

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS  
May 3, 2022 5PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Council President Gabriel called meeting to order at 5p.m. for Mayor who reported he would be late. Mayor arrived at 5:01 p.m.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY; None
- 5) Beth Cunningham WI DOT River St Update  
Project manager, but isn't on site day to day. Project moving faster than planned with weather cooperating and great soils. Completion date moved from original completion date of Nov 18 to Oct 14 if things continue; could push up date again. Cunningham briefed Council with next stages and starting times. In next 2 wks, will start milling off blacktop from Greenwood N to Linn St. New asphalt hoping to be done by end of next week. Intersection at Hwy 70 and S Hwy 63 could be open by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Traffic signals are temporary on wood poles, being stoplights are on backorder and will most likely be this way most of summer, possibly could arrive after project. Hwy 63 N of Hwy 70 will remain closed for entire project. Will be able to use Hwy 63 between side streets, but no through traffic. Will continue moving project construction north of Walnut St. Concrete pavement will start week of May 16 north to Walnut St. Will be closed for 2-3 wks to harden and Vine, Ash and Oak Sts will all be closed. Will try to keep Elm St intersection open as long as possible until side streets open south of Walnut St. Trying not to have too many blocks closed at once. Concrete coming in 3 stages. Spruce and Balsam Sts will close mid-June. Hoping to update Council again in June. Not much for supply issues and nothing that will hold up operations. Street lights might be coming in Aug, but there is no guarantee. Appreciate Council's decision to abandon colored concrete for blvds and using plain concrete. Will save money for project, less maintenance and matching colors for each cement load would have been difficult. At some point, excess right way, could be purchased from DOT. It is a legal lot. DOT will not make into green space, but will maintain parcel after construction concludes.
- 6) Mayor's Comments;  
Spring Clean Up on Sat from 7am - 11am. Reminded public of mowing ordinance. Burning leaves strictly prohibited in city.
- 7) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Donovan/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 a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from General Order of Business and considered at this point to agenda.
  - a) \*Accept Min from Apr 7, 2022 Council Mtg and Apr 19,2022 Reorg Mtg;
  - b) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Extra Territorial CSM Dennis, S36, T39N, R13W, Town of Evergreen and Extra Territorial CSM Costello, S27, T39N, R12W, Town of Spooner;
  - c) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve amended Site Plan, Beecroft Shop 625 East Maple St;
  - d) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables checks: 47401 – 47498, 20220323, 20220331, 20220404, 20220414, 20220420, 22040501-22040504, 22042201-22042206, 202204191-202204193;
  - e) \*Municipal Operations and RR Park Committees Recommendation to Approve Park Permits:
    - Railroad Park, Jack Pine Save Days, August 1 – 7, 2022
    - Centennial Park, Spooner Women's Club, August 5 – 6, 2022 (room for RR Museum);
  - f) \*Municipal Operations Committee to not perform voluntary PFAS's Testing on Water System;
  - g) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Application for Temporary Class "B" Picnic License:
    - Spooner Cardinals, May 28 – July 31, 2022 (multiple dates)
    - Spooner Rodeo Committee, Spooner Rodeo Appreciation BBQ, June 15, 2022;
    - Spooner Rodeo Committee, Spooner Rodeo, July 7 – July 9, 2022;
    - Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce, 2022 Jack-O-Lantern Festival, October 8, 2022;Motion (Gabriel/Donovan) to Approve Consent Agenda, items a-g. PASSED.  
Ortmann clarification on following items:  
b – Extra territorial CSM overlaps in legal descriptions, surveyor worked with 2 owners to create solution.  
c – Original site plan approved by Plan Comm had building placed north to south, new building plan is revised to be placed east to west on site.  
f – PFAS testing, common in industrial cities, system was tested by National Guard and there were no PFAS present. City would opt out of voluntary testing, since it is unnecessary testing.
- 9) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Vacation of Cornerstone Alley, Resolution 22-04, 05/03/22;  
Resolution – part of criteria is listed in Ordinance. Notice was given to DOT. Church's attorney has given notice of intent and all steps have been taken care of. Utilities are being removed. Document will be recorded.  
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to Approve Vacation of Cornerstone Alley, Resolution 22-04, 05/03/22. PASSED.
  - b) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Trade of Loader and Snow Blower \$110,984.94 Fabick Cat;  
Offer from Fabick Cat to exchange loader and snow blower. We wouldn't normally trade in equipment at this time, but it was a fantastic deal. Current trade in is \$10k less for what we paid for loader alone. We get both pieces of equipment for less, it is up to date equipment, under warranty, and a good deal across board. Have had present loader for 5 yrs approximately. Both pieces of equipment work together. Funds will come from Street department capital outlay account.  
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to Approve Trade of Loader and Snow Blower \$110,984.94 to Fabick Cat.  
Roll Call Vote: 8 yes votes, 0 no votes. PASSED.
  - c) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Reconditioning of Hydraulic Rams on Dam \$58,000;  
Funds are designated every year for dam for this reason. May need to assign additional funds next year.  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to Approve Reconditioning of Hydraulic Rams on Dam for \$58,000. PASSED.
  - d) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Use Normal Concrete on Boulevards along River Street Instead of Colored;  
Motion (Parker/Ortmann) to Approve Using Normal Concrete on Boulevards along River Street instead of Colored Concrete. PASSED.
  - e) Finance Committee Recommendation to Accept 2021 Audit Rpt;  
Great report; city is in good shape. Same comment as every year with the small office and lack of segregation of duties.

Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to Approve 2021 Audit Rpt. PASSED.

f) Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Chapter 86, Article III, Division 6, Amend Section 86-254 C-1 Prohibited Uses;

Clarification of Ordinance and not allowing storage facilities in commercial zoned areas. Short-term solution, may be revisited at a later time. Will be allowed in industrial zoned properties only.

Motion (Dunn/Donovan) to Amend Chapter 86, Article III, Division 6, Amend Section 86-254 C-1 Prohibited Uses. PASSED.

g) Plan Commission Interpretation of Section 86-461 (b) (3) to mean garage is only accessory building allowed in front yard as long as required setbacks are followed;

Plan Commission interpretation is to allow garage in front yard if it meets 25' setbacks. Garages are defined and could be stand alone or attached. Building inspector wanted clarification being interpretation was up to individual. Garages are not to be in front of house.

Motion (Coquillette/Parker) to Accept Interpretation of Section 86-461 (b) (3) to mean garage is only accessory building allowed in front yard as long as required setbacks are followed. PASSED.

h) Safety & License Committee recommendation to Proceed With Raze Order and Solicit Bids for site Cleanup 706 Benjamin St.;

Reiter – ongoing situation with property owner for approximately 2 years. Have been through court system. Committee feels strongly to proceed with Raze Order. Letter received from owner asking for extension. Garage and belongings are to be removed. Once it has been cleared, an injunction will be added to property that additional junk will be in contempt. Special charge will be lien on property. Can be fined. Kohler writing letter and raze order. Will publish for bids and hoping to have at next month's meeting for approval.

Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to proceed with Raze Order and Solicit Bids for site Cleanup at 706 Benjamin St. PASSED.

i) River St Project;

Nothing additional.

j) Railroad Park Permit – May 22, 2022, 3pm-6pm, SHS Senior Class, 100 people, Pavilion;

Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to Approve Railroad Park Permit, May 22, 2022, SHS Senior Class, 100 people, Pavilion included. PASSED.

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

a) Financial Rpt Mar 2022;

Motion (Reiter/Parker) to Accept the Mar 2022 Monthly Financial Rpt. PASSED.

b) Chief's Rpt;

Right Track Graduations for 6 and 7 Graders. Spooner Police Foundation and Human Service provided water bottles to graduates. School did their annual evacuation drills. Drug Take Back Event was held on Apr 30. As a result of event, 62.80 lbs of unwanted medications were disposed of safely. Volunteers helped at event. No department meeting. Officers have been heavily monitoring detour during construction. No crashes in detour route. Parking tickets issued on Walnut St. Have received numerous complaints regarding graffiti at school and parks. Officers have made numerous OWI arrests. Investigating a sexual assault. SRT called out in County with subject being arrested without incident. 143 cases 774 contacts 917 total.

c) BID Rpt;

Construction is going so fast and downtown is really happy. Signs are going up and stages are moving continuously. Added sign in Shell Lake, because of DOT sign detouring Hwy 63 traffic to Cty Hwy B to Hwy 53. Promotional video hasn't been posted yet, but will closer towards summer to alert tourists. Flowers will be going out on Walnut. No hanging baskets this year. Apr is typically a slower month for retail, so this part of the construction is good timing. Parking lot graded at old post office building. Things are going well so far.

d) Railroad Park Update;

Working together with RR Museum and Friends of RR Park. Display at Chamber with railroad memorabilia for both organizations. Jack Pine Savage coming to park in Aug. Will hold off on some projects, seeding of park, until after that event. Meeting with Tyler Olson to begin paving pathway. Portable toilets are delivered. Working on brick wall that will consist of steel and bricks. Holding off on installing additional benches. Many comments of how nice it is to have old post office gone. Bulletin board is up that contains information.

e) Library Liaison Rpt;

Last board mtg, a lot of discussion centered on where new library will be. Working with Bank of West regarding parking lot. Bookmobile has been sitting in front of library. Nothing in it at this point. Will be used as an outreach program that will attend city and county events and visit area townships. No changes to library board after election. WCEDC – library was awarded Community Business of Year. Received \$800 donation from WC AODC to be used for summer reading program. New employee Lauren Funkhouser. Food programs are ongoing. Various library programs are continuing for children and adults. January – March had 21,748 checkouts. March was up slightly over 2021 numbers. Library continues to be well used.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Gagnon/Ortmann) to adjourn the meeting. PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, Clerk/Treasurer