

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Jul 6, 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, Dunn arrived at 5:10 pm
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
It's rodeo week. Rodeo kicks off starting Thurs & goes through Saturday. Rodeo Parade is Saturday at noon & Spooner/Trego Lions Club BBQ is Saturday starting at 3:30. Reminder to residents to keep lawns mowed. City received several acknowledgments, from families, thanking us for memorial for their loved one.
- 6) Police Officer Oath of Office;
Mayor deferred Police Officer Oath of Office to August council mtg.
- 7) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gabriel/Donovan) 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 6/1/21 Council Mtg & 6/22 Special Council Mtg;
 - b) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Park Permits;
 - Centennial Park, Sec 1–Railroad Memories Museum, 7/10/21, 7 am–4 pm
 - Centennial Park, Sec 1–Railroad Memories Museum, 8/6 & 8/7/21, 6 am-4pm
 - Railroad Park Pavilion–Paul Johnson, 7/7 & 8/11, 11:30 am-1pm & 9/8 & 10/13, 11 am-1pm Picnic Use Only;
 - Railroad Park–Spooner Library, 7/17/21, 10 am–2 pm & 5pm–9 pm
 - c) * Plan Commission Recommendation to Allow Keeping of Chickens at 1301 High St;
 - d) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Guarantee 1 PT Police Officer 36 hours per Pay Period;
 - e) *Municipal Operations & Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to Adopt 2021 Urban Forestry Stewardship Plan;
 - f) * Property Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to Advertise for Bids For Surplus Chain-link Fence at Former Humane Society Property;
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve items a–f on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 9) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Approve Monthly Payables Cks: 46077-46282, 20210520, 20210603, 20210615, 20210621, 21051901-21051906, 21060201-21060204, 21061501-21061506, 202105201-202105202, 202106201-202106202;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve monthly payable checks as listed above. PASSED.
 - b) Property Planning Committee Recommendation to Approve Amended City Facility Policy & Reservation Form; Marx explained committee addressed cleaning deposit & recommends amending permit to state “applicant shall agree to assume full responsibility for cleanup costs”. Applicant will acknowledge by signing application. Motion (Parker / Ortmann) to approve amendment to city facility policy & reservation form. PASSED.
 - c) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to make no Changes to Pioneer Drive, Beaver Street & South Front St area;
Coquillet explained a request was received to revisit traffic flow in area of W Beaver Street. Received several calls from the neighborhood opposing making any changes to street. Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to not make changes to Pioneer Drive, Beaver Street & South Front Street area. PASSED.
 - d) Property Planning & Development Committee & Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Preliminary Plan for Former Postal Facility Demolition & Park Development Plan & Submit WEDC CDI Grant Application;
Reiter reported Railroad Park Board, FORRP & BID have all viewed plan & approved. Marx sent a draft of application to WEDC subcommittee, thought it would be a good project. Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) to approve preliminary plan for former postal facility demolition & park development plan & submit WEDC CDI Grant application. PASSED.
 - e) Solar Project;
Marx reported solar field is up, but still in testing phase. They are working on issues with interconnect.
 - f) WI DOT Grant Opportunity Hwy K;
Marx explained this project came from Washburn Co Hwy Commissioner asking if we would partner with them. Funding of this grant is 80% federal & 20% local. City's share would be a portion of part through city. There may be need to pay for extra lanes, curb & gutter & possibility utilities. Grant is open for applications, construction years are 2022–2025. Motion (Dunn/Ortmann) to participate in Hwy K grant opportunity. PASSED.
 - g) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to return to Pre-COVID restrictions regarding city facilities with exception that Centennial Park Restroom remain closed & that Portable Toilets be placed there;
Reiter reported city facilities are open except restrooms in Centennial Park remains closed. Dunn has had negative feedback about portable toilets in park. Marx suggested contacting Ventures Unlimited for cleaning possibilities. Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to approve portable toilets at Centennial Park & to inquire at Ventures Unlimited and/or advertise for a cleaning person. PASSED.
 - h) Request to use City Logo on Bricks for Railroad Park;
Reiter received a request to use city logo on a brick for Railroad Park. Dave Zalodek will be engraving bricks. Bricks will be used around historic signs. Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to approve use of city logo on bricks for Railroad Park. PASSED.
- 10) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report May 21;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to accept May 21 financial report as presented. PASSED.
Dunn left mtg at 5:23 p.m.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Chief Christman attended Family Festival & hand-outs were given to children. These giveaways were provided by Spooner Police Foundation. Spooner Police Foundation held its 5K, which was well attended. Chief & Captain Kronberger met with Community Alliance for Prevention. This is a grant funded program to address juvenile issues & serves as an alternative to citations for first time offenders. Interviewed candidates for vacant officer positions.

Dakota Dorn & Raymond Nelson accepted positions. Plans are underway for upcoming Spooner Rodeo. A dept mtg was held in conjunction with training. Officers participated in our annual firearms qualification shoot. Officers conducted a welfare check, subject found deceased with a suspected self-inflicted gunshot wound. Officers responded to a grass fire at Veterans Memorial Park caused by a Chinese lantern. Officers have observed that ATV's have been tearing up gravel at Railroad Park pavilion parking lot, will continue to monitor this area. Numerous junk citations have been issued for a property on Benjamin St. Officers responded to a fight in-progress call. Three people were arrested & methamphetamine & drug paraphernalia were included in charges. Officers have responded to numerous suspicious vehicle & persons calls. Officers attended an A-Ride class, hosted at Spooner Police Department. Total incidents—976.

c) BID Report;

Dunn reported downtown is very busy.

d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Coquillet reported there are major issues with counties. County Assoc is being pressured to have ARPA funds issued by state, not municipalities. Only county not in group is Dane. Redistricting is back on hold.

e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter reported Dave Zalodek will be engraving bricks. Two more benches will be installed in park. Phase 2 of brick restoration has begun. Actively fundraising for phase 2. Perlick's Distillery is providing a summer drink, they will donate \$3.00 per drink. FORRP was award AARP Small Dollar Big Impact Grant for \$1000 to purchase 3 charcoal grills for park.

f) Library Liaison Report;

Gagnon reported library continues to be hub of active for community. Board has decided \$50,000 donation should go into a separate bldg fund acct. Library continues to adhere to COVID guidelines. There will be some updates done to break room & installation of a door accessibility to restroom. There is a Board member vacancy to be filled. Recent inventory reflected that 103 items are missing over last 5 yrs. Books & Bread program update was given. Ready to Eat & Emergency Food Bags will be available in library entry way. Circulation is starting to return to normal. Sandy Mackie Gazebo dedication is July 17.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

John Parker announced, after this year, WI DOT will no longer allow closing of USH 63 for Spooner Rodeo Parade. Dick Fankhauser & John Parker, along with Rodeo Royalty were in Eau Claire to promote rodeo.

Motion (Parker/Reiter) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:46 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor

Patricia Parker, City Clerk