

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS  
Nov 1, 2022 5 PM, in Council Chambers, or  
Immediately following the 2023 Budget Hearing

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor called mtg to order at 5:02 pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 members present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
None
- 5) Mayor's Comments;  
Our librarian, Angie Bodzislaw, is being recognized this week with 2023 Wisconsin Library Association Librarian of Year. We have very well used library and is well attended. We are very proud and congratulate her. Gagnon stated that Angie is always adding new things to library. Fall clean-up is Saturday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> from 7am - 11am. Parking restrictions go in effect today. Also, would like to remind people to remove snow from their sidewalk within 24 hours. Tuesday is Election Day and the polls are open at City Hall from 7am – 8pm.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to Approve Agenda. 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 Minutes from Oct 4, 2022 Council Mtg;
  - b) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Revised Site Plan 1901 CTY Hwy H –Spooner Commercial Partners, LLC.;
  - c) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Site Plan for 1107 Harrison St, Duplex and Garage ;
  - d) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables checks: 48128 – 48241, 20221003, 20221014, 20221020, 22100401 – 22100404, 22101801 – 22101806, 202210201 - 202210203;
  - e) \*Plan Commission & Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request to Abandon 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Harrison to Grant at Landowners Expense for Attorney Fees and Publications;
  - f) Finance Committee Recommendation to Amend Fee Schedule For Variance & Conditional Use Applications to \$325;
  - g) \* Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request to Remove Street Light 314 Elm St.;
  - h) \*Personnel & Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Hire Sarah Barthel as Part Time Patrol Officer;
  - i) \*Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve Updated Hearing Conservation Program;
  - j) \*Railroad Park Board Recommendation to Approve Request from John Lawson to donate cement pad with RR Park Board having final approval of design;  
Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) Approve Consent Agenda, items a-j. PASSED.  
Ortmann pulled item f to discuss. Commented that she'd like to see requests for chickens in different category as this increase puts cost for having chickens too high. Conditional Use Permit is requirement for requesting chickens and the cost has gotten higher due to publication costs and cost for the public hearing.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Approve Amendment to Section 74-283 Miscellaneous Restrictions-No Parking;  
Proposed amendment adds restriction of no parking on east side of Roundhouse Road from Timberlane Road to Maple Street. Municipal Operations discussed this at their meeting. With sidewalk on eastside, road is too narrow for parking on both sides. This will prevent parking on eastside. One lane traffic when parking on both sides of street.  
Motion (Gagnon/Parker) to Approve Amendment to Section 74-283 Miscellaneous Restrictions – No Parking. PASSED.
  - b) 2023 Budget;  
Reduction in transportation aids led to decrease in expenses for same amount.  
Motion (Dunn/Donovan) to Approve 2023 Budget as presented at Budget Hearing. PASSED.
  - c) FORRP Request to Add Light to Pole Near New Brick Wall at City Cost for Security;  
This has actually already been completed at RR Park. Hoping the light will prevent vandalism.
  - d) Washburn County Area Humane Society Temporary "Class B" License Request;  
Ladies night, using main floor at 133 Walnut Street. Will have mulled wine and items for sale.  
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to Approve Temporary "Class B" License to Washburn County Area Humane Society pending payment of fee and securing a licensed operator. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
  - a) Financial Report Sept 2022;  
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to accept Sept 2022 mthly financial report. PASSED.
  - b) Chief's Report;  
Chief not in attendance. Not much has changed since Safety and Licensing mtg.
  - c) BID Report;  
Budget is in good shape; helped that they saved money last few years. Want to purchase new banners for new light posts. Ordered 10 new snowflakes. Light posts won't be here in time for holiday decorating. Have discussed vacant lot by McDonalds. Would like to have a 'Welcome to Spooner' city sign and plant some trees. BID would be willing to contribute to project. Planning for 2023 flowers. Won't have any hanging baskets, will just use the pots. Poles are not as heavy duty to support the swinging flower baskets. We are able to have flags, banners and snowflakes.
  - d) Railroad Park Update;  
Brick wall is up and isn't fully completed. Had a ceremony with the unveiling; it was nice for the folks who have donated. Will have four panels on the wall with a steam engine. North 40 have generously helped with powder coating of wall. It was more expensive than quoted. Really proud of this wall. There are 2 benches that are going in on both sides. Working with library and Emilie for a prototype of RR Park that people can view on their phones. Ken and Brad are working on the turntable project. Making headway with park and feels there is a lot of community pride. Mayor is excited for park and momentum. Thanked Terri. Signs will be installed in spring. There are still some bricks available. Minimum donation is \$250/brick.
  - e) Library Liaison Report;  
The library was selected for participation in national EBOW (Engaging beyond Our Walls) program. Projects include interactive stories using iPhones or creating games with software. Update on building project, they have toured old clinic. SEH representative also toured building and felt it is in good condition and is well suited for public library. Bookmobile has been wrapped, but they are still waiting for ramp to be installed and books to be ordered. Hoping it will be operational and on road by Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Many highlights and programs are listed in Fall Newsletter. Food programs continue to have impact; there is unbelievable need in our community.

9) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/Parker) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer