

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS

Thurs, July 6, 2023 4:30 PM or Immediately Following Public Hearing in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mtg called to order at 4:32 pm by Mayor Cuskey.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 6 present, 2 absent.
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
Ford – safety concern regarding Hwy 63 project. Hwy looks great and likes how it slows down traffic, but feels Summit and Front Street are new highway. Locals trying to avoid River St. Would like Council to consider making 4 way stops on Summit St.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Rodeo starts tonight, Saturday is parade starting at noon. Enjoy parade. Jack Pine Savage Days are first weekend in Aug. Reminder there is requirement to keep lawns mowed.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gagnon/Krueger) to Approve Agenda. PASSED.
- 7) 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 June 6, 2023 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables checks: 49130 – 49223, 20230605, 20230614, 20230620, 23053101 – 23053107, 23061401 – 23061405, 202306161 - 202306163;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to accept Garbage & recycling RFP from Republic Services 9% Increase effective Oct 1, 2023, 5 year Term, 5% Increase per year thereafter;
 - d) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve Hiring Dylan Foss as Full Time Officer pending psychological testing;
 - e) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation To approve Prioritizing Front & First Sts for FY 2024-2029 STP-Local Funding Application ;
 - f) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve Delaying Water & Sewer Improvements in STH 70 Until 2030 When DOT will reconstruct roadway;
 - g) *Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Extraterritorial CSM T39 N, R 13W, Town of Evergreen for Paula Campbell ;
 - h) *Property Planning and Development Committee Recommendation to Approve opening bathrooms at Centennial Park and replace door;
 - i) *Property Planning and Development Committee Recommendation to Approve paying for Turntable Fencing materials at cost of \$4,500 designating funds from Other City Buildings;
 - j) * Property Planning and Development Committee Recommendation to Approve entire area between Front Street and Roundhouse Road be called RR Park;
 - k) *Municipal Operations and Railroad Park Committees Recommendation to Approve Park Permit Requests:
 - RR Park, Michelle BalkLudwig, Aug 19, 2023, 9am – 2pm;
 - RR Park, Rolling Hills Snowmobile & ATV Club, Sept 4, 2023, 8am – 5pm;
 - l) *Railroad Park Committee Recommendation to Approve the Appointment of Tim Belter to fill vacancy on RR Park board;
 - m) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Status Quo for Mike Fleck prohibition to use Dog Park;
 - n) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Notifying Owner of 122 Poplar to complete siding within 90 days;Motion (Parker/Salquist) to Approve Consent Agenda, items a - n. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Appoint Renae Essenmacher to Tree Board to fill citizen vacancy;
Motion (Dunn/Coquilllette) to Approve Appointment of Renae Essenmacher to Tree Board. PASSED.
 - b) Review License Applications and Approval/Disapproval Criteria:
 - Temporary Class "B" Picnic License for Spooner Chamber of Commerce, 2023 Jack Pine Savage Days, August 4 – 6, 2023;Motion (Krueger/Gagnon) to Approve Temporary Class "B" Picnic License for Spooner Chamber of Commerce, 2023 Jack Pine Savage Days, Aug 4 – 6, 2023. PASSED.
 - c) Approve Street Closure: Jack Pine Savage Days, Walnut St for JPSPD Craft Vendors, Aug 4 - 6, 2023;
Motion (Gagnon/Parker) to Approve Street Closure for Jack Pine Savage Days, Walnut St. for JPSPD Craft Vendors, Aug 4 – 6, 2023. PASSED.
 - d) Results of Special Assessment Public Hearing;
Hearing held prior to mtg. Assess adjoining property for share of alley. Res 23-11 needs to be approved.
Motion (Krueger/Parker) to Approve Res 23-11, Final Resolution Authorizing Public Improvement and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefitted Property in Spooner, WI. PASSED.
 - e) Approval to Contract with Ehlers to serve as Financial Advisor and to Develop Water Rate Increase for Ash St Project;
Having financial advisor is DNR requirement with Ash St safe drinking water loan. Will also help with water rate case. Water rate case cost is \$11,500, \$4,500 financial advisor cost. Will need bond counsel (attorneys that specialize with these type of projects). Project was submitted by deadline on June 30th. Interim expenses before borrowing is finalized, will need to expect gap financing. We are paying for work that Ehlers has already completed. This will be water utility cost and not general fund.
Motion (Coquilllette/Salquist) to Approve Contract with Ehlers to serve as Financial Advisor and to Develop Water Rate Increase for Ash St Project. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Rpt May 2023;
Motion (Krueger/Dunn) to Accept Financial Rpt May 2023. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
None due to Chief Kronberger having to do traffic control for Rodeo.
 - c) BID Report;
Bathroom is open. Portapotties will remain for now. Downtown businesses are very busy and busiest we have ever been. Things are going well. Compliments regarding highway, banners, lights, flowers and flags.

d) Library Liaison Report;

Current plan is to bump out setbacks, will add 3,000 – 4,000 square feet. Rodeo royalty visited library, had their horses, read to kids and signed autographs. Bookbike at farmers market every week. Don't forget Ukulele Fest on Aug 26th and will be held at Shell Lake's band shell this year, because of there being more room. Gagnon summarized monthly library statistics. Carnival was held and Gagnon participated and played games with the kids. Advised Council, if you have time next year to volunteer at carnival, it is so rewarding to see kids' joy at library. Continual need in community for food programs. Mayor – library does terrific job and we are proud of their efforts, appreciate employees.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Parker/Krueger) to adjourn the mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer