

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS
Wednesday, April 5, 2023 5PM, in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mtg called to order by Mayor Cuskey at 5pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 members present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Chief Christman Retirement Presentation;
Mayor thanked Chief Christman for his years of service to City of Spooner. Christman thanked the mayor, council and staff for their support over years.
- 6) Arbor Day Proclamation;
Mayor read Arbor Day Proclamation. Made mention of preferred tree list as well as restricted trees.
Motion (Gabriel/Reiter) to proclaim Friday, April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in City of Spooner. PASSED.
- 7) Mayor's Comments;
Winter parking restrictions have ended. Spring Clean-up for City residents is Sat., April 29th from 7-11am.
Condolences to family of John McDermott who was teacher, coach, superintendent for Spooner schools. He was quite a figure in community for yrs. Please keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.
- 8) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to Approve Agenda. PASSED.
- 9) Public Hearing – Vacate Portion of Second Street Pursuant to Resolution 23-02, 02-07-23;
Public Hearing called to order by Mayor Cuskey at 5:09 pm
On Feb. 7th, we passed preliminary resolution to pass vacation of portion of Second St. Lake's lawyer drafted and completed necessary documents. Any public comments? No objections were raised and Atty Zumbrennen noted this in most recent document draft. No public comments from audience.
Motion (Dunn/Reiter) to close public hearing at 5:12 p.m. PASSED.
- 10) 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 Mar 7, 2023 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation To Award Sewer Lining Bid to Insituform Technologies \$423,052.40;
 - c) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to proceed with Sweeper Repair - \$20,000;
 - d) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to place Dead End Sign on Grant Street;
 - e) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to recommend Council Approve Temporary Parking Lot Closure: WI Canoe Heritage Museum May 27, 2023 ;
 - f) *Municipal Operations and Railroad Park Committees Recommendation to Approve Park Permit,
 - College St Park – SHS Alumni Band, July 7, 2023, 1–9PM;
 - Railroad Park – Audrey Kevan, Class Reunion, Aug 19, 2023, 5–10PM;
 - Centennial Park – Spooner Congregation – Jehovah's Witness, Multiple Dates
 - g) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve ;
 - Change of Agent Kings Mart # 48 Liquor License;
 - Application for Temp Class "B" Picnic License - WI Canoe Heritage Museum, May 27, 2023;Motion (Gabriel/Parker) to Approve the Consent Agenda, items a – g, pulling item d. PASSED.
Ortmann inquired about item d and mentioned there is already dead end sign posted. Resident requested sign be installed due to traffic that turns around in his driveway. Being there is sign in place, no action is needed on this item.
- 11) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Vacation of Portion of Second Street Pursuant to Resolution 23-02, 02-07-23;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to vacate portion of Second Street pursuant to Resolution 23-02, 02/07/23. PASSED.
 - b) Fireworks Price Increase;
Received notice that fireworks cost has increased due to liability insurance that vendor has in place for City and Spooner Fire District.
Motion (Gagnon/Parker) to accept price increase for fireworks. Roll Call Vote: 8 yes votes, 0 no votes.
PASSED.
 - c) Resolution 23-03, 04/05/2023, 2022 Budget Amendment;
Motion (Dunn/Donovan) to Accept Resolution 23-03, 04/05/2023, 2022 Budget Amendment. PASSED.
 - d) Resolution 23-04, 04/05/2023, Carry Over Funds from 2022 to 2023;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to Approve Resolution 23-04, 04/05/2023, Carry Over Funds from 2022 to 2023.
PASSED.
 - e) Approve monthly payables checks: 48766 – 48880, 20230303, 20230308, 20230320, 20230323, 23030801 – 23030805, 23032101 – 23032106, 202303171 - 202303173;
Motion (Coquillette/Gabriel) to Approve monthly payable checks as presented. PASSED.
 - f) Council Chambers reconfiguration;
Mayor we had discussed reconfiguring Council Chambers last year, having portable tables, and rearranging the room. Tables would be similar to police department community room. We wouldn't have the permanent table. Clerk explained, with elections and meeting the ADA requirements, does make it difficult to have all machines, paper ballot booths and keeping required odd number of workers in room. We would remove carpeting and install hard flooring. Will look further into tables and pricing.
 - g) Library Board Member Appointment Samuel Clair filling Danielle Danford vacancy;
Motion (Gagnon/Ortmann) to Appoint Samuel Clair to Library Board filling Danielle Danford vacancy. PASSED.
 - h) Street Department Vacancy;
Employee resigned and will be advertising position.
 - i) Change of Agent for Liquid Lounge Liquor License;
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to change Agent for Liquid Lounge liquor license to Barry Caraway. PASSED.
 - j) Spooner Garden Club new landscaping design for City Hall east side;
Displayed new design Spooner Garden Club submitted. Less plants due to lack of growth. Will install park bench with pavers and have hostas in open area between paver walkway. Committee requested to see plan before approving. They are paying for bench. City will pay for concrete.
Motion (Dunn/Ortmann) to Approve Spooner Garden Club landscaping plan. PASSED.
 - k) Award Bid for Gateway Building;
Cahill Construction submitted only bid for \$36,500. Will have additional cost of \$7,200 for concrete foundation which is included in sidewalk and curb & gutter projects.

Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to award bid for Gateway Building to Cahill Construction for \$36,500. PASSED.

- l) Award Bid for 2023 Paving, Flex Patch, Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter;
Paving Construction – Contract 1: only bidder was Monarch Paving \$182,188, possible deduct for Paulson Drive stretch, which will decrease amount to \$168,209.70. Recommended by Marx to award to Monarch for contract 1. Will request deduct for Washburn County plant and save us \$8 per ton.
Motion (Coquillette/Gabriel) to award bid for Contract 1: Paving to Monarch. PASSED.
Contract 2: Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter and Foundation for Gateway, we had 2 bidders. Pember was low bidder at \$60,917.50. Marx recommends awarding bid to Pember.
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to approve bid from Pember for \$60,917.50. PASSED.
Flex Patch – 1 bidder, Farhner for \$48,750.
Motion (Coquillette/Gabriel) to award flex patch contract to Farhner for \$48,750. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
- a) Financial Report Feb 2023;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to Accept Feb 2023 Financial Report. PASSED.
- b) Chief's Report;
March 2023: Visual Lab body cams are working very nicely. New part-time employee has started training. On March 30th, we hosted a luncheon for retirement of Chief Christman. Appreciates everyone that took time to come. Spooner received 'swatting call' that reported active shooter at Spooner High School. Male caller was hard to understand and had distinct accent. Officers were sent to school as precaution. Multiple schools received same phone call throughout State. DCI/FBI is handling investigation. Officers responded to domestic complaint and subject did have Taser deployed due to resistance. Captain Darwin took rpt of stolen car on his 1st day of employment. Jan – Mar is usually slower months, but continues to be quite busy. 168 cases, 1145 contacts, total of 1313.
- c) BID Report;
Dunn reported BID is working on new banners for street lights. Will have 4 designs and will alternate. Very colorful. Also, businesses will soon be selling stickers that say "I'd sooner be in Spooner". Also new signage for "Spooner Welcomes You". Various projects working on.
- d) Railroad Park Update;
Brief meeting in March. Getting excited for spring. Historic signs are done and will be installed as soon as snow is gone. More bricks to go in wall. Will be potentially looking for new committee member as Jon Alesch is moving. Heritage Days will take place on June 17th and FFORP, RR Museum and RR Park are joining forces to work together on celebration. This is Terri's last night as a Council member, but will continue to work on committee. Mayor thanked Reiter for her exemplary job over yrs.
- e) Library Liaison Report;
Gagnon reported that Bookmobile is being well received and has 4 runs during month, going to town halls. Pete Hopke is leaving school district and his seat will be opening up. Superintendent has chosen Chris Berghammer, Elementary School principle, as new liaison. New summer schedule is out and there are many activities planned for everyone. Highlighted upcoming April activities planned at library.

Mayor took a moment to thank outgoing Council members, Michelle, Terri and Tim, for their service and dedication. Appreciates their engagement and will be missed. Will be different without you here. Thank you from the City and the mayor, you are very much appreciated.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer