

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 4, 21 5:00 PM, in Council Chambers

Zoom Mtg ID: 337 946 0833

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:00 pm.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 6 present, 2 by Zoom
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Mayor Cuskey reminded residents with warmer temperature grass is starting to grow, need to keep our yards mowed.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) 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 4/20/21 Re-Organizational Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation Approve monthly payables cks: 45879-45964, 20210403, 20210412, 20210415, 20210416, 21040601-21040604, 21042001-21042006, 202104201-202104202;
 - c) *Municipal Operations Committee recommendation to Park Permit Requests:
 - Spooner Woman's Club–Centennial Park, Aug 6-7
 - Hannah Bluse–Railroad Park Pavilion, 6/26/21
 - Annette Brown–Railroad Park, 7/31/21
 - d) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation approve Request to forgive sewer charge 226 Timberland 57 units @ \$5.77= \$328.89;
 - e) * Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation approve Change Order for Chip Seal Aggregate \$3,759 Fahrner Asphalt;
 - f) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation Request for Temporary Picnic Licenses;
 - Spooner Rodeo Appreciation BBQ–6/16/21
 - Spooner Rodeo–7/8-10/21Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve items a–f on consent agenda. Ortmann asked for clarification on items d & e. Marx explained. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Finance Committee Recommendation to approve \$2,000 expenditure for Library Security Cameras;
Motion (Gabriel/Donovan) approve \$2,000 expenditure for library security cameras. Discussion: Ortmann questioned number of cameras. Gagnon explained that this is for additional 8 new cameras. Mayor stated this would expand out to 14 for inside & out. Roll Call: Ayes–8, Nays–0. PASSED.
 - b) Finance Committee Recommendation Approve Resolution 21-11, 5-4-21 2021 Budget Amendment;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) approved Resolution 21-11, 5-4-21 2021 Budget Amendment. PASSED.
 - c) Finance Committee Recommendation Approve Wage Increase for Summer Help to \$11/hr.;
Dunn explained to stay competitive, summer help wage needs to be raised, recommending \$11.00/hr. Motion (Dunn/Donovan) approve wage increase for summer help to \$11/hour. PASSED.
 - d) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to hold course on COVID precautions regarding city facilities with exception that Council & Committee Mtgs will be held in Council Chambers with social distancing measures;
Reiter reported we are holding steady on COVID precautions for city facilities. City Hall door may be open on heavy demand days & council chambers will be open to hold city mtgs. Motion (Reiter/Donovan) approve holding course on COVID precautions, with exception that Council & Committee mtgs be held in council chambers with social distancing measures. PASSED.
 - e) Approve Employee Request to Travel to Adjoining States without Quarantining;
Coquillet explained there's a request for employee travel to adjoining states for 72 hours without quarantining. Recommendation is to amend to include any adjoining states to WI for 72 hr. without having to quarantine. Motion (Donovan/Gagnon) to approve employee travel to adjoining States without quarantining. PASSED.
- 10) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report Mar 21;
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to accept Mar 21 financial report as presented. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Chief Christman reported officers have been trained in Central Square program. May 13th is anticipated go-live date. Issued approximately 20 warnings for junk violations. Officers are assisting schools with their emergency drills. Met with Washburn Co Human Svcs regarding drug take-back day & their diversion program for youth offenders. Chief & Captain Kronberger attended annual management conference in Superior. Officer Horsch attended training in Wausau. Officer Peterson & K-9 Bleu attended their recertification trials in Stillwater, MN. Peterson & Bleu's score qualified them to participate in National Event. They are, also, preparing for Patrol Dog One certification in Ashland. Officers & North Ambulance responded to a report of a pulseless, non-breather in City of Spooner. Narcan & CPR were administered, but patient was pronounced deceased. Officers assisted with the traffic direction during food distribution, responded to a dog bite involving family dog, responded to a number of mental health & suicidal incidents, a number of drug related incidents, dealt with domestic complaints, & were mutual-aided by WBSO in a vehicle pursuit. Total incidents: 1128.
 - c) BID Report;
Dunn reported no mtg. BID will meet in May.
 - d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
Coquillet reported they are working on spring clean-ups. They are pursuing tax exemption on improvements, which are on property not owned by NWRPC.
 - e) Railroad Park Update;
Reiter reported Arbor Day program was very successful. Planted a silver maple. ATV access trail is complete. Brick restoration started today. Spooner-Trego Lions are having monthly mtgs at pavilion. Ideas for archway will be presented at next month's mtg. Historical rehabilitation registry denied our application. Patchin & Staves have been restoring picnic tables. Old postal bldg is now owned by city & plan is to raze bldg.

f) Library Liaison Report;

Gagnon reported Library Bd thanks Council for supporting security cameras. Library was awarded a \$2000 grant, from American Library Assoc, to be used for community action items, i.e. tech equipment, books, etc. There's a new online catalog called spooner.northernwaters.org to help patrons find books. Community First is looking at starting pop-up pantries. Library has been instrumental with Food Distribution, May 19 will be last one. Gave update on library circulation statistics. Learn a new language classes have been well attended.

11) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Gagnon/Donovan) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:33 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor

Patricia Parker, City Clerk