn Berndt, Theresa Reiter, Rozanne Livingston, Michael Knox, & Richard Coquillettte;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to accept resignation of current Spooner Housing Authority members & Mayors appointment of Washburn County Housing Authority members to fill vacancies: Katheryn Berndt, Theresa Reiter, Rozanne Livingston, Michael Knox & Richard Coquillettte. PASSED.
  - d) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Library Request to purchase 3 new thermostats for bldg \$750;  
Reiter – library has been updating interior & has requested approval to replace 3 thermostats that are over 25 yrs old. Since this is a city owned bldg, requesting city purchase thermostats. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve Spooner Memorial Library's request to purchase 3 new thermostats for bldg, \$750. Roll call: 7–Ayes, 0–Nays. PASSED.
  - e) Resolution 18-10, PARTICIPATE IN A PAVING PROJECT WITH TOWN OF BEAVERBROOK;  
Marx explained this is a joint project with Town of Beaverbrook to resurface W Beaverbrook Ave from USH 63 to a point 1950 ft. west of USH 63. Total project cost is \$45,000, city would be responsible for half costs. Motion (Ortmann/Coquillettte) to approve Resolution 18-10, Participate in a Paving Project with Town of Beaverbrook. PASSED.
  - f) Approve Purchase of Digger Derrick Altec \$198,048;  
Marx reiterated council approved vendor, a couple months ago, for Digger Derrick. Once truck is ordered, it will take 12 months to receive. We are working on a rate case increase to cover expense, which will reflect under depreciation. Instead of trading current truck, a private contractor might have interest in purchasing. Motion (Coquillettte/Ortmann) to approve purchase of a Digger Derrick, from Altec for \$198,048. PASSED.

g) Approve 2 Yr Operators License – 12/4/18-6/30/20 for: Angela N Rew;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve 2 Yr Operators License, 12/4/18-6/30/20, for Angela N Rew. PASSED.

i) Approve 2019 Budget;  
Motion (Dunn/Dohm) to approve 2019 budget. PASSED.

j) Approve Resolution 18-11, 12-04-2018 Budget Resolution;  
Motion (Dunn/Dohm) to approve Resolution 18-11, 12-04-2018 Budget Resolution. PASSED.

k) Approve Resolution 18-12, 12-04-2018 Resolution for County Library Levy Exemption Year 2019;  
Cuskey – this resolution exempts city from county's library tax levy.  
Motion (Dunn/Ortmann) to approve Resolution 18-12, 12-04-2018 Resolution for County Library Levy Exemption Year 2019. PASSED.

9. STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

a) Financial Report Oct 2018;  
Motion (Reiter/Coquillet) to accept Oct 2018 financial report. PASSED.

b) Chief's Report;  
Chief Christman reported Spooner School Board approved Eddie Eagle gun safety program for Elementary School. Captain Pank & Chief Stuart presented ALICE training for Elementary School staff. New squad camera has been installed. Spooner Police Foundation calendars have been delivered. Began issuing winter parking citations. Officers have investigated an increased number of crashes. Officers, also, handled incidents of disorderly conduct, probation violation, & sexual assault, among others. There were several complaints of a suicide threat. Total incidents 903

c) BID Report;  
Dunn reported this month BID will continue with online advertising, focusing in Rice Lake & Hayward areas. City will be taking ownership of BID's website. Downtown has been very busy. Shop small Saturday was very busy. Retired Chief Andrea has converted his artwork into jig saw puzzles. Dohm stated downtown looks very festive.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;  
Dohm reported NWRPC semi-annual meeting is tomorrow in Hayward,

e) Railroad Park Update;  
Reiter reported committee approved acceptance of 2019 Arbor Day Tree donation, Littleleaf Linden. Michael Macone is working on historical signs, & on a design for park benches. Also, working on a bench design from donations. Will be meeting with an architect next week. Next meeting is Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.

f) Library Liaison Report;  
Reiter highlighted programs that are happening at library. Website & Facebook pages list all dates & times of events.

g) Tree Board Update;  
Ortmann reported they will be having mtg in January.

10. Adjournment;

Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Motion (Dohm/Ortmann) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Patricia Parker, City Clerk

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor