

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Feb 2, 21 5:00 PM
This mtg held at City Hall as a Zoom Mtg
Mtg ID: 337 946 0833

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:00 pm.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
Given attendance by Zoom, Mayor suspended with pledge.
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Mayor stated we will stay course with COVID guidelines from Washburn Co Health Dept. Please continue wearing masks & social distance. Reminder to residents its responsibility of homeowner to keep sidewalks clear from snow & ice and winter parking restriction are in effect.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gagnon/Ortmann) 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 01/5/21 Council mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables cks: 45497-45582, 20210104, 21011301-21011304, 202101201-202101203;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Renew CDBG Administration Contract with NWRPC;
 - d) *Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Utility Write off 2020 \$806.55;
 - e) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve Internship Job Description Summer 2021;
Motion (Gabriel/Parker) to approve items a-e on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Section 86-463 Fences;
Marx explained this was brought to council last month; 2 members wanted to review entire ordinance. Dunn stated after reviewing, changes made sense that it only affects front yard.
Motion (Parker/Ortmann) to approve amendment to Section 86-463 Fences. PASSED.
 - b) Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Section 86-224(b)(8) Mobile Home Park Accessory Buildings;
Motion (Coquillet/Parker) to approve amendment to Section 86-224(b)(8) Mobile Home Park Accessory Buildings. PASSED.
 - c) Amendment to Chapter 10-13, 86-133, 86-163, 86-193, Creation of Section 86-504 Keeping of Chickens;
Mayor asked for questions or comments regarding amendment. Ortmann asked is there a fee for conditional use permit. Marx stated fee is \$225.00. Ortmann & Dunn didn't feel that this was user friendly. Coquillet stated this is a onetime fee renewable annual & it allows city to have control if there were complaints. Gagnon asked about person that was denied, would this allow her to have them. Marx explained she could now apply for a conditional use permit. Fee covers cost for publication in newspaper. Donovan questioned it states in ordinance adequate disposal of waste, this statement is really subjective & arbitrary in language. Plan Commission addressed this & it could be a potential problem, city does not have a health inspector. Reiter stated because county no longer has an officer to regulate, that is why fees are in place & person applying is very serious & will do a good job. Motion (Reiter/Dunn) to approve amendment to Chapter 10-13, 86-133, 86-163, 86-193 Creation of Section 86-504 Keeping of Chickens. Discussion: Coquillet stated advantage of CUP is that we can act on, if we get complaints. Each conditional use request will come before council. There's also a registration process with WI Department of Consumer Protection. Ayes-7, Nays-1 (Donovan). PASSED.
 - d) Finance Committee Recommendation to Contract with SEH for CDBG Grant Application & Administration for Hwy 63 Project \$8,000 application, \$25,000 Administration;
Marx stated this is a grant application to provide for funding city share of USH 63 project.
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve contract with SEH for CDBG Grant Application \$8,000 & Administration \$25,000 for USH 63 project. PASSED.
 - e) Approve Resolution 21-02, 02/02/2021 Preliminary Resolution Special Assessments Spruce St;
Motion (Ortmann/Parker) to approve Resolution 21-02, 2/2/21 Preliminary Resolution Special Assessments Spruce Street. Discussion: Gagnon asked what determines which side of street sidewalk will be on. Marx explained sidewalk is put on side which has most existing sidewalk. Ortmann stated she was in favor of north side. PASSED.
 - f) Approve City Engineer Preliminary Report Spruce St;
Motion (Coquillet/Parker) to approve City Engineer Preliminary Report for Spruce Street.
Comment: Marx stated next month there will be a public hearing that will be done by Zoom. Letters will be sent out & hopefully property owners will come in if there are questions. PASSED.

g) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to hold course on COVID precautions regarding city facilities;
Reiter reported committee is recommending continuing with safety precautions that are in place. Mayor shared receiving a compliment that it was nice to have the ice rink at College Street Park. Marx reported city brought in picnic tables so people could put on their skates.

h) Property Planning and Development Committee Recommendation regarding former Postal Facility Building;

Gabriel reported committee decided to make a first offer of \$25,000 & will need to contact Chris Thompson to write up offer, if council approves motion. Marx explained firm, that did testing report, is recommending that they prepare a demolition spec for \$10,000. Estimate for Asbestos of \$25,000 and demo cost range from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Total cost would range from \$135,000 to \$185,000 to demo. We do not have a good number for lead abatement costs. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve proceeding with \$25,000 offer for former Postal Facility Building Purchase. Roll Call: Ayes – 7, Abstained – 1 (Gabriel). PASSED.

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

a) Financial Report Dec 20;

Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to accept Dec 20 financial report as presented. PASSED.

b) Chief's Report;

Chief Christman reported 3 officers were off work due to contact with a positive COVID subject. This was a precaution & none of officers are exhibiting symptoms. Officers continue to monitor sidewalks, junk & other ordinance violations. Officers assisted WBSO DCI with 3 drug search warrants, resulting in 3 arrests. Officers have responded to numerous EMS calls & domestic calls. Investigated a stabbing & a suspect was arrested. An officer attended a forensic interview as part of an abuse case. Officers arrested an individual for OWI, involving meth. Mutual Aid requests at the WBSO jail for combative & suicidal subject and for a reported burglary in progress. K9 Officer was deployed to search residence, but no suspects were located. Total Incidents: 869.

c) BID Report;

Dunn reported no mtg this month. January was busier than a normal January. Attribute it to nice weather; & hockey rink has been having events & we are seeing extra business from same.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Coquillette reported normal contract season, went into negotiation for wages & there are grant fund available.

e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter reported fundraising continues to go well. Funds raised will go towards brick repair on Roundhouse. Perlick is working on a themed railroad drink for their summer fundraiser & will donate \$3 per drink towards project. Jon Alesch will be conducting a SWOT on Feb 19th. We are pursuing separating ourselves from Spooner Development Corporation.

f) Library Liaison Report;

Reiter reported Angie has been a big asset to library. There are a lot of Zoom programs going on. Library is open, no more than 20 people at a time & continue with curbside pick-up.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor

Patricia Parker, City Clerk