

## REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tues, Feb 2, 2016 5:00 PM, City Hall

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; at 5:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL; 7 present, 1 absent
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
None.
5. Mayor's Comments;  
Mayor read a thank you from Washburn Co Food Pantry for our 2015 donation. ISO, a leading supplier of data & analytics for property/casualty insurance industry, just completed Public Protection Classification survey for Spooner, Burnett & Washburn Counties. Thanked Chief Vik for his cooperation during survey process.
6. Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Gabriel/Reiter) to approve agenda. PASSED.
7. CONSENT AGENDA:  
\*\*All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine & will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event item will be removed from General Order of Business & considered at this point to agenda.
  - a) \*Accept Minutes from 1/5/15 Regular Council;
  - b) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables Checks-37905-38000, 16010501-16010503, 20160104;
  - c) \*Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to Write Off utility accounts \$3,672.47;
  - d) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Permit, Centennial Park Area 1 for Railroad Memories for 5/28/16, 6/18/16, 7/9/16 & 8/5-8/6/16,
  - e) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Purchase Utility Pickup, Timber Ford, \$14,465;
  - f) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to award Well 5 Maintenance Quotes to Water Well Solutions \$18,965;
  - g) \*Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to establish no parking area on each side of crosswalk entering Catholic School, midblock on Oak St;
  - h) \*Accept Safety & License Committee to Approve 2 Year Operators License – 2/2/16 to 6/30/17 – Keala S Wright;
  - i) \*Accept Safety & License Committee to Approve Class B Beer License – 2/2/16 – 6/30/16 for Denelies Inc. (name change);
  - j) \*Accept Safety & License Committee to Approve 2016 Applications for Sidewalk Permits;
  - k) \*Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Crystal Creek Site Plan;
  - l) \*Accept Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Resolution 16-01, 2/2/16 Comprehensive Plan Approval;  
Motion (Schluter/Gabriel) to approve items a – l on consent agenda. Ortmann requested further explanation on item J. Marx – every year businesses are required to apply for a sidewalk permit & provide a certificate of insurance for any items displayed on sidewalk. Dunn questioned item I. Marx – this is a 2 step process, Plan Commission assures plan meets city's zoning & approved resolution 16-01. The Council will then approve Resolution 16-2 amending ordinance. PASSED.
8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) RESOLUTION NO. 16-2, 2/2/16, Comprehensive Plan Ordinance Amendment;  
Marx – all items that were discussed at our meetings have been incorporated into Comprehensive Plan.  
Motion (Schluter/Ortmann) to adopt Resolution 16-2, 2/2/16 amending Comprehensive Plan Ordinance. PASSED.
  - b) Railroad Park Plan Comments;  
Marx – have received some written comments, but would like more feedback in order to complete plan. Just received environmental study from DNR.
  - c) North Star Generation Project;  
Marx – sent out some general material. Project is attempting to stabilize cost of capacity. Challenge is to get a bank to secure financing for project with 6 different communities. Group will continue to meet next month to see if they will move forward.
  - d) Change date of April Council Meeting to 4/7/16 due to election;  
Motion (Gabriel/Ortmann) to change April Council Meeting date to 4/7/16. PASSED.
  - e) Write off 2015 personal property taxes of \$48.63 for Curves for Women which closed 8/31/14;  
Motion (Reiter/Stelter) to approve writing off Curves for Women 2015 personal property taxes of \$48.63. PASSED.
  - f) Proposed Community Survey Northland College;  
Marx - Kalie Thornley is proposing a community survey. Is looking for feedback if survey should have city logo & if there are any other questions to be asked or not asked. There are 5 other communities also doing survey. Dunn – what is intent of survey? Reiter – how satisfied are people with their community. It is a random survey being sent out to 600 people. She received a grant to do project. Council consensus no logo is to be used, because it is a college study.
9. STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
  - a) Financial Report Dec 15;  
Motion (Schluter/Stelter) to accept Dec 15 financial report as printed. PASSED.
  - b) Chief's Report - incidents during Jan 16;  
Christman – K9 is here. Fundraising has met its goal & continues to receive donations. Spooner calendars are now available. New squad has been ordered. Citizen Police Academy held two sessions in January. Chief Christman & Captain Pank attended annual management conference in Superior. Officers continue to investigate a burglary. We've had numerous traffic crashes, due to weather related road conditions. Total incidents 1019.
  - c) BID Report;  
Dunn – the BID has looked at railroad park plan, received positive feedback. Shared Leagues article on wine walks.
  - d) NWRPC Liaison Report;  
No update.

e) Library Liaison Report;

Reiter – Jane has started to decrease her hours. Board is happy with Angela. Did an inventory of library. Budget was review to actual, only \$3 difference. Lego club was a huge success, will continue to do monthly.

10. Adjournment;

Motion (Ortmann/Stelter) to adjourn meeting. PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Patricia Parker, City Clerk

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor