

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 7, 2014 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER;**
2. **ROLL CALL;** 7 present, 1 absent (Coquillet)
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY;** None
5. **Mayor's Comments;**

Discussed importance of clearing sidewalks. This year has been a challenge. More and more people are walking in roads. Some corners are high & difficult to see.

Dunn & Dohm reported along with Mayor they received compliments on how well City Str Dept been doing.

Compliment them especially for working holidays of Christmas & New Years.

Jack Frost Fest is this weekend.

6. **Approval of Agenda;**

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

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) *Accept Minutes from December 3, 2013 Regular Council Meeting;
- b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Check Numbers 34581 to 34685, 13111301-13111304, 13112601-13112604, 13121001-13121003, 20131104, 20131107, 20131118, 20131205, 20131218
- c) *Accept Finance & Municipal Operations Committees Recommendation to purchase 2013 grader for \$265,450 less \$40,000 trade = \$225,450 from Nortrax;
- d) *Accept Municipal Operations Committees Recommendation to purchase demo 2014 GMC 2500 with 8' plow \$33,620 & 10' plow \$5,835 from Arrowhead GMC;
- e) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to purchase Squad Truck from Cifaldi Motors \$25,730;
- f) *Accept Finance & Municipal Operations Committees Recommendation to approve Resolution #14-2, 01/07/2014 Resolution of Common Council of City of Spooner Withdrawing Membership in Great Lakes Utility, a Municipal Electric Company;
- g) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to accept Police Officer leave of absence;
- h) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve Utility Superintendent Position Description;

Motion (Stelter/Schluter) to approve consent agenda. Passed.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Appointment of Chris Thompson as Chairperson of Safety & Licensing Committee – position vacated by resignation of Councilperson E Everroad;

Motion (Gabriel/Dohm) to appoint Chris Thompson as Chairperson of Safety & Licensing. Passed.

- b) Change Council dates of Apr 1, 2014 to Apr 3, 2014 & Nov 4, 2014 to Nov 5, 2014 due to elections;

Will move meeting dates to Apr 3rd & Nov 6th due to the elections.

Motion (Stelter/Dohm) to move council dates of Apr 1st to Apr 3rd, 2014 & Nov 4th to Nov 6th, 2014. Passed.

- c) Plan Comm. recommendation to approve Res 14-01, 01/07/2014: A Res to Amend Division 6 of Article III, Chapter of City Ordinance to Increase Size Membership of Spooner City Plan Commission from 8 to 9, Appointment of Rick Coquillet additional council member, appointment of citizen member;

Motion (Schluter/Dunn) to approve Resolution 14-01, 01/07/2014 to amend Spooner Plan Commission from 8 members to 9 & appoint Rick Coquillet as additional council member w/ citizen member to appointed. Passed.

- d) Res No. 14-3, 01/07/2014, A Res to Amend Div 7 of Article III, Chpt 86 of City Ordinance Creating a Permitted Hospital Use in Industrial A (I-A) District;

Ortmann has concerns on regulating or putting restrictions on surrounding properties. May be too much govt.

Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) approve Res 14-3, 01/07/2014 to Amend Div 7 of Article III. Passed.

- e) Capacity commitment w/ Great Lakes Utilities dated September 3, 2013;

By not acting on agreement, the City is therefore being released from commitment.

Motion (Dunn/Gabriel) City will not be returning fully executed master agrmt & confirmation letter w/ Great Lakes Utilities (GLU) regarding capacity commitment & based on GLU letter from Atty R. Heinemann dated December 19th, 2013, GLU will retain capacity & release our community from our

purchase commitment of September 3, 2013. Passed.

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

- a) Financial Report November, 2013;

Motion (Schluter/Stelter) to accept Nov 2013 Fin rpt. Passed.

- b) Chief's Report - incidents during December 2013;

Report presented.

- c) BID Report;

Very nice decorations in Centennial Park.

- d) NWRPC Liaison Report;

Passed budget for 2014.

- e) Library – 10% of circulation is up. Healthy showing in Spooner Memorial Library.

10. **Adjournment;**

Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn, Clerk

Cuskey, Gary J, Mayor