

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 4, 2011

5:00 PM

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL:** 7 members present, 1 absent (Everroad), Others in attendance: Frank Zufall, Tim Jensen, Larry Ford, Rick Coquillette, Jeff Kohler, Chief Andrea

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

Coquillette commended the City on their snow removal and how well they worked with the icy streets.

5. **Mayor's Comments:**

Offer condolences to Esa Everroad – her father passed away recently. Jack Frost Fest is coming up next weekend. Mayor's ball was postponed and will now be held January 29th. American Lung Association letter was read, 'Wisconsin Wins' to eliminate underage tobacco use. In 2010 the City of Spooner had no sales to underage or teens when tests were run in our community. This also includes those selling the product, were also diligent.

6. **Approval of Agenda:**

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

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**All items listed with an 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 the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point to the agenda.

- a) *Accept Minutes from December 7, 2010 Regular Council Meeting;
- b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve December, 2010 payables(Checks 29653-29787);
- c) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to write-off uncollectible accounts;
- d) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to purchase 2009 GMC 2500 w/plow from Arrowhead Pontiac - \$28,400;
- e) *Accept Municipal Operation Committee Recommendation to purchase lean-to materials from Lampert Yards - \$5,337.02;
- f) *Accept Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to proceed with Brede's Lift Station renovation \$21,060 Tri-State Pump & Controls;
- g) *Accept Safety Committee Recommendation to Approve Combination Class B Liquor License Application, Michael G Wisner, Individual, dba Snag's Bar, 110 S. River St, January 4, 2011-June 30, 2011;
- h) *Accept Safety Committee Recommendation to amend the City ATV/Snowmobile route map reference Section 74-93 & 74-209;
- i) *Accept Safety Committee Recommendation to approve Resolution 11-10, 01/04/11, Resolution to Create Section 46-165 of the Spooner City Ordinance Prohibiting Synthetic Cannabinoids;

Pull item I & H for discussion.

Motion (Mortier/Dohm) to approve consent agenda, Items a-g. Passed.

Item H. To change the ATV – Snowmobile route map. Discussion on changing the area near the Railroad Museum so that an ATV/snowmobile could get to restaurants using Vine Street.

Motion (Dohm/Basgall) to approve item H. Passed.

Item I. Kohler has new information. Several people have nearly lost their lives recently from the K2 Spice. October 24, 2010 the DEA banned the Salvia and its 5 different forms. It is illegal on a Federal level. It will be determined if it is considered a controlled substance.

Motion (Schluter/Stelter) to approve the resolution to create Section 46-165. Passed.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Accept Personnel Committee Recommendation to:
 - i. Hire Derek Ricci as Full-Time Police Officer;
Ricci had to do a Psychological test and a physical. He had no problem with the tests.
Motion (Mortier/Dohm) to hire Derek Ricci as full time police officer effective as of January 10th. Passed.
 - ii. Ratify WPPA Contract;
Three provisions that are different....3 year term, wage increase: 2011 Jan 1st 1%, July 1st 1%, 2012 1.5% 2013, Jan 1.5% and last day of 2013 an additional .5% increase.
Change to 87 hours for overtime as of 2011, 85 hours in 2012.
Motion (Dohm/Mortier) to ratify WPPA contract. Passed.
 - iii. Ratify IBEW Contract;
Two contracts – Street & Utility. Both for 3 year terms as they were in the past.
Jan 2011, 2%. Jan 2012 1.5% Jan 2013 1.5%
Street unit – Nelson to \$9.50 as of January 1st, subsequent to follow percentage as with contract.
Motion (Dohm/Schluter) to ratify IBEW Contract. Passed.
 - iv. Accept Retirement of Wayne Fischer, Utility Superintendent;
Last day is January 21, 2011, but will be on the records until March 2011
Motion (Dohm/Mortier) to accept retirement of Wayne Fischer, Utility Superintendent. Passed. (regrettably)
 - v. Reclassify David Reijo as Working Line Foreman;
Reijo has been making the transition. The effective date will be the January 24, 2011 to begin as Working Line Foreman.
Motion (Mortier/Gabriel) to reclassify David Reijo as Working Line foreman effective as of January. Passed.
 - vi. Reclassify Daniel Olson as Lead Lineman;
Motion (Mortier/Basgall) to reclassify Daniel Olson as Lead Lineman effective as of January 24, 2011. Passed.
 - vii. Grant Wage increase to non-union employees;
Jan 1.5% July 1st 1%
Motion (Schluter/Dunn) to grant wage increase to non-union employees of 1.5 % in January and 1% in July. Passed.

b) Discussion and Action on bids for City Hall Renovation Project;

Schluter discussed the meeting with Kortness, the architect on the project.

Motion (Schluter/Gabriel) to approve the low bid of Berghammer Builders for \$78,965. Passed.

c) Centennial Celebration;

Everroad is absent, therefore no action necessary. The Ball was postponed until January 29th.

d) Substation Project:

Construction authorization was submitted to the Public Service Commission (PSC) and approved in December 2010. PSC agrees it is a necessary project. Marx has contacted all the banks in Spooner and has heard back from 3 of them regarding financing.

e) WWTP CWF Principal Forgiveness Program:

Marx reported on the Principal Forgiveness Program. A loan for 10% of project cost, \$71,000 then turned around to forgive the loan. This means they will cut a check that we can use towards paying on the existing loan. A bond council was required to oversee the documents and have been hired.

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

a) Financial Report November:

Motion (Schluter/Mortier) to approve the finance report for November 2010. Passed.

b) Chief's Report - incidents during December 2010:

Closing out 2010. Lost an officer to the City of Rice Lake and gained a new officer. In-service training is completed except for Christman and Andrea. Glad to have had a 4 wheel drive vehicle in this winter weather.

Total 1,048 calls. Large jump in juvenile arrests. Busy year in 2010 and starting out busy in 2011.

Mayor noted they do a super job and appreciate their work.

c) BID Report:

No report. Busy during the season, which is good.

10. **Adjournment:**

Motion (Schluter/Dohm) to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debbie J Koehn

Gary J Cuskey - Mayor