

# REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 6, 2011

5:00 PM

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL:**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

John Gozdziwski, Director - Department of National Resources Spooner office gave an update on new building. Staff will be in new building September 2011. Project is going forward & walls should be up shortly. Mayor noted building was an asset to community.

5. **Presentation to Wayne Fischer on his retirement as Utility Superintendent:**

Mayor presented a thank you plaque to Wayne Fischer & acknowledged he will be missed. Fischer retired after 32 years of service to City, most recently as Superintendent of Utilities. Fisher thanked the City Councils along way for supporting their Utility Staff and thanked City office staff for making his work easier noting that it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

6. **Mayor's Comments:**

Condolences to Debbie Koehn for loss of her sister in law.

Spoke on Gypsy Moth issue. Some have been found in area so this spring they will be spraying. Apparently there will be no harmful affects to people & pets.

7. **Mayor's Proclamations - Arbor Day 2011, Municipal Clerks Week 2011 and National Day of Prayer 2011:**

Arbor Day Proclamation was read. Mayor Cuskey presented a signed proclamation to a fourth grade student.

Municipal Clerks Week May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> Proclamation – was read by Mayor.

National Day of Prayer – an important part of our culture. This is dedicating National Day of Prayer in Spooner.

These three proclamations are signed & approved this day, April 6, 2011.

8. **Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion (Everroad/Dohm) to approve agenda. Passed.**

9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

\*\*All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine & will be enacted by one motion, unless item removed from the General Order of Business & considered to agenda.

- a) \*Accept Minutes from March 1, 2011 Regular Council & March 21, 2011 Special Meetings;
  - b) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve March, 2011 payables (Checks 30039-30235);
  - c) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve contract with NWRPC to amend TID 3 & 4 Project Plans
  - d) \*Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Two year Operator's Licenses – April 6, 2011– June 30, 2012 for: Rebecca Jean Cain, Carol E Rohde, John R Ennis, Richard C Coquillette;
  - e) \*Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License Rodeo Committee - July 7, 2011 to July 9, 2011;
  - f) \*Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to Approve Contract with Fahrner Asphalt for line painting - \$9,000;
  - g) \*Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to Approve expenditure up to \$1,000 for animal waste stations, signs & refuse containers for bike & ped path;
  - h) \*Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to approve request from Larson Auto to remove Pines along Hwy 63 & replant trees on city property adjacent to them;
  - i) \*Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to approve change order from Monarch Paving to adjust 2010 price for HMA paving from \$55.86 to \$58.68 per ton;
  - j) \*Accept Property & Development Recommendation to proceed with timber sale to Carson Forest Products;
- H & J were pulled for discussion

**Motion (Dunn/Everroad) to approve the consent agenda without H & J. Passed.**

Item H. Larson Auto is requesting to replace existing trees with other types of trees. Dunn has driven past dealership & noted it frames the Welcome to Spooner sign. New trees will take a life time to mature to any reasonable size.

Everroad agrees & has driven past to see what issue might be.

Stelter explained Tree Board has discussed this.

Dunn asked council to refrain from a vote until new council members were on board & exiting members have a chance to look at situation. Ironic that on the reading of Arbor Day Proclamation we are talking about taking down trees.

**Motion (Mortier/Dohm) to send the question back to municipal operations. Passed.**

Item J. Discussion on other trees that need to be taken down. Some places will be thinned so that other trees can grow healthier.

**Motion (Dohm/Stelter) to proceed with item J. Passed.**

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Property Planning & Development Recommendation to proceed with land transfer adjacent to Chandler Drive exchange deed with Thompson Family Limited Partnership & Thompson Trust CSM V18 p 96 (City to get Lot 1, Thompson Lot 3):

Proposing this trade, because we need a parcel of land near City's County H property. City needs a retention pond. The CSM was done quite awhile ago, it has now gone through County therefore transfer can actually take place. It was bid in 2005, but council at that time denied bid. It now needs to be completed.

**Motion (Schluter/Everroad) to approve land transfer between Thompson Family Limited Partnership, Thompson Trust & City. Passed.**

- b) Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Resolution 11-03, 04/06/11, Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Police Powers Under Section 66.0703, Wis Stats. (Walnut & Bashaw Street Project):

This action begins procedure to begin special assessments for renovation of Walnut & Bashaw Street.

**Motion (Stelter/Schluter) to move forward with project & special assessments. Passed.**

- c) Approve Two year Operator's Licenses – April 6, 2011– June 30, 2012 for James F Anderson, Rebecca L. Friebe & Heather A Kincaid;

**Motion (Everroad/Schluter) to approve operator's licenses for Anderson, Friebe & Kincaid as presented. Passed.**

d) Financing for Substation Project;

Waiting for a rate case from Public Service Commission. Hopefully next month we will have more information. Marx has been looking at bonding vs a loan. Bank loan currently looks like a better money saver by end of loan life.

e) Name for Bike/Ped Path for 911;

Safety looked at Rumpskinner Trail, trails South & North Spurs. Should bring in school? It is important to get a name on it for safety reasons.

**Motion (Everroad/Dunn) to name Bike/Ped Path for 911 reasons, Rumpskinner Trail & other trails South & North Spurs. Passed.**

f) Resolution 11-04, 4/06/11 - Resolution Calling For A Public Hearing on Revenue Bond Financing on Behalf of Spooner Health System, Inc.;

The Hearing will be held right before regular council next month – May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to approve resolution for the Spooner Health System, Inc. Passed. Roll Call**

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

a) Financial Report February;

**Motion (Schluter/Everroad) to approve finance report. Passed.**

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

New truck, more room & four wheel drive. New officers are being broken in. Officer Pank & County Officer Sutherland were involved outside City limits in a serious drug case. Mutual Aid regularly now with decrease in the number of deputies at County. The City Police Department needs to keep City safe but are constantly being called out of City. It's a difficult situation. 1,184 calls (they have increased).

Everroad passed on a compliment. A person interviewed had said he wanted to work with Spooner PD because he had heard it was top notch.

c) BID Report;

Flowers are on way & there are 6 new poles to expand flower baskets. BID has budgeted \$6,000 for advertising – with all types of radio stations to promote Spooner. Starting a sinking fund to begin saving for something at new Railroad Park. They have increased amount paid for watering & cleaning downtown bathrooms to \$3,500.

10. **Adjournment;**

**Motion (Mortier/Schluter) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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Debbie Koehn

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Gary J Cuskey