

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS

Apr 7, 2022 5PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY; None.
- 5) Arbor Day Proclamation;
Read Arbor Day Proclamation.
Motion (Gabriel/Donovan) to proclaim Friday, April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day.
- 6) Mayor's Comments;
Spring Clean Up is on May 7th. Road construction started on south side and working to north. Would like everyone to be patient with traffic issues. There is a lot of frustration, but considering how old highway is, infrastructure needed to be updated. BID created promotional video to get message that Spooner is still open and visitors welcome. Be positive about the road construction; it will be good for community. We can't have a major project like this without inconvenience. It will be worth it. Hwy 70 will be open and paved, at the intersection of Hwy 70/63, by Memorial Day.
- 7) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) 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 a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point to agenda.
 - a) *Accept Mins from Mar 1, 2022 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Extra Territorial CSM Borelli, S27, T39N, R12W, Town of Spooner and Extra Territorial CSM Foss, S28, T39N, R12W, Town of Spooner;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables checks: 47244 – 47400, 20220222, 20220303, 20220314, 20220321, 20220323, 2022201-2022206, 22030801-22030804, 22032201-22032206, 202202181-202202181-202202183, 202203201-202203203;
 - d) *Municipal Operations and RR Park Committees Recommendation to Approve Park Permits:
 - Railroad Park, May 4, 2022, Rolling Hills Snowmobile & ATV Club, Annual Meeting,
 - Railroad Park, May 28, 2022, Shannon Frederickson, Graduation Party,
 - Railroad Park, June 4, 2022, Terry and Johnna Klein, Graduation Party,
 - Railroad Park, July 16, 2022, Cammy Bauer, Class Reunion;
 - e) *Municipal Operations Committee and Safety & Licensing Committee Recommendation to Approve Canoe Museum Parking Lot Closure and Temporary Class B Picnic License May 28, 2022;
 - f) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request to Waive Sewer Charges-202 Balsam, \$2025.27;
 - g) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Amendment to Section 74-283 (14) Miscellaneous Restrictions (Add 2 hour parking South Side Linn St);
 - h) *RR Park Committee Recommendation to Approve the Cooper Engineering Gateway;Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to approve consent agenda, items a – h. PASSED.
- 9) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Intent to Vacate Cornerstone Alley;
There is change with Cornerstone Church has hired attorney and she has found way that we don't have to do Resolution. Will get more information to have Council act on May 3rd. This will be simplified. No action needed today.
 - b) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Ford Dump Truck \$81,691 with anticipated Increase in Price of 10% at Delivery Swant Graber Auto Group;
Delivery is expected in 2023 – 2024, will be budgeted item in future. Doesn't affect this year's budget. Need Council to approve purchase to be able to order dump truck.
Motion (Gagnon/Parker) to approve the purchase Ford Dump Truck \$81,691 with anticipated price increase of approximately 10%. PASSED.
 - c) Finance Committee Recommendation to Award Financing for River St Project \$800,000 to CCF Bank for a 20 yr term at 2.57%;
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to award financing for River St Project \$800,000 to CCF Bank for a 20 yr term at 2.57%. PASSED.
 - d) Finance Committee Recommendation to Award Electric Utility Revenue Note Substation Improvements \$1,200,000 to Shell Lake State Bank for a 10 yr loan at 2.50%;
Motion (Reiter/Dunn) to award Electric Utility Revenue Note for Substation Improvements to Shell Lake State Bank \$1,200,000 for a 10 yr loan at 2.50%. PASSED.
 - e) Finance Committee Recommendation to approve upgrade for billing systems total to be split among Utilities and General Fund \$15,450;
Motion (Dunn/Ortmann) upgrade billing systems total to be split among Utilities and General Fund \$15,450. PASSED.
 - f) Finance Committee Recommendation to move CDBG Checking Account to CCF Bank;
Bank of the West is being sold to different bank and this change would have all accounts at same bank.
Motion (Gagnon/Donovan) to move CDBG Checking Account to CCF Bank. PASSED.
 - g) Proposal to Update Internet- Hardware \$1,000, Labor \$510-\$1,020 Tice Tech;
Continuing computer issues and this new update would help us have the speed of internet that we are paying for from provider.
Motion (Parker/Gagnon) to approve Internet Update, Hardware \$1,000 and Labor to Tice Tech \$510-\$1,020. PASSED.
 - h) Plan Commission Recommendation to Reject Request for Storage Containers, 306, 308, 310 N Front St Site Plan;
Ortmann - Scott Corbin found containers that would be acceptable and feels containers should have been allowed since they were within Ordinance. Could change language to read as intended. He did his work to look at Ordinance. Marx – the provision doesn't allow storage containers. Storage containers are to be temporary and these that he wanted were permanent or long-term. Further discussion. Containers are not consistent with comprehensive plan, not consistent with intent. He was advised to speak to building inspector and he didn't. Building inspector deem containers should be prohibited. Ortmann feels he did what he could. Other members felt he found a loophole. Gabriel containers are not affixed to the ground and are considered mobile unit.
Motion (Parker/Coquilllette) to deny the request for storage containers, 306, 308, 310 N Front St Site Plan. Yes - 7 No – 1. PASSED.

i) Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Chapter 86, Article I, In General, Amend Section 86-12 Definitions, Storage Containers;

Updated language to clean up Ordinance. Changes are to read containers of any size. Marx researched other communities, all but 1 require them to be temporary. Temporary to equal not more than 30 days. We define temporary as 7 days while moving or constructing something. Can be extended by permission of zoning administrator.

Motion (Ortmann/Dunn) to Amend Chapter 86, Article I, In General, Amend Section 86-12 Definitions, Storage Containers. PASSED.

j) Request for Hardship to allow Temporary Storage Container 1400 Roundhouse Road for 2 months; Mark Olson, HSI, is a wholesaler and they import. They have supply chain issues. Have taken in supplies in 7 days what was supposed to be over 4 months. They have to inspect, sort and package and they don't have room for all of product. Found semi-trailer that he will park at his loading dock. Will be same location as his trucks. Could be up to 2 months or it could be shorter or longer. Feels they should be done by end of June.

Motion (Dunn/Gabriel) to allow Temporary Storage Container at 1400 Roundhouse Rd until June 30, 2022. PASSED.

k) River St Project;

- Proposal to Extend Each Project Segment by 2 Blocks as the Project Progresses to Facilitate Completing the Project and Keeping Piping and Roadway Crews Onsite;

Contractor for State has started it today. There are two crews working and to keep them here, they will extend area at 2 blocks at a time. This will keep piping crew here and working continuously. Will open intersections as they go by them. By facilitating this, it can continue to move forward more quickly. Lauren, from Chamber, is aware of changing plans and will update signage as needed. All the piping, water, sewer and storm sewer will be complete in sections as they move north. Working on utility issues. Should maintain ample parking around project areas. House will be going next week at 63/70 intersection. Mayor asked for everyone's patience during project.

- Approval of Police Chief's intention to exercise his authority in Sec-156 Noise (7) Police Chief Permit to allow Construction Noise on River St 6 AM to 9 PM Monday through Saturday, and (9) Exceptions (b) Work done on behalf of city or state;

Chief - this will hasten process. Will extend the hours of operation for noise to help keep project moving. Major provision for work being done outside normal hours is public construction on behalf of City.

- Other - Temporary Lighting

Supply chain issues will likely delay our new traffic signals and new street lights until spring 2023. Traffic signal at 63/70 will be on wood posts through the winter. There will be no temporary signal at Walnut Street. Power lines crossing at every alley will have street lights on poles. Notified at informational meeting. Marx applied for a funding opportunity that he was notified by Tammy Baldwin office. It is a funding opportunity through federal appropriations.

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

a) Financial Rpt Feb 2022;

Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to accept the Feb 2022 Mthly Financial Rpt. PASSED.

b) Chief's Report;

Wrapped up 7th Grade Right Track and will hold graduations for both 6th Grade and 7th Grade. Interview for PT officer and offer extended. Officers are attending their annual training. Management training for Chief and Captain is next week. Officers are monitoring traffic flow and congestion from closing of Hwy 63/70 intersection. Officers have been investigating a death, possible drug overdose. 2 search warrants were conducted with WBSO search on 2 City residences. Assisted WBSO with high speed chase, subject was taken into custody without incident. Officers are investigating child neglect case and keeping of drug house. Numerous retail theft incidents. 153 cases, 940 contacts for total of 1,093. K9 Rex and Tucker have been certified in narcotics. Completion date in May. Mayor would like to Commission K9 Rex and Officer Austin at Council.

c) BID Report;

Dunn – all about construction. Spoke about promotional video and it was filmed in way that they can edit it later and be used in future without emphasis on construction. They have signs all around. Branded logo and it can be used for all things related to the construction. Thanked Dave Olson and Street Department for their help with signs. The Churchill's and Jamie Dunn took signs to Siren and Cumberland. Feels the signs have good placement with good visibility. Will use the same branding on billboard. There has been a lot of effort and initiative on this project. Beginning of May, focus will be to get tourists here. We are open for business. Have other promotional ideas planned to encourage people downtown. BID has planned and saved money for this purpose.

d) Railroad Park Update;

Gearing up for summer working on brick wall and freshening up turntable area. Getting park benches out. Park permits have been steadily increasing. People are really noticing Park with old post office gone. Entrance delayed to spring 2023. Plans, from Cooper, have been approved for gateway. Cuskey is excited to see concept that was started many years ago, make momentum and moving forward with plans.

e) Library Liaison Report;

Spring newsletter's front page has neat old building on cover. This used to be library. Every month library has so much activity for children and adults. Highlights of month are the Bookmobile has been purchased. It is 2021 Dodge Ram Promaster 3500 Cargo Van. Cost to purchase was approximately \$55,000. Local car enthusiasts will work with Josh Saunders to convert this van into bookmobile. Masking requirements have been lifted and is optional. Books and Bread helped 134 households in March. Compassion Kitchen is having problems getting pre-packaged food, so food will be ordered individually and packaged at library. Food is free through Feed My People with anonymous signup required. Checkouts in February were up slightly over 2021. Bring attention to items within newsletter like Tech Help. You can download digital books. Anything you want to learn you should be able to find it at Gale Courses, which are free, just sign up.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to adjourn the mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer