

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday Feb 3, 15, 5:00 PM, or immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting, City Hall

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; Called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. ROLL CALL; 7 present, 1 absent (Dohm), 4 others in attendance.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None
5. Mayor's Comments;
Spooners Memorial Library Centennial Proclamation read by Mayor.
Motion (Thompson/Ortmann) accept proclamation of Library. Passed.
Mayor spoke with Sgt. Flatten from 950th Guard, clearing unit. They have been out of country for about 4 months. No serious injuries of those deployed. Good news.
6. Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gabriel/Thompson) approve agenda. Passed.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
**All items listed with asterisk (*) are considered routine and 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 Jan 6, 15 Regular Council Meeting;
 - b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Monthly Payables Check #'s: 36196-36322, 14120901-14120903, 14122301, 14122304-14122307, 15010701-15010703, 20140104, 20141204, 20141208, 20141212, 20141217-20141218;
 - c) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve purchase of GIS Tablet & subscription for Sewer Department;
 - d) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Utility Write-offs \$8,364.27;
 - e) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Resolution 15-1, 2/3/15, Amendment to Fee Schedule;
 - f) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Resolution 15-2, 2/3/15, Partnership for Prosperity;
 - g) *Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve preferred candidate for Administrative Assistant;
 - h) *Approve Amendment to AEPEP Power Supply Contract;
 - i) *Accept Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve **2 Yrs Operator's Licenses – 2/3/15 – 6/30/16** for Brenda K Andrea, Chantel R Nelson-Kilgore, Chelsea M Peterson, Liridona Ravmani & Jennifer A Schaaf;
Motion (Schluter/Gabriel) approve consent agenda. Passed.
8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a) Finance Committee Recommendation to approve Request to provide funds for job fair, provided other Washburn County communities participate;
Motion (Dunn/Schluter) provide \$600 if other entities also participate with contributions. Passed. Roll call.
 - b) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve contract with Cooper Engineering for CDBG Project, Elm, Franklin, South Roundhouse Road \$209,270;
This amount may be reduced because of work that Marx has already done towards project. There is an estimated \$1.5 million in construction costs for project. This expense will be part of borrowing anticipated for project.
Motion (Stelter/Thompson) approve Cooper Engineering costs. Passed.
 - c) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve purchase of 2 lift station stationary generators \$32,540;
One lift station purchase is for new hospital & other is down stream of new hospital as a redundancy safeguard. These funds will be a TID expense. One is in TID 3 & other in TID 4.
Motion (Thompson/Ortmann) approve expenditure of funds. Passed.
 - d) Plan Commission Recommendation Approve Amendment to Code of Ordinances,02/03/2015, Section 86-132(14)Permitted Home Occupation Signs;
Under Residential 1 it was listed that professional & home offices were allowed, but signage for home occupations was not clear.
 - e) Plan Commission Recommendation Approve Amendment to Code of Ordinances,02/03/2015, Section 86-523(4) Professional & Home Offices;
Home occupation signs were not clear. Ordinance required 2 square feet but intent was for 2 feet square.
 - f) Plan Commission Recommendation Approve Amendment to Code of Ordinances,02/03/2015, Section 86-768(e) Signs Not Requiring a Permit;
Again language was unclear & is changed. Also added language for signs that are on building or on wall of building.
Motion (Thompson/Stelter) accept amendments to home occupation for items d, e & f as listed on agenda. Passed.
 - g) Mayors Appointment to: Railroad Park Board Bradley Patchin, 2/3/14 - 4/21/15, to fill vacancy, Board of Appeals Tom Sutton, 2/3/14 - 4/21/15 to fill vacancy;
Motion (Gabriel/Thompson) approve the mayor's appointments. Passed.
 - h) Two Yrs Operator's Licenses – 2/3/15 – 6/30/16 for Abigail Q Halverson;
Motion (Thompson/Schluter) approve 2 yrs operator's license for Abigail Q Halverson. Passed.
 - i) Resolution 15-03, 2/3/2015 – DNR Wisconsin Assessment Money – Contract Services Award;
WAM – DNR – provides funds to do additional site investigations such as railroad property. Property being investigated is railroad park & Roundhouse. It recognizes what originally were called brownsfields in State of Wisconsin.
Motion (Gabriel/Stelter) to approve Resolution 15-3 regarding WAM, DNR Wisconsin Assessment Money. Passed.
 - j) Water main Easement Clearing;
Section in College Street Park has water main through it and trees have grown up over an area that needs to remain clear. The path needs to be cleaned up so area is clear in case of need for maintenance of water main. The City will contact landowners so they will be aware of what process is, and a berm will be placed so general traffic can't access cleared area. It will cross park trails.
9. **STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:**

- a) Financial Report Dec 14;
Motion (Schluter/Dunn) accept financial report. Passed.
 - b) Chief's Report - incidents during Jan 15;
Academy classes are in process and have been welcomed. They did a school presentation on internet safety. Pank & Christman took class in Superior on gangs, kids & drugs.
Doing more training on drug impaired driving. They had a DEC (Drug Endangered Children) case that was also included methamphetamine. \$2,800 in seized drug money.
131 cases 671 contacts. They have fewer cases, but other cases, such as drug investigations take up more time.
 - c) BID Report;
BID is running an ad on Spooner in movie theatre in Siren, but have no information on success of that ad at this time. Many businesses from downtown have commented that this Christmas season was best in quite a while.
 - d) NWRPC Liaison Report;
None
 - e) Library Liaison Report
Open house is a week from this Friday and is a kickoff for Centennial Celebration.
10. **Adjournment:**
Motion (Thompson/Ortmann) adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn, City Clerk/Treasurer

Gary J Cuskey, Mayor