

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Oct 5, 2021 5:00 PM, in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5:00 pm.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 6 present, 2 absent (Coquillet & Gabriel)
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
Angie spoke on One Book, One Community Event. Library received a grant & purchased 224 copies of "Midnight Library". Library will be hosting a community discussion on 10/28 from 6:00–7:45 pm via Zoom.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Mayor announced Jack-O-Lantern Fest will be held Oct 16th in municipal parking lot on Walnut St. Chief Christman stated Police Department will host their Halloween Trick or Treat on Oct 31st. Fall Clean-up is Nov 6th from 7 to 11 a.m. Tires will be accepted, but no electronics. Alderperson Coquillet is in hospital, keep him in your prayers. This is Patricia Parker's last council mtg. There will be an open house on Oct 8th starting at 11:30 am. Thanked Patricia for her service to city & well wishes on her retirement.
- 6) Halloween Proclamation;
Mayor Cuskey read 2021 Halloween Proclamation. Motion (Donovan/Reiter) to approve 2021 Halloween Proclamation. PASSED.
- 7) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) 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 09/07/21 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Approve monthly payables cks: 46525-46644, 20210903, 20210908, 20210920, 21090801-21090804, 21092101-21092106, 2021092001-202109203 ;
 - c) *Plan Commission & Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Site Plan Review Beecroft Shop (Hwy 70 East Southwest of Armory) & Well Permit for truck filling only, not to be connected to bldg plumbing;
 - d) * Park Permit Request: Spooner Railroad Park–Spooner Memorial Library, Wed (October-December) from 9:30-11:15 am;
 - e) * Temporary Street Closure:
 - Spooner Chamber of Commerce–Jack-O-Lantern Fest, Municipal Parking Lot, High St, & 300 block of Walnut, Oct 15-17, 2021
 - Lakeland Family Resource Center–Family Night/Safe Trick or Treating Event, Oct 29, 21 from 4:00–8:00 pm;Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to approve items a–e on consent agenda. PASSED.
- 9) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Finance & Safety & License Recommendation to Order K-9 Vehicle \$31,337;
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to approved ordering K-9 vehicle for \$31,337.00. PASSED.
 - b) 2022 Property & Liability Insurance;
Marx explained recd a quote from WI League of Municipalities for \$94,337.00. Last year's premium with EMC was \$109,389.00, we would see a savings of \$15,052 from last yr. We have yet to receive a quote from our current carrier. General Fund insurance portion is \$39,178.00. There is an addition benefit that would be available to us, but would like to discuss at finance. Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to approve changing property & Liability insurance to League plan. PASSED.
 - c) 2022 Budget;
Marx explained currently, we are over budget by \$24,991. We will adjust blacktop capital outlay by same. Budget notice needs to be sent to newspaper this week for publication. Motion (Dunn/Parker) to approve publishing 2022 budget with adjustment. PASSED.
 - d) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve S E H Change Order For USH 63 Sewer & Water Project Construction Engineering \$54,500;
Marx stated this is in regard to USH 63 project. Initially, S E H proposed 30 hours a wk for project; change order to 50 hrs a wk, total contract \$125,050. Motion (Dunn/Donovan) to approve S E H change order for USH 63 Sewer & Water Project Construction Engineering for \$54,500. PASSED.
 - e) Amendment to Section 2-5 Wards & Aldermanic Districts Established, 10/05/21;
Marx stated for record a Class 2 Notice of amendment was published. Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve amendment to Section 2-5 Wards & Aldermanic Districts established, 10/05/2021. PASSED.
 - f) Amendment to Section 2-6 Ward Blocks, 10/05/21;
Motion (Dunn/Donovan) to approve amendment to Section 2-6 Ward Blocks, 10/05/2021. PASSED.
 - g) DOT Order Centennial Park;
Marx explained city was ordered, by WI DOT, that a couple trees, in Centennial Park, need to be trimmed back or removed. After viewing, trimming on one side of trees would be unattractive, so consensus is to try trimming on both sides to see what it looks like.
 - h) Highway K 2024;
See discussion under item k.
 - i) Vision Triangle Painting Summit & Front Streets;
Marx reported Chief Christman & Dave Olson have been looking at intersections on Summit & Front Sts, as obstructions are common in these areas. There needs to be a 25' vision triangle painted at these intersections for safety concerns. There will be loss of some parking stalls.
 - j) Update on Washburn County Health Department Guidelines for Operating City Facilities;

Reiter reported we continue to monitor Washburn County Health Department Guidelines & will remain status quo. Because we are at a heightened level, CDC recommends face masks when inside. Dunn questioned if we were still following Washburn County guidelines. Mayor Cuskey reiterated that anyone wishing to wear a mask, to please do so.

- k) Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to Proceed with Hwy K 2024, Joint Project with Washburn County;

Marx explained Washburn County Highway Commissioner found funding that is 80% federal & 20% local to fund Hwy K improvements from River St to Sunset Lane. City would partner with County in paying for portion located within city. Estimate total cost of \$1.5 million, local share of \$354,236, City portion \$77,250.00 includes water main. Motion (Reiter/Parker) to support proceeding with Hwy K 2024, joint project with Washburn County. PASSED.

- l) Property Planning Committee Recommendation to Authorize signage at RR Park to state "Park is open at sunrise to 11 pm, No Parking for ATV and Snowmobile Trailer Parking and No Overnight Parking"; Reiter explained Railroad Park Board continues to address situations as they arise. Board would like signage to state the park's hours and parking restrictions, so police dept has guidance for enforcement. Motion (Reiter/Dunn) to approved authorized signage, with exception to remove parking for, at Railroad Park. PASSED.

- m) Approve Mayor's appointment to Railroad Park Board, Jon Alesch, to fill unexpired term;

Mayor explained that Joel Zimmerman has resigned from Railroad Park Board and would like to appoint Jon Alesch to fill Zimmerman's unexpired term. Motion (Ortmann/Parker) to approve Mayor's appointment to Railroad Park Board, Jon Alesch to fill unexpired term. PASSED.

- n) FORP Request for Lighting;

Reiter reported met with Chief Christman to discuss recent vandalism at Railroad Park. Discussed adding 4 lights to park. Marx stated 2 poles are too short, would not project light out far enough. Two other poles have lights that can be reconnected. Marx suggested waiting to see what type of light it provides before expending additional money.

10) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

- a) Financial Report Aug 2021;

Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to accept Aug 21 financial report as presented. PASSED.

- b) Chief's Report;

Chief Christman reported plans are being made for Halloween Event at Spooner PD garage on Halloween night. Nation Drug Take back Day is Oct 23rd from 10 a.m.–2:00 pm at Spooner PD lobby. Continue to distribute medication lock boxes & drug disposal packets in addition to our medication drop box. Chief Christman will be mtg with FORP regarding building cameras & security for Railroad Park. Officers have made several drug related arrests, as well as OWI arrests. Officers responded to a report of a suicidal 7 yr old, made a lot of traffic stops & are monitoring work zone on USH 63, along with school zones. Officers discovered & received complaints of a make-shift camp erected in College Street Park woods. Camp was removed & site cleaned up by City workers. Subject responsible was identified & cited. Restitution for clean-up cost will be requested in court. Total incidents: 819.

- c) BID Report;

Dunn reported BID met & continues to discuss USH 63 project. Contracted out our social media with Chamber. Does not believe downtown will be having trick or treating this yr. Downtown looked very nice this summer.

- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

No report.

- e) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter reported Board talked about security. People are enjoying park. Started painting & staining windows. Lumberjack Hockey Team helped with this project. Will be putting in stamped concrete walkway from parking lot to pavilion. Work will be starting on brick walls. Donations continue to come in. Ordered 2 more benches. Application was submitted for LP grant.

- f) Library Liaison Report;

Gagnon reported library board has reinstated an additional day of masking & limiting number of people in areas. Library Bd meets 4th Tuesday of every month, anyone is welcome to attend. Highlighted activities & other opportunities happening at library. Library will be hosting a pumpkin carving & scare crow contest during Jack-O-Lantern Fest. Library continues Books & Bread, Community First care packages & Compassion Kitchen programs. Angie reported they are applying for ARPA funds to purchase a book mobile. Circulation is getting back to normal. First graders will be coming in October to get their library cards. Met with S E H to discuss ideas for library expansion and/or building.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Parker/Ortmann) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:57 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Patricia Parker, City Clerk