

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 1, 2011

5:00 PM

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL:** 8 present, 0 absent. Others in attendance: Staff Sergeant William Shafer, Coquillet, Zufall, Miller, Rankila, Ford, Parker

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

Jerry Miller – 1003 Grant Street has problem. Parking on Grant Street, it is very narrow street. Too small for fire truck with parking as is. Asking to park on only one side of Street, perhaps. It says two hour parking, but no one pays attention. If someone is at stop sign, can't turn onto street. Issue will be referred to Municipal Operations & be reviewed.

Coquillet "complains" City's snowblower & plowing has been working great & doing a good job.

Ryan Rankila was here for his Eagle Scout Badge.

5. **Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor reports last Thursday National Guard Unit from Spooner & Hayward returned home safe. They had successful tour, no severe injuries.

Staff Sergeant William Shafer, National Guard Unit, organized welcome home ceremony. Shafer presented council & City with plaque as a thank you for their support.

6. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion (Mortier/Dohm) to approve agenda. Passed.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

There will be no separate discussion of these items. Item will be pulled if other discussion needed.

- a) *Accept Minutes from February 1, 2011 Regular Council Meeting;
- b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve February, 2011 payables (Checks 29893-30038);
- c) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to Resolution 11-02, 3/01/11 Amendment to 2010 HRA Plan Document;
- d) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Two year Operator's Licenses – March 1, 2011– June 30, 2012 for: Timothy Dean Stilwell & Kimberly Marie Smith;
- e) *Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to grant Spooner Farmers Market exclusive use of Front St Parking Lot for 2011 season;
- f) *Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to Approve Plans for Walnut & Bashaw reconstruction project;

Pull e & f.

Motion (Gabriel/Mortier) to approve consent agenda a - d. Passed.

Discussion on e. Nothing changed on Spooner Farmers Market. They are doing same thing as last year. Open to all vendors, no one should be closed out.

Discussion on f. This is major construction project for year. It should be discussed given atmosphere of state budget. No one knows what will happen to our budget at this time. The project will be financed – money will be borrowed. It should be discussed if we should do Walnut/Bashaw project at all.

Marx discussed costs of \$290,000. A public hearing must be held. Costs will be discussed in detail at Municipal Operations, just asking for over all approval at this time given possible budget cuts.

Motion (Mortier/Schluter) to approve item e & f. Passed.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Finance Recommendation to purchase software for Police Department & Municipal Court; 2011 \$11,850, 2012 \$15,925, 2013 \$16,131 estimated support in subsequent years \$7,000;

Dunn addressed this issue. They are in need of software that coordinates with their Traks system. Dispatcher for the Police Department is also clerk for Municipal Court system. All these items must work together. Conversion of data will be done in October & is biggest cost as with any transfer. Company is a Wisconsin company & aware of Wisconsin laws.

Software is good for smaller City's. Others may have less expensive software, but they have more employees to do various jobs. Documentation is major issue police department must do, therefore must have a very integrated program.

Motion (Dunn/Gabriel) to approve purchase software. Passed. Roll call vote for unbudgeted funds.

- b) Finance Recommendation to extend contract with AFSCME to 12/31/13, Pay progression 2012 1.5%, 2013 1.5%;

Dunn discussed this line item. Because of Governor's repair bill, requiring all employees to pay 6% of their retirement, we want to look at AFSCME contract that is coming due. Item is here because there are 4 different

contracts in City. Other contracts were approved through 2013, except for AFSCME, which is done at end of 2011. It is unfair that they should have to pay two years before other entities.

Motion (Mortier/Dunn) to approve extension of AFSCME contract to 12/31/2013 with pay progression 2012 1.5%, 2013 1.5%. Passed.

c) Municipal Operations Recommendation to offer settlement of \$7,095 on overage of \$22,985 to Infratech for cleaning and televising trunk line sanitary sewer;

Cleaning sewer system in City, ended up costing more than what was bid for televising portion. Amount addresses costs of actual time took to clean it. Thought they would be here for 2 days but were here for a month. Not cleaned for 100 years, so should be expected to take awhile.

Motion (Basgall/Dohm) to approve the payment of \$7,095. Roll Call Vote. Passed.

d) Amend previously approved purchase price (\$15,820) for John Deere 5045 4WD Tractor from Tractor Central to \$21,587.24 w/trade of WWTP John Deere 850;

Item went to Municipal Operations for a two wheel drive. Committee asked him to get information & agreed to purchase a 4 wheel drive. Incorrect amount was approved at last month's council.

Motion (Dohm/Basgall) to approve purchase of a 4 wheel drive John Deere for \$21,587.24. Roll Call vote. Passed.

e) North Memorial Ambulance request for additional \$3.71 per capita subsidy for providing Ambulance Service; Marx spoke on this issue. In 2009 they came forward, needed to increase their payment per person. At that time, North Memorial decided they did not need to increase payment, but now they are strapped & will have to increase what they charge to municipalities.

City can support \$3.71 per capita. They have to keep up training etc. & are there 16 hours a day. Discussion on when Ambulance was run by City. Collections were problem to maintain.

Motion (Dohm/Basgall) to support \$3.71 increase. Passed.

f) Approve Two year Operator's Licenses – March 1, 2011– June 30, 2012 for Patricia Marie McCoy;

Motion (Everroad/Schluter) to approve operator's license for Patricia Marie McCoy. Passed.

9. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**

a) Financial Report January;

Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to accept the financial report. Passed.

b) Chief's Report - incidents during February 2011;

Short staffed over last couple of months, but trying to keep schedule going. PD dealt with phone threat at a local bank regarding a bomb.

USDA office had a couple of trucks damaged – person was found & dealt with.

City PD had a Mutual aid request from Madison but they are too short staffed to send anyone at this time. They keep asking for officers, so may end up sending someone. 991 calls last month.

c) BID Report;

BID is working on parking signs showing where there is public parking. Some lots are not very obvious. Discussion on where some of the signs will be placed & adding flowers & small plants to bring it to the attention of passers by.

New signs for City on Highway & have had good comments.

Wisconsin Public Television aired a Canoe Museum film on "In Wisconsin". It was very good advertising for City of Spooner.

10. **Adjournment:**

Motion (Gabriel/Dohm) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor