

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 6, 2011, 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL:** 8 Present, Others: Kip Olson, Chief Andrea, Jeff Kohler, Michelle Ortman, Rick Coquillet

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

None

5. **Mayor's Comments:**

This week 10th anniversary of 9/11. Encourage everyone to fly flags.

Today is first day of school, please be aware – more activity - especially traffic wise.

6. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion (Gabriel/Otto) to approve agenda. Passed.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Items listed will be enacted by one motion unless Council member removes it to the agenda.

- a) Accept Minutes from August 2, 2011 Regular Council Meeting;
- b) Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve August, 2011 payables(Checks 30752--30953) (Manual Checks 201107, 11070901-11072604, 11081001-11081003, 11082401- 11082406, 20110808);
- c) Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Amendment to Section 2-5, 09/06/11, Wards and Aldermanic Districts Established;
- d) Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Amendment to Section 2-6, 09/06/11, Ward Blocks;
- e) Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve Mandated Grievance Policy;
- f) Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve Emergency Action Plan & Exposure Control Plan;
- g) Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to approve eCheck & Credit card payment options for utility payments;
- h) Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to complete gable end of SK8 Shelter- \$750 from club;
- i) Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to Street & Parking Lot Closing Requests for Jack O Lantern Fest and Pumpkin Roll;
- j) Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Resolution 11-12, 09/06/11 Ordinance Amending K-2 Ordinance;
- k) Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to Amend Section 86-771(d) and 86-772(2)(C) regulations for "V" signs;
- l) Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to proceed with Raze Order at 301 Oak Street;
- m) Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to Create Section 6-55 Municipal Code, Outdoor Premises
- n) Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to:

Approve Two year Operator's License – September 6, 2011– June 30, 2013 Danielle Wozny;

Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to approve a-n and pull item E, G, I, L & M. Passed.

Item E is the new requirement of Act 10. It is only for non-represented employees. Weld Riley had a very succinct Grievance Policy. It must be approved by October 1st. This will become part of employee hand book. City's impartial party will be an attorney licensed to practice in Wisconsin. Usually it is a labor attorney. Council can accept or reject what that attorney would rule.

Motion (Everroad/Dohm) to approve item E – Grievance Policy. Passed.

Item G – credit card payments. Utility will pay echeck portion of transactions. It will cost Utility about \$2,000 a year. Customer will pay for credit card charges.

Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to approve credit card option for utility bill payments. Passed.

Item I – Jack O Lantern Fest. Cuskey noted they asked to close High Street after last Municipal Operations Committee meeting. Walnut Street will remain open. This wasn't in original request.

Motion (Dohm/Thompson) to approve change. Passed.

Item L – the owner of 301 Oak Street had all his houses, except this one go back to bank. For all practical purposes house has been abandoned.

Motion (Stelter/Gabriel) to approve 301 Oak Street raze order. Passed.

Item M – Outdoor Premises discussion. New ordinance requires a light & an alarm to notice outer door has been opened. A beer garden or outdoor premises has a gate in back & individuals coming and going into the area need to be monitored for underage. Discussion. Ordinance should be clearer about hardware on outside of fence on gates. In reviewing ordinance, several issues need to be clarified. Ordinance should go back to committees. Only Class "B", because existing beer/wine establishments will be impossible to comply.

Take no action & will be sent back to committee's.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) **Resolution 11-11, 09/06/11 Ordinance Prohibiting Conceal & Carry on city property:**
Will not be acted on until October meeting. Existing ordinance is in conflict with state law. Conceal and carry law still doesn't allow carry into Police Department. Issue is to allow in City Hall or not. Also, what about Rodeo, Jack Pine Savage – City related activities & City properties. More research is necessary on possible civil actions if someone is injured because they are banned. It is difficult to know what intent of new law is. Steve Weld (law firm) has sent in an opinion. This will be on Safety & License for discussion.
- b) **Deny Change of premise - Moes Place:**
Everroad explained this issue. Olson asked to change his premises by removing from his premises description on his liqueur license, area he was using for smoking. It is only egress other than main door, so it won't be possible to approve request.
Motion (Everroad/Schluter) to deny change of premises. Passed.
- c) **Proposals for Appraisal & Acquisition Services & Environmental Study- Roundhouse:**
This concept has come from Railroad Park Committee, to see if City should or could purchase old Roundhouse building. It is preservation of a unique building. An environmental study needs to be done, which is now termed by EPA an All Appropriate Inquiry. Doing this allows us to get assistance on cleanup. We will need this information before purchase. At that time City can figure out how to preserve building. In the 60's & 70's City owned it. Cost is \$3,000 for an appraisal & \$1,000 for acquisition through Solum & \$3,495 for an environmental assessment with Cooper Engineering. As this is unbudgeted money, a roll call vote is necessary.
Motion (Everroad/Otto) to approve an appraisal & acquisition with Solum & an environmental assessment with Cooper Engineering for a total of \$7,495. Passed. Roll Call Vote. Thompson abstained.

- d) Shelter at Vets. Memorial Park;
Dohm spoke to this. The Veterans Society would like to have a shelter. Primary desire is a place for their events. Marx expanded on idea - Mr. Dienstl represented Veterans at a recent meeting. He would also like to put bleachers out. Shelter will be similar to one in College Street Park.
Thompson asked if City was going to help with costs? This will be at their expense. It was suggested to make it a little bigger so that city festivals might also use it, such as Jack Frost festival.
A good tree will have to be removed & many people use park. Discussion on if shelter will make park smaller for other uses. No action at this meeting until further information on size & placement is known.

- e) Two Year Operator's License - September 6, 2011 - June 30, 2013: Nancy J. Ratzenberger
Motion (Everroad/Thompson) to approve a two year operator's license for Nancy Ratzenberger. Passed.

9. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**

- a) Financial Report June & July, 2011;
Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to accept June & July 2011 financial reports. Passed.
- b) Chief's Report - incidents during August 2011;
August had a significant number of calls this month – 1214. A Mexican cartel & marijuana bust – a big deal with FBI, DEA, many fire arms involved & confiscated. Spooner PD was mutual aided to a shooting in Trego. 9 mutual aids this month alone by the City Police Department for County.
- c) BID Report;
Nothing to report at this time.

10. **Adjournment;**
Motion (Dohm/Stelter) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn

Gary J. Cuskey