

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Feb 1, 2022 5PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present, 0 absent
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Swear in Noah Anderson, Police Patrol Officer;
Due to scheduling, Anderson wasn't able to attend. Mayor formally swore him in few weeks ago, but will have Officer Anderson attend March's mtg.
- 6) Mayor's Comments;
No comments other than reminders about no parking between 2am-6am from Nov 1 – Mar 31. Also, please remember to remove snow from sidewalks and keep them clear.
- 7) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gagnon/Reiter) to approve agenda. PASSED.
- 8) CONSENT AGENDA:
****All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine and will be enacted by 1 motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless Council member so requests, in which event item will be removed from General Order of Business and considered at this point to agenda.**
 - a) *Accept Minutes from Jan 4, 2022 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Municipal Recommendation to Approve Parking Lot Closure Permit Request – North Country Master Gardener Volunteer Association Drive Through Plant Pick Up S End Front Street Lot, 5-21-22 6AM-12PM;
 - c) * Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Certified Survey Map 1204-1206 Grant St., Subject to 2/07/22 BOA Variance to Allow 0' Common Lot Line to Divide a Duplex into 2 Lots;
 - d) *RR Park Committee Recommendation to Approve Earmark Grant Funds for Band Shell in Front Area of Park, Expansion of Current Cement Pad, and to move Forward in Applying for State Farm Grant;
 - e) *RR Park Committee Recommendation to Approve Jon Alesch Proceed with RR Park as his Thesis;Motion (Reiter/) to approve items a - e on consent agenda, pull and discuss c,d,e. Marx explained c) Planning Commission conditionally approved dependent on Board of Appeals decision. Owner would like to sell home as a twin home with shared wall. First time City has had this type of request, but it is similar to condominiums already approved in City. d) Reiter is pulling this item, because quote she received for band shell/gazebo is more than expected. Will need to do fundraising and would like City's permission. Also, explained State Farm grant came up suddenly and deadline is very soon; believes committee isn't ready to submit for grant because they are not in agreement with size that was recommended by lumber sales rep and placement isn't agreed upon. Need time to discuss and can apply for State Farm grant next year when better prepared. e) explained Alesch's thesis will be the development of RR Park with emphasis on Roundhouse.
Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) to approve items a - c, e, striking d. PASSED.
- 9) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Accept Land Donation For Canoe Landing;
Marx explained this has been a 50 year lease. Hotel has recently changed ownership and they discovered there are taxes assessed to the property. New owners would like to offer land to City as a donation for canoe landing access. Parking on S Front St for anyone who is using access.
Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) to accept land donation along river for canoe landing. PASSED.
 - b) Municipal Operations Recommendation to Approve Rodeo Parade Route on Roundhouse Road from Rustic Ln to Paulson Dr 7/9/22, 6 AM-3 PM;
Coquillette addressed request to have parade on Roundhouse Rd for 2022 due to road construction on River St this summer. Parade committee is asking for permission to use this temporary parade route that would start at Rustic Ln and run south to Lamperts. Chief Christman met with Christine Dobbe, Parade Committee Chair to discuss. There is a staging area on city owned property off of Lampert Dr that would keep prep area off of streets away from residents.
Motion (Dunn/Donovan) to approve parade route on Roundhouse Rd for 2022. PASSED.
 - c) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Maintain Status Quo for Public Properties and Buildings;
Nothing new; maintain status quo.
 - d) Approve Monthly Payables Cks 47009-47159, 20220104, 20220113, 20220120, 202201201-202201204, 22012601-22012606, 202201201-202201203;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve the monthly payable cks. PASSED.
 - e) River St Project;
State will have meeting here at City Hall on Mar 10, 2022 from 5pm to 6:30pm to discuss upcoming project with residents. This isn't City meeting, but Council is welcome to attend. Utility Superintendent discovered a possible decrease in budget with pull boxes that could cut significant cost to project. Will discuss with engineering company further. Pull boxes are set in boulevard and underground wire passes through them. With current design there is potential to eliminate some of boxes. Residents will need to line up plumber to get water and sewer hooked up to their homes during project.
 - f) Former Post Office Demolition Extra Cost;
Additional cost was due to large 6' pile of sand under building slab. Marx authorized the extra cost of \$5,228.75. Sand was moved to the RR Park and County used rest of the sand.
Motion (Dunn/Ortmann) to approve additional cost of \$5,228.75 for the former post office demolition. Roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 opposed. PASSED.
 - g) Band shell Project, discuss possible locations;
Reiter – committee will go back to the drawing board and look at band shell size and placement. Marx did check with WI EDC about additional cost. They are ok with the City spending more on the project, but we can't deviate from our original estimate for additional grants funds
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report Dec 2021;
Motion (Parker/Reiter) to accept monthly financial report for Dec 2021. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Replaced squad computer as needed upgrade. Currently, presenting Right Track program to 6th graders and will present to 7th graders next, since they were not able to attend last year because of Covid restrictions. Noah Anderson has started his FTO training. SPD had assistance, from SFD and WC Sheriff, for a missing person, who had been missing for 4 hours. Person was found and transported, by ambulance, for medical evaluation. Have had number of traffic crashes. Sent out numerous warnings for snow removal including property on Walnut

St that is continuously non-compliant. Officers have made numerous OWI arrests and investigating domestic incident. Officers responded to suicidal juvenile. Also, investigating sexual assault involving juveniles and missing adult. Officers have been called to SHS for a juvenile out of control, as well as, a parent being disorderly at SMS. 130 cases, 782 contacts for 912 total.

c) BID Report;

Bid is getting busy preparing for summer road construction. Chamber and WC Tourism is helping prepare. There will be sign changes during every stage of project. Staying within DOT parameters. White Birch Printing will create banners, but will need help prepping and attaching banners to signs. Hoping the Street Department can assist. Will need to have signage completed by Apr 1st. Signage will be located in Siren and Cumberland for the detour in 1st stage. Marx mentioned that street department might not have time to work on signs especially if delayed too long. It was suggested that possibly reaching out to SHS tech dept might be a good back up. Mr. Linton or Mr. Tischer would be good contacts. Flowers will be scaled back with no hanging baskets and less pots. Businesses will take responsibility for pots on Walnut St. Would like to have flowers in the parking areas to be more inviting. BID is also contracting with Chamber to help with mailing lists and social media.

d) Railroad Park Update;

Working on appropriate paperwork for the end of year for 501 3c. Donations and grants received were approximately \$66,000, which is over IRS threshold. Website is under construction. Subcommittee for landscaping has been formed. A lot of planning during winter months. Mayor thanked Reiter for incredible job.

e) Library Liaison Report;

Gagnon reported on the library's 2021 year end statistics. Also, highlighted the number of events happening at the library including author Chad Lewis doing an online discussion. Many clubs are starting up again. A focus, for library personnel, is looking for a way to involve teens in library programs and they are starting a teen planning group. Upcoming book sale with a long list of excluded items. Many upcoming events that are beyond books happening at library.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:43pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer