

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 1, 21 5:00 PM, in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:00 pm.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present.
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
June 5 is Family Fest at Washburn Co Fairgrounds. There will be many activities going on. Reminded residents to keep their lawns mowed. School will be dismissing on 6/10 for summer.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) 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 5/4/21 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to approve monthly payables cks: 45965-46076, 20210503, 20210520, 21050401-21050404, 21051901-21051906. 202105201-202105202;
 - c) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Park Permits;
Centennial Park:
 - Spooner Garden Club, 6/5 – Plant SaleRailroad Park:
 - Spooner Chamber, 6/2 & 7/7
 - Carl Skluzacek, 6/13
 - Spooner/Trego Lions, 5/27, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26 & 9/23
 - Randi Swanson, 8/7–Class Reunion
 - Brad Patchin, 8/21–Class Reunion
 - Rolling Hills Snowmobile & ATV Club, 9/5
 - Spooner Garden Club, 9/23
 - d) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation Request to approve Licenses;
Temporary Picnic License for Spooner Cardinals–06/05, 06/12, 06/18-06/19, 06/27, 07/18, 07/28, & 08/01/21;
Class A Combination Liquor License 7/1/21–6/30/22 for Schmitz's Economart, Kwik Trip 329, Spooner Marathon, & Saw This;
Class A Liquor License 7/1/21–6/30/22 for The Chocolate Factory;
Class A Beer Combination (Cider Only) License 7/1/21–6/30/22 for Holiday Stationstore #14;
Class B Beer License 7/1/21–6/30/22 for Denelie's Pizza & Sam Hicks Restaurant;
Class B Combination Liquor License 7/1/21–6/30/22 for Big Dick's Buckhorn Inn, Corner House Pub, Jerseys Sports Bar & Grill, La Cabana, Liquid Lounge, Bass Hunters Saloon, Round Man Brewing Co, Tony's Riverside, Wobblin' Duck Saloon, with exception of change in premise for Jerseys Sports Bar;
Class B Beer License and Class C Wine 7/1/21–6/30/22 for Nicks Family Restaurant;
 - e) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Extraterritorial CSM For Justin Bluse, Part of SW ¼ of NE ¼ & NW ¼ of SE ¼, Town of Evergreen, Washburn County, WI, W7871 Hwy 70;
 - f) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Ordinance Section 74-59 Junked Vehicles;
Motion (Gagnon/Parker) to approve items a–f on consent agenda. Discussion: Dunn asked about the process for reserving Railroad Park Pavilion & what constitutes as not-for-profit. Marx suggested bringing this back to committee to address. Ortmann asked for clarification on items e & f. Marx explained. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Resolution 21-12, 06-01-21 Authorize Submission of CDI Grant;
Dunn explained this is needed for grant to help with postal building demolition & park improvements which will include two electrical vehicle charging stations. Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to approve Resolution 21-12, 06-01-21 Authorize Submission of CDI grant. PASSED.
 - b) Acceptance of 2020 Audit Report;
Dunn reported we received an unmodified opinion on the 2020 financial statement, which is the highest opinion that the city can earn. Motion (Dunn/Gabriel) to accept 2020 Audit Report. PASSED.
 - c) Resolution 21-13, 06-01-21 2020 CMAR Report;
Marx stated the utility files a CMAR report annually with DNR. One point comes up every year regarding groundwater reflecting Nitrates, which we continue to monitor. Motion (Coquilllette/Parker) to approve Resolution 21-13, 06-01-21 2020 CMAR Report. 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 explained there was discussion regarding opening Centennial Park restrooms. Currently, city does not have anyone available to clean same. After discussion with Cheri Nickels, Washburn County Health Dept., we will continue to hold course. At this time, City is looking for someone to clean restrooms. Also, Council consensus is not require vaccinated employees to quarantine after travel. Motion (Reiter/Parker) to hold course & not require employees to quarantine after travel. PASSED.
 - e) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to recommend Council approve River St Project Design Changes for Storm Sewer, Electric Hand Holes, Lighting Accessories, Green Blvd Color;
Marx reported that Municipal Operations recommends approval of River St project design changes. Marx asked if light & banner holders are needed on every light pole from Maple to Poplar. Dunn confirmed BID's plan to have a banner on every light pole. Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to approve River St Project Design changes for Storm Sewer, Electric Hand Holes, Lighting Accessories, Green Blvd Color. PASSED.
- 10) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report Apr 21;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to accept Apr 21 financial report as presented. PASSED.

b) Chief's Report;

Chief Christman reported assisting with traffic control for tree pick-up day at Spooner Ag Station &, also, provided for food distribution at Washburn Co Hwy Shop. Officers participated in Kids & Trucks event, approximately 80 people attended. Chief was invited to meet with Faith in Action & spoke about scams, home & community safety, & drug disposal at SPD. Zuercher/Central Square computer program has gone live, working on fine tuning some issues. Spooner Police Foundation will be hosting annual Foot Pursuit 5K on 6/6 & Family Festival is on 6/5. Officer Peterson has tendered his Letter of Resignation, final day is 5/30/21. Chief attended Hwy Safety mtg, discussed upcoming Spooner Rodeo & speed limit concern on STH 70 due to North Ambulance relocating. Officers responded to a single vehicle fatal crash on Roundhouse Rd, arrested a subject in possession of both Meth & Heroin & drug paraphernalia. Officers responded to numerous mental health calls, including a self-inflicted stab wound & emergency detention. Captain Kronberger & Officer Tucker attended SWAT training. Part Time Officers are filling full time staffing needs. This has caused numerous shifts having to be worked with single coverage. Total incidents: 1006.

c) BID Report;

Dunn reported BID met. Starting to look at different types of Christmas lights & banners for new light poles. Also, looking at types of advertising during USH 63 road construction next yr. Downtown was very busy this past weekend.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Coquillette reported not attending meeting due to schedule conflict with Board of Review.

e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter reported brochures are done. Displayed pictures of pavilion with rail installed in parking area, weigh station with tracks & fence & restoration done on Roundhouse. Planted a tree for Arbor Day. Installing an outdoor bulletin board that will display a reservation calendar & other information.

f) Library Liaison Report;

Gagnon reported library received a donation of \$50,000 from Judith Olstrom. June 1st starts summer reading program. Glass barrier will remain up at library. Opening up library, Mon–Wed mask required & Thurs–Sat masks will not be required. Tice Technology will be installing new security cameras. Library will be present, at locations for Books & Bread program, to check out books. Book sale raised \$1042.00.

11) ADJOURNMENT;

Mayor announced that Chet Peterson passed away, longtime resident & City of Spooner St Superintendent for many years. Keep his family in our thoughts & prayers.

Motion (Gagnon/Ortmann) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:48 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Patricia Parker, City Clerk