

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS  
Feb 7, 2023 5PM, in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor Cuskey called mtg to order at 5pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 6 members present, 2 absent
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;  
Reminder to keep sidewalks cleared of snow and there is no parking restriction on streets from 2am - 6am in effect until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you card from Dawn Richter for loss of her mother-in-law, Connie Richter. Family is in our thoughts and prayers.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) 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 the General Order of Business and considered at this point to agenda.
  - a) \*Accept Mins from Jan 3, 2023 Council Mtg;
  - b) \* Municipal Operations Recommendation to Purchase Rotary Broom Midwest Machinery, \$6,575;
  - c) \* Municipal Operations Recommendation to Purchase Skid Steer Snow Blower – Utility , \$12,100;
  - d) \*Municipal Operations Recommendation to Purchase GIS Equipment – Utility, \$3,200;
  - e) \*Municipal Operations Recommendation to Purchase Miller St. Lift Station Upgrade, \$18,657;
  - f) \*Municipal Operations and Railroad Park Committees Recommendation to Approve Park Permit, May 28, 2023, Shawna Cleveland, Graduation Party;
  - g) \*Municipal Operations and Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve 5 G License Agreement;
  - h) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Kennel License 421 Poplar St.;Motion (Gagnon/Gabriel) to Approve Consent Agenda, items a – h. PASSED.  
Gagnon questioned item h and why kennel license would be approved when others have been denied recently. Mayor explained this is conditional use for 3 dogs until attrition. Have permitted these types of circumstances in past. This isn't breeding kennel. There were no complaints or objections filed from neighbors.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Adopt Resolution 23-01 Sewer Rate Adjustment; Equates to approximately 4% rate increase effective March 1, 2023.  
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to adopt Resolution 23-01 Sewer Rate Adjustment. PASSED.
  - b) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Adopt Resolution 23-02 Intent to Vacate Portion of Second St.;  
Vacant property, street that has never been improved due to its steepness. The 2 residences, which utilize as a driveway, have hired Attorney ZumBrunnen to perform work on resolution. Land will be deeded to property owners. Public hearing in April.  
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to Adopt Resolution 23-02 Intent to Vacate Portion of Second Street. PASSED.
  - c) Approve monthly payables checks: 48468 – 48646, 20221215, 20221220, 20230104, 20230112, 20230120, 22122801 – 22122805, 23011101 – 23011105, 23012401 – 23012406, 202301181 - 202301183;  
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to Approve monthly payable checks. PASSED.
  - d) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Include Traffic Calming Features N. Front St. Gateway Park Project;  
Discussion of design of old post office and parking lot, request to narrow intersection by installing bumped out curb to reduce speed and make safer for pedestrians. Street department is not in favor of design for snowplowing efforts. Marx not entirely sure the design will work as it will be difficult to drain water off of street.  
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to Approve Traffic Calming Feature N Front St. Gateway Park project if feasible. PASSED.
  - e) Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Accept North Ambulance Contract Amendment;  
North Ambulance restructured their 5 year contract, in order to provide us with a contract for additional five years. They have agreed to take more transfers and with the change will make advanced life support more available. Could be potentially better service.  
Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) to Accept the Amendment to North Ambulance Contract. PASSED.
  - f) Police Captain Position;  
Captain Kronberger and Marx met with potential new police captain. Offered him position based on a 1 year probation period. Discussed multiple items with candidate. He has accepted the offer. Start date to be determined. Chief Christman's last day is March 31, 2023.  
Motion (Gabriel/Reiter) to hire Police Captain Robert Darwin with 1 year probation period. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
  - a) Financial Report Dec 2022;  
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to Accept Dec 2022 Monthly Financial Statement. PASSED.
  - b) Chief's Report;  
Right Track Program is being presented to 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Tracs computer upgrade has been completed, connecting SPD to State server. Captain Kronberger attended New Chiefs and Sheriffs training in Madison. Officers investigated a death and was ruled suicide. Officer Anderson attended Less Lethal Instructor training. Parking restrictions temporarily placed on Walnut St due to snow and vehicles blocking traffic flow. Officers responded to counterfeit bills at numerous establishments. Many officers have had many calls for assist. Continued to have numerous parking tickets issued. Total case/contact count 1,019.
  - c) BID Report;  
No report.
  - d) Railroad Park Update;  
Things are well; Spooner Health has featured RR Park in their year-end Commitment to Community. Thrivent Choice dollars can be donated to RR Park. Grant has been submitted to WEDC. Working on the AARP grant. Looking forward to spring. Continue to fundraise.
  - e) Library Liaison Report;  
Riewestahl has been working on project with area veterans and she is almost finished. Owner, of a potential property, for the library to expand, has shown interest and library board has requested an offer price. Book mobile will be operational at the end of February; it is currently being outfitted and the books are ordered. Book bike is here. Katy Larson, outreach librarian, will pedal the bike around. Many activities happening at the library from dinosaurs to a visit from author Chad Lewis. Check the library's website for details. Compassion Kitchen

and Books and Bread are still going strong. Three different online streaming functions for e-books. Library is open until 8pm many weeknights.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to adjourn the mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer