

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 3, 2011

Hospital hearing for Revenue bond issue is opened at 5:00 p.m. Mayor asked for any comments, questions or concerns. There being no commentary, he asked hearing be closed.

Motion (Dohm/Dunn) to close the hearing. Passed. Hearing closed at 5:05 p.m.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER;** Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL;**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;**
4. **Oath of Office Ceremony for Police Officers: Derek Ricci, Trevor Peterson, Mike Kronberger;**
Council welcomed three new officers to Spooner Police Department. Mayor Cuskey swore in new officers.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY;**
Shane Iorns from Stone Pony commented on lights for pedestrian crossing at River Street/Hwy 63 takes quite a long time. Mayor & Marx discussed this with DOT in February 2011.
6. **Results of Public Hearing on Revenue Bond Financing on Behalf of Spooner Health System, Inc. Resolution No. 11-06, 05-03-2011 RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE & SALE OF A HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2011 (SPOONER HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.), & AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS RELATING THERETO;**
No opposition at hearing.
Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to approve issuance & sale of a health care facilities revenue bond, series 2011. Passed. Roll Call – carried.
7. **Mayor's Comments;**
Welcomed two new council members Bob Otto in Ward 1 & Chris Thompson Ward 4. He thanked retiring council members, Jeff Mortier, Ward 1 & George Basgall Ward 4 & appreciates their work for community. Mayor Cuskey commented that Wilderness's first season & were Champions for season. Congratulates them on their success.
8. **Approval of Agenda;**
Motion (Everroad/Thompson) to approve agenda. Passed.
9. **CONSENT AGENDA;**
**All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine & will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion unless a Council member removes the item.
 - a) *Accept Minutes from April 6, 2011 Regular Council Meeting;
 - b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve April, 2011 payables(Checks 30236-30329) (Manual Checks11030901-11032305, 11040703-11040705, 20110308-20110412);
 - c) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to accept financial report from Mayor's Ball & designate \$500 to the Railroad Park Project;
 - d) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Two year Operator's Licenses – May 3 2011– June 30, 2012 for: Valaurie Hedrick - July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2013 for Teresa Melton;
 - e) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License WHCM - Spring WHCM Day May 28, 2011;
 - f) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Application for Change of Premises from 114 Walnut St to 210 Walnut St - Kings Head Enterprises;
 - g) *Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to Approve Contracts with: Fahrner Asphalt for crack filling \$1.42/lb - \$14,200, Chip Sealing - Scott Construction \$1.277/sy - \$31,925, Sidewalk & Curb - Construction Unlimited \$21.25/lfsf, Heavy Equipment - Bluse Enterprises - \$231/hr;
 - h) * Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to purchase materials for Walnut & Bashaw St Project - Weiser Concrete- \$9,438.50 First Supply- \$23,000;
 - i) * Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to re-affirm our adoption of current State Commercial Building Code and to amend ordinance to reflect it;**Motion (Everroad/Otto) to approve items a through i. Passed.**
8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a) **Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to approve request from Larson Auto to remove all but 3 of the Pines along Hwy 63 & replant trees on city property adjacent to them;**
Dohm asked Marx to discuss this item. The Committee approved their request for removal of trees but request three of Norway Pines be left & plant their additional trees.
Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to approve removal of 7 trees. Passed. One no vote.
 - b) **Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve Resolution 11-05, 05/03/11, Final Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Police Powers Under Section 66.0703, Wis Stats. (Walnut & Bashaw Street Project);**
A public hearing was adjourned & reopened - over two days. There was discussion on interest offered; committee decided to stay at 8%, it was just lowered from 12% last year. Committee also agreed to save as many trees as possible. Mean time, more appropriate trees can be planted & begin growth before trees that are saved will have to be removed. They will eventually get into sewer system & pop up sidewalks along with new curb & gutters.
Motion (Dohm/Stelter) to approve resolution to declare intent to exercise special assessment powers for Walnut and Bashaw Street project. Passed.
 - c) **Personnel Committee Recommendation to hire Apprentice Lineman;**
Four candidates were interviewed from street department. Robert Weinbergen was choice at end of an hour discussion. Decision was incredibly difficult as they all are great people.
Motion (Dunn/Otto) to approve personnel Committee Recommendation to hire Robert Weinbergen. Passed.
 - d) **Approve Electric Rate Case Submittal (increase projected at 6.5%);**
This increase addresses the increase in costs from Xcel Energy to us beginning July 2010 & to fund new substation. Increase will also cover Front Street project.
In 2013 City will have a new power provider.

- Motion (Dohm/Schluter) to approve Electric Rate Case with a projected estimate of 6.5%. Passed.**
- e) Request from Washburn County Highway to detour traffic to Vine & Summit to make repairs on westbound Hwy 70 at Hwy 63 on or about week of May 16, 2011;
The detour will be for a day. The City has a problem with a storm sewer there, so the City will close one lane to do their project. County portion of project will probably be next week instead of May 16th week. There have been a couple of good communications between City, County & State.
Motion (Everroad/Stelter) to approve request to detour. Passed.
- f) Finance Committee Recommendation from 3/8/10 to fund Broadband Telecommunications Opportunities Program (BTOP) ARRA Grant Opportunity;
Last year Finance Committee agreed to fund \$20,000 for Broadband Telecommunications Opportunities (BTOP), but it never made it to council for approval.
Motion (Dunn/Schluter) to approve participation of \$20,000 toward BTOP. Passed.
- g) Two year Operator's Licenses – May 3 2011– June 30, 2012 for: Julie A Kincaid, Taylor J Kincaid;
Motion (Everroad/Thompson) two year operator's license – May 3, 2011 to June 30, 2012 for Julie A Kincaid, Taylor J Kincaid. Passed.
- h) Sister City Proposal from Beli Manastir, Croatia;
This idea was discussed in 1996. The common thread is Cortec. Asking council to officially adopt concept & go forward. There has been discussion that Mayor Boris Miksic and Mayor of Beli Manastir (Ivan Dobos) will come to Spooner in September & hopefully later someone from Spooner can go there.
Motion (Everroad/Otto) to move forward with concept of creating a Sister City with Beli Manastir, Croatia. Passed.
9. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**
- a) Financial Report March;
Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to approve March 2011 Financial Report. Passed.
- b) Chief's Report - incidents during April 2011;
Still down a full time man, so schedule has been difficult. But three new guys have been good fast learners. New truck is on board & functional.
Prom was this weekend. The school requested an officer on site for event. No issues in City limits – there are always concerns with these types of events.
There were a couple of open containers issues with downtown bars. 933 calls.
- c) BID Report;
Radio promotion for City is in works & signs for parking lots. Dresser trap rock will be used on parking lots & two rain gardens will be setup.
10. **Adjournment;**
Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn

Gary J. Cuskey