

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS  
Sept 6, 2022 5PM, Or Immediately Following CDBG Public Hearing

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Councilmember Gabriel called mtg to order at 5pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present, Mayor arrived at 5:04 p.m.
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
Mortier – comments regarding person who was banned from Dog Park, he isn't physically capable of controlling his 4 dogs, would like these comments to be considered for discussion item later in agenda.  
Tavolacci – written past notice regarding his behavior. His dogs are aggressive, he doesn't clean up their waste and they are not in control. He is an aggressive human being. She is concerned about other dogs. He will at times leave dogs unattended.  
Kittleson – has also seen him at park and is concerned about other dogs.  
Chief Christman confirmed he has been cited.
- 5) Brian Melton County Board Representative;  
Mayor introduced Brian Melton District 19 County Supervisor.
- 6) Mayor's Comments;  
Nov 5<sup>th</sup> is Fall Clean-up for city residents. School is back in session and would like residents to be mindful with kids crossing streets. Last week, we lost member of our area, Steve Thompson. He was cement mason and did a lot of work for City. We send our condolences to family and deeply saddened by his passing. He will be missed.
- 7) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to Approve Agenda. PASSED.
- 8) CONSENT AGENDA:  
\*\*All items listed with 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 Aug 2, 2022 Council Mtg;
  - b) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Extraterritorial CSM for Top O Wisconsin NE – SE, Section 29, T39N R12W, Northland Dr. & Gibbs Way NE Quadrant;
  - c) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Conditional Use Permit, Jeff & Sue Churchill, 613 Elm Crt, dependent of returning all necessary documentation to City Clerk;
  - d) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Conditional Use Permit, Jeff & Sue Churchill, 213 Elm St, conformity of required documents;
  - e) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Deny Conditional Use Permit, Bonny Johnson, 322 Vine St;
  - f) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables checks: 47881 – 48041, 20220720, 20220803, 20220815, 20220822, 202207191 – 202207193, 202207201 - 22072705, 22080901 – 22080904, 22082301 – 22082306, 202208171 - 202208173 ;
  - g) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Deny request from Washburn Co Transit Commission and not forgive the loan interest, request the additional interest of \$31,936.98 to be paid back over 10 yr period and no additional interest will accumulate;
  - h) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve quote from DCS for computer backups \$600 install plus \$320/mo;
  - i) \*Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve appointment of Mike Kronberger as chief designate effective immediately following Council approval. Eff Apr 1, 2023, Mike Kronberger will serve as acting chief for 6 month probation. He will receive half of his pay increase at start of his probation and receive 2nd half at the end of his probation;
  - j) \*Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve posting both internally and externally Captain position, listing a minimum of 5 years police experience, prefer candidate have administrative experience. External application deadline is Sept 30, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Starting date to be determined.
  - k) \*Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve Blood Borne Pathogens Program and Emergency Action Plan;
  - l) \*Municipal Operations and RR Park Committees Recommendation to Approve Park Permits:
    - Railroad Park Pavilion, Community First Washburn Co., Sept 8, 2022 from 3–8pm;
  - m) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Permit for Trinity Lutheran Church, Centennial Park, Sept 11, 2022 from 12–3pm;
  - n) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Amendment to Ordinance Create Section 78.82 to Section 78.93 Regarding Lead or GRR Service Line Replacement following Attorney Kohler's review;
  - o) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Proposal to update Metering System;
  - p) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request from Methodist Church, 312 Elm St, to forgive sewer charge due to water leak;
  - q) \*Railroad Park Board Recommendation to partner with Jack Pine Savage Days going forward with their annual event;
  - r) \*Railroad Park Board Recommendation for Wall location to be in area SW of pavilion between Railroad Memories Museum and Railroad Park parking lot;
  - s) \*Safety and Licensing Committee Recommendation to Approve Moe Miller Post request for temp change of premise for liquor license due to special event;
  - t) \*Safety and Licensing Committee Recommendation to Approve Change of Agent for Kwik Trip Liquor License to Sarah Chamberlain;Motion (Gagnon/Parker) to approve Consent Agenda, items a – t, pulling item e. PASSED.  
Ortmann requested to pull e for more details.  
e) Ortmann asked if there were several complaints or if there was petition circulated. Reiter/Marx explained that there were numerous complaints and it was real problem within neighborhood. We didn't have anyone in support of multiple dogs except Johnsons. There were many people in audience and we received 10 letters.  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to accept Plan Commission's recommendation to deny Conditional Use Permit for Bonny Johnson at 322 Vine St. PASSED.
- 9) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Michael Fleck Request to Reconsider His Access to Dog Park;  
Reiter – make a recommendation to continue his banishment from park. There is sufficient proof regarding his behavior with his 4 dogs, he has criminal record, he leaves dogs unattended, he doesn't pick up their waste and doesn't maintain control. He did ask Safety & Licensing Committee to reconsider. City shouldn't take a risk.  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to continue the restriction of Mr. Michael Fleck's access to dog park. PASSED.
  - b) Proposal from MSA to Develop GIS Process for Lead and Copper Rule;

New DNR rule where we have to create an inventory of every water and sewer service by 2024. We have to determine the kind of pipe that is in homes and in street. Staff created spreadsheet, we will use GPS system to note location and will be simpler. The cost is \$5,000 to set up.

Motion (Gabriel/Parker) to develop GIS Process for Lead and Copper Rule. PASSED.

c) Award Bid for 2005 GMC Dump Truck;

Recd 2 bids; minimum bid was \$20,000. Winning bid noted condition that if he lost bid, he would pay additional \$25 over that bid. By that person making an additional comment, it creates condition that isn't allowed in 'competitive bidding'. We have an ordinance related to surplus properties and we chose to sell property by competitive bidding. Person did bid more than the other bidder. Kohler noted Council can accept bid, but to warn buyer that similar language on any future purchase would be rejected. It isn't competitive if you guarantee winning bid.

Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to accept bid of \$21,500 from Brad Lambert for 2005 GMC Dump Truck. PASSED.

d) CDBG Public Hearing Results;

Dan Penzover discussed project. There was very little attendance from public. This is formality of the CDBG funds. The project has went great. There is no official opening date, but should be opened soon.

e) Construction of Storm water Collection Construction if Approved by Spooner School Dist;

Have discussed this in previous meetings. It is off College St, the alley between Elm and Oak. Marx wants to build a retention pond at the southern part of parking lot on SASD property and would like it done this year. Going to school board meeting to discuss with them.

Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to approve construction of storm water collection if approved by Spooner School Dist. PASSED.

f) Third Amendment to Spooner Municipal Utility/ Barron Electric Territorial Agreement;

We approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment a few months ago as that was related to a potential customer that Barron Electric was expecting to get. It looks like this is falling through, but Marx believes territory should be left alone. It is at PSC for approval. Barron Electric has agreed to keep the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, but removing customer condition and eliminate charging us for kWh to transport energy from solar field.

Motion (Parker/Dunn) to accept Third Amendment to Spooner Municipal Utility / Barron Electric Territorial Agreement. PASSED.

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

a) Financial Rpt July 2022;

Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to accept July 2022 Financial Rpt. PASSED.

b) Chief's Rpt;

Aug 2022, Dorn worked with Washburn Co and Human Services doing youth mentoring and attended county-wide summer camp. He continues to work with youth mentoring program through Human Services and Spooner School Dist. Members are kids from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade who belong to organization. It is positive peer group who meet at community room. SPD has been involved with group. Jack Pine Savage days layout at RR Park seemed to work good and had no issues. Kronberger assisted with active shooting training in Sawyer County at Hayward High School. Goal for 2023 is to do something similar at SASD. It is very good training. Captain has been putting together information on end of life Tasers and firearms for 2023 budget. Tucker and K9 Rex were mutual aided to Sawyer County for vehicle pursuit with suspect fleeing on foot. Did locate subject and found drugs and drug paraphernalia. Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park for Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was well attended this past weekend. Road construction update, sidewalks and boulevards have been poured. Working on alleys and driveways and doing joint work. Plan is to do striping and painting this week. We had CPR training followed by quick meeting. Calls, as of Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, was 266 with a variety of types. Mayor commented on how busy police department is and we are appreciative of department.

c) BID Report;

No BID report, everything is good.

d) Railroad Park Update;

Nice meeting at park. Discussed security. Honor wall will be SW of pavilion and there is small space that wall will go away from trail traffic. 175 people attended Ukulele Festival. Jack Pine worked well in park and will continue to hold event in future years.

e) Library Liaison Report;

Would like to open by reminding Council that Spooner Library was chosen as 1 out of 4 for WI Humanities Program. Emily Riewestahl was hired to work as project coordinator. Emily grew up in Spooner. She will be gathering stories, histories and finding out what citizens think are strengths of community. She will learn from residents of Spooner, work with empowering citizens and help them with using resources available. Currently, she is collecting stories from veterans. She will facilitate and assist finding the spark in community and what is needed within Spooner. Newsletter has all of comings and goings at library and you can find updates on website. Official name of bookmobile is Bibliodragon. They had contest with names submitted. Josh Saunders is still working on shelves, wrapping van and putting on ramp. As result of finding an individual sleeping in gazebo, they have made policy that there is no camping or overnight sleeping allowed in gazebo. There is map of bookmobile routes which includes town halls in various area communities. The total number of individuals, helped with food and security, is 334. It is astounding amount of people who use program. 113 programs with 5,039 attendees. Monthly participation is increasing.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to adjourn mtg. Mtg adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer