

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Apr 8, 21 5:00 PM,

Note public hearing will open at 5:00 PM, Council Mtg will follow immediately after Hearing is closed.

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:13 pm.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
Given attendance by Zoom, Mayor suspended with pledge.
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
Rev Doug Olson & Kathy Bartilson, both spoke, regarding importance of supporting fund match for DNR Surface Water Grant.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Snow has melted & winter parking restriction has expired. Encouraged residents to clean-up their yards. Spring Clean-up is May 1st.
- 6) Arbor Day Proclamation;
Mayor proclaimed Apr 30, 21 as Arbor Day.
Motion (Ortmann/Reiter) to approve Apr 30, 21 as Arbor Day. PASSED.
- 7) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve agenda. PASSED.
- 8) 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 3/2/21 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables cks: 45700-45878, 154178, 20210301, 20210303, 20210316, 20210320, 20210323, 21022301-21022306, 21030901-21030904, 21032301-21032306, 202102201, 202102221-202102222, 202103231;
 - c) *Municipal Operations Committee recommendation approve Request for Temporary Street/Alley/Parking lot closing for Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, Front St between Oak St & Ash St – 5/29/21;
 - d) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation approve sale of 1998 F-700 Dump Truck to highest bidder;
 - e) * Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation approve Upgrade 2016 Hustler Mower \$5,666 less trade \$2,800 = \$2,866 Lakes & Trails subject to Inspection;
 - f) * Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation approve request to forgive sewer charge 318 Maple St.
 - g) * Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation approve request to close parking stalls on east side High St from alley to Walnut April 23-24, 2021, for Bull Riding Event;
 - h) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation approve Temporary Picnic License Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, 5/29/21;Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) approve items a–h on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 9) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) CDBG Public Hearing Results;
 - Approval of:
Marx explained all these resolutions went before finance committee prior to hearing. These resolutions are a condition for CDBG grant & is similar to what was done in 2014 for W Elm St, Franklin St & Roundhouse Rd projects.
 - RES 21-06, Citizen Participation Plan
Motion (Gabriel/Gagnon) approve RES 21-06, Citizen Participation Plan. PASSED.
 - RES 21-07, Authorizing Resolution to Commit matching Funds
Motion (Gabriel/Reiter) approve RES 21-07, Authorizing Resolution to commit matching funds. PASSED.
 - RES 21-08, Authorizing Resolution to submit CDBG Application;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) approve RES 21-08, Authorizing Resolution to submit CDBG application. PASSED.
 - RES 21-09, Policy for Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstration/Prohibiting Use of Excessive Force & Enforcing State/Local Laws Prohibiting Physically Barring of Entrances/Exits
Motion (Gagnon/Parker) approve RES 21-09, Policy for Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstration /Prohibiting use of Excessive Force & Enforcing State/Local Laws Prohibiting Physically Barring of Entrances/Exits. PASSED.
 - Fair Housing Ordinance Complete 9/07/04;
No action needed - this was done in 2004.
 - Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation Assistance Plan
Motion (Gabriel/Donovan) approve Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation Assistance Plan. PASSED.
 - Appointment of Citizen Participation Committee (local government, real estate, banking & labor communities)
Marx reported following individuals agreed to participate Richard Coquillette, Dwight Marquardt, Jim Deutsch & Linda Hall. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) approve appointment of Citizen Participation Committee (local government, real estate, banking & labor communities). PASSED.
 - b) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Funding for Match of DNR Surface water Grant and to Budget \$7,423.68 in 2022 along with approval of grant agreement & consultant agreement;
Motion (Dunn/Ortmann) approve funding for match of DNR Surface Water Grant and budget \$7,423.68 in 2022 along with approval of grant agreement & consultant agreement. Discussion: Dunn explained this is what Rev Doug Olson & Kathy Bartilson spoke on to support. PASSED.
 - c) Appointment of Penny Swan to Deputy Clerk-Treasurer;
Motion (Gagnon/Parker) approve appointment of Penny Swan to Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. PASSED.
 - d) Personnel Committee Recommendation offer Police Captain Position to Michael Kronberger with six month probation period & a two-step wage increase;
Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) approve offering Police Captain Position to Michael Kronberger with six month probation period & a two-step wage increase. PASSED.

- e) Personnel Committee Recommendation allow any city employee travel to neighboring state of Minnesota up to a 72 hr period without quarantine;
Motion (Gabriel/Gagnon) approve allowing any city employee travel to neighboring state of MN up to a 72 hr period without quarantine. PASSED.
- f) Finance Committee Recommendation Approve Resolution 21-04, 04-08-21 Carry Over 2020 to 2021;
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) approve Resolution 21-04, 04-08-21 Carry Over 2020 to 2021. PASSED.
- g) Finance Committee Recommendation Approve Resolution 21-05, 04-08-21 2020 Budget Amendment;
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) approve Resolution 21-05, 04-08-21 2020 Budget Amendment. PASSED.
- h) Finance Committee Recommendation Approve Resolution 21-10, 04-08-21 Encouraging State to Increase Shared Revenue;
Motion (Dunn/Gagnon) approve Resolution 21-10, 04-08-21 Encouraging State to Increase Shared Revenue. PASSED.
- i) Finance Committee Recommendation Approve to support the library & proceed with AARP grant endeavor;
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) approve to support library & proceed with AARP Grant endeavor. PASSED.
- j) Finance Committee Recommendation Approve to move forward with Central Square PD Software & add administration & property to system for \$1,901.51;
Mayor questioned if this a budgeted item. Marx stated this will come out of PD capital outlay account.
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) approve to move forward with Central Square PD software & add administration & property to system for \$1,901.51. PASSED.
- k) Plan Commission Recommendation approve construction of habitat home in 1357 N. River St. parking lot to be moved off site upon completion;
Mayor explained that Habitat for Humanity would build a home & upon completion it will be sold & moved off site.
Motion (Ortmann/Donovan) approve construction of habitat home in 1357 N River Street parking lot to be moved off site upon completion. PASSED.
- l) Plan Commission Recommendation approve McDonalds drive through site plan;
Marx explained McDonald's purchased laundromat & will be demolishing same to create a double lane drive-thru. Dunn asked about sidewalk situation. Could city require that a sidewalk be installed? Marx replied that he didn't know if city had ability to demand a sidewalk be included. Parker asked about a turning lane when they redo USH 63. Marx stated there was no room on highway. Donovan asked initially WI DOT was eliminating entrance from River Street, did that change. Marx stated because of elevations entrance will remain same. Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) approve McDonalds drive through site plan. Discussion: Dunn stated that people have complained about lack of sidewalk especially there & feels city should asked them to put in a sidewalk. Ayes=7, Nays=1 (Dunn) PASSED.
- m) Plan Commission Recommendation approve allowing apartment above first floor at 407 N Front St;
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) approve allowing apartment above first floor at 407 N Front St. PASSED.
- n) Plan Commission Recommendation approve allowing to keep chickens at 411 S River Bay;
Motion (Dunn/Ortmann) approve allowing to keep chickens at 411 S River Bay. PASSED.
- o) Plan Commission Recommendation approve allowing to keep chickens at 1571 Oakwood Dr;
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) approve allowing to keep chickens at 1571 Oakwood Drive. PASSED.
- p) Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation approve City Facility Use Policy;
Motion (Gabriel/Gagnon) approve City Facility Use Policy. PASSED.
- q) Safety & License Committee Recommendation hold course on COVID precautions regarding city facilities with exception that beginning with Reorganizational Mtg 4/20/21 Mtgs will be held in Council Chambers with social distancing measures;
Mayor stated he would like to return to in person mtgs beginning 4/20/21 with masks & social distancing measures in place.
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve holding course on COVID precautions regarding city facilities with exception that beginning with Reorganizational mtg 4/20/21 mtgs will be held in Council Chambers with social distancing measures. PASSED.
- r) Request to use ball fields;
Marx explained the Cardinals are requesting to use facilities at Merchant Park & anticipating little league would like to use warming house for concessions this year. Mayor stated we should wait & see; and if protocol changes we can adjust at that time. Gabriel asked if there are any rules as to how many people. Coquillettte stated currently it is 36 sq ft per person. Consensus to table until Re-Org, no action taken.
- s) Sewer backup claim 509 N Front St;
Marx explained we receive a claim for a sewer back-up at 509 N Front St. Our insurance co recommends we deny it. Kohler recommended not discussing claim in open session & follow recommendation of insurance co.
Motion (Coquillettte/Parker) was made to deny claim. PASSED.
- t) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Award Bids;
- Paving Monarch Paving \$63,580;
Motion (Reiter/Coquillettte) approve paving bid from Monarch Paving for \$63,580. PASSED.
 - Curb & Sidewalk Pember Companies \$38,190.25;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) approve curb & sidewalk bid from Pember Companies for \$38,190.25. PASSED.
 - Flex Patch Fahrner Asphalt \$39,000;
Motion (Gabriel/Donovan) approve flex patch bid from Fahrner Asphalt for \$39,000. PASSED.
 - Chip Seal Fahrner Asphalt \$37,500;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) approve chip seal bid from Fahrner Asphalt for \$37,500. PASSED.
 - Sanitary Sewer Lining-Michaels Corporation \$185,511;
Marx explained this will be third year addressing some of problem sewer mains. We are starting to make headway on maintaining our sewer system.
Motion (Reiter/Parker) approve sanitary sewer bid from Michaels Corporation for \$185,511. PASSED.
- u) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation Proceed with Spruce St Project as Planned;
Motion (Parker/Donovan) approve proceeding with Spruce St project as planned. PASSED.

- v) Discussion regarding Committee Assignment's;
Mayor congratulated council members on their re-election. Mayor asked if any member is not interested in serving on a committee or has interest in another committee please let Mayor or Bill Marx know.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
- a) Financial Report Feb 21;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) accept Feb 21 financial report as presented. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Chief Christman reported Captain Pank has resigned & accepted Chief Deputy position with Washburn Co. Mike Kronberger interviewed for Captain's position & Personnel Committee unanimously voted to extend an offer to Kronberger. This will create a vacancy for a full-time officer. New RAM truck & Charger have arrived. Old truck went to auction on April 3rd. Central Square project is moving forward with officer training scheduled for April. Devin Dodge, student at WITC, assisted with traffic surveys & reported observed violations at various location. Information will be used for concentrating enforcement. Chief met with program directors for a Youth Diversion program. This program will be an option when dealing with at risk youth in our area. Probation/Parole met with SPD regarding future releases of convicted sex offenders, none will be released in City of Spooner. Chief met with Washburn Co Finance Committee regarding improvements needed for radio upgrading. Officers attended patrol in-service. Officer Tucker completed less lethal training & will train our staff. We are beginning to address new junk violations. Officers have handled numerous traffic crashes & active with traffic enforcement. Continue to receive complaints about scams. We encourage everyone to report these incidents & not give out any personal information. Chief & Bob Andrea met with DCI regarding Kliman homicide. Chief attended a webinar, from New Mexico Tech, regarding homemade explosives, detections & responses. This training was funded by FEMA. Total incidents=1005.
 - c) BID Report;
Dunn reported there have been no mtgs held. Asked if BID could use city hall or PD conference room, would involve approximately 10-12 people.
 - d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
Coquillette reported they've been mtg in Hayward. Working on getting budget back in line, along with resolutions. There are still funds available.
 - e) Railroad Park Update;
Reiter reported Friends of Railroad Park, Inc. is now its own 501(c)(3). Fundraising is going well for the Roundhouse brick restoration. Al Jones will start brick project on April 27th. Ken Staves has been working on installing ties & track at weigh station. Working on ATV path & ordered signs for parking. Subcommittee is working on archway. Jon Alsech is working on a 3-D map.
 - f) Library Liaison Report;
Reiter reported library continues to be very active for community. Angie is involved with food distribution. Library is open, staff has been vaccinated. Check out library's Facebook page for updates.
- 10) ADJOURNMENT;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 6:18 pm.
ATTESTED BY:
Gary J Cuskey, Mayor
Patricia Parker, City Clerk