

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS
July 5, 2022 5PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Gary Cuskey called mtg to order at 5 pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present; 0 absent
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
Lien asked to have Item i pulled from consent agenda.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Spooner Block Party was reportedly well attended and was good time with no problems. A lot of work was put in by their committee for this event. Rodeo will take place this week with parade having an alternate .5 mile route this year on Roundhouse Road from Rustic Lane to Paulson Drive.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Ortmann/Parker) to approve consent agenda, discuss g, h, k and remove i. PASSED.
- 7) 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 Mins from June 7, 2022 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Conditional Use Permit 328 Greenwood Ave. for Air B&B ;
 - c) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve posting police chief's position internally with transition date to be determined;
 - d) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve allowing vacation and holiday hours' carryover for 2021 to 2022 for Chief Christman;
 - e) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve paying for City Administrator's Medicare Premium;
 - f) *Municipal Operations Committee to Approve Partial Parking Lot Closure, RR Park, August 27, 2022, Ukulele Festival, for food trucks ;
 - g) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to recommend Council Deny Mailbox Permit for 1121 N Summit.;
 - h) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to take no action on Request for Repairs at College Street Park hockey rink from SAYHA;
 - i) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Deny request for beer garden/exterior seating on the east side/Summit St. for Jersey's Sports Bar;
Item pulled from consent agenda. Lien was not at previous mtg for discussion and asks that until further legal clarification can be sought in regards to question of liability and state law as it relates to ownership or control of premises and serving alcohol in this setting that no action be taken. Right of Way permits are issued in some municipalities; City does not have an ordinance for clear guidance on this request. Lien wishes to withdraw this application and work with the city's attorney and administration to obtain solid information.
No action taken.
 - j) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to notify Michael Leonard Fleck in writing that his access to the dog park has been suspended;
 - k) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve City serve raze order notification to property owner at 708 S Front St, to be served in person by police;
Ortmann requested further clarification. Reiter explained history of issues at property and lack of response from owner with city correspondence. No further options seem to be available at this point and raze order is appropriate. Kohler suggests preparing order and allowing an amount of time that gives owner a set timeline to repair property before city tears it down.
Motion (Donovan/Parker) to approve City serving raze order notification to property owner at 708 S Front St.
Motion amended (Coquilette/Donovan) to have raze order notification delivered by Chief of Police to include 60 days given to homeowner for response. Ayes – 7, Nay – Ortmann. PASSED.
 - l) *Railroad Park Board Recommendation to Approve installation of 2 more garden beds on north side of park;
 - m) *Railroad Park Board Recommendation to Approve historic signs as presented pending review of typos and photos;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to approve items a – m on the consent agenda with the exception of l and k. Ortmann asked for, and was given, clarification on items g & h. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Park Reservation Request:
 - Railroad Park, Sept 10, 2022, 1965 Class Reunion, 3pm-5pm, 50+ people;
 - College St Park, July 25 – 29, 2022, CEF Youth Group Club Activities, 9:45 – 11:45 a.m., 10-20 people;
 - Centennial Park, multiple dates in July, August, and September, Spooner Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 2 people;Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve Park Reservation Requests as listed. PASSED.
 - b) Approve Monthly Payable Checks: 47665 – 47782, 20220603, 20220609, 20220621, 22060101-22060104, 22061401-22061406, 22062801-22062803, 202206201-202206203;
Motion (Dunn/Parker) to approve monthly payable checks as listed above. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report May 2022;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to approve Financial Report May 2022 as presented. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Chief Christman reported his department has been working with school district reviewing school safety plans and security. River St between north of 63/70 and Walnut has re-opened. Walnut is back to normal traffic flow and parking. Spooner Police Foundation plans to sell raffle tickets during rodeo. Department meetings have discussed summer events, i.e. Block Party, Rodeo, etc., to get new officers acquainted with logistics. Numerous parking tickets issued with one-side parking downtown. A number of traffic crashes were responded to, but none were related to detour. Officers showed presence at school district end of school year. Officers have been at local trainings. Met with UW police in regards to thefts at Ag. Station. Large number of traffic stops, assisted Burnett County with burglary, and issued chicken ordinance violation.
 - c) BID Report;
Dunn is happy Walnut St is now open and River St is very beautiful. Compliments to Olson and his street department with their help with signage and help keeping things open. Last weekend downtown was very busy with customers and heavy traffic in stores. Certain businesses are perhaps having harder time than others. St project continues to be well ahead of schedule.

d) Railroad Park Update;

Reiter enjoyed having the mayor at their committee meeting at park. Jack Pine Savage Days will be held at park in Aug. Thompson bench has been moved into restful spot where you can sit and see view of downtown. North 40 Steel is working on honor brick steel structure in which bricks can be put in and taken out. All honor bricks are done and will be installed as people donate. Walkway is working out nicely and finishes off the area. 2nd garden is growing well and historic signs will be going up soon.

e) Library Liaison Report;

Gagnon reports bookmobile shelving and racks have been ordered for van's interior and exterior will soon be ready for wrapping. Received \$15k grant from historical society and 1st task will be to take oral history from local veterans. Garden plants are healthy. Carnival was attended by 200+ people and Petting Zoo comes tomorrow. Rodeo queen and princess will be at library with horses. Ukester Brown will be performing at Ukulele Festival. Food security is issue in our area and library programs such as Books & Bread and Compassion Kitchen participation numbers indicate there is need for these types of services. Circulation is up from 2021.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/ Donovan) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Penny J. Swan, Deputy Clerk