

REGULAR SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 6, 2010

5:00 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER;

2. ROLL CALL; 7 present, Basgall absent. Others in attendance: J. Ford, R. Coquillette, R. Kohler, F. Zufall

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;

4. PUBLIC COMMENTARY;

5. Mayor's Comments;

Cortex back in operations – attended a dedication program for them as a Green Tier company. Fire works were at new school this year & have heard good things – better parking, better viewing. Rodeo Parade is next week. Mugs & t-shirts are available for City Centennial.

6. Approval of Agenda;

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

**All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine & will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of items unless Council member requests. Then considered to the agenda.

- a) *Accept Minutes from June 1,2010 Regular Council Meeting;
- b) *Accept Finance Committee Recommendation to approve payables June 1-30, 2010;
- c) *Approve Safety & License Recommendation to Approve Applications for Licenses: **Class B Beer License – July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011** Denelie's Pizza
Application for Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for: Spooner Chamber of Commerce - Jack Pine Savage Days August 2 – August 8, 2010
Approve Two year Operator's Licenses – July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012 for: Natasha Anne Olson, Alyssa Rae Gostonczik, Kati D Andrea Stumph, and Aaron Richard Arf
Approve Provisional Operator's Licenses for: Karen Renee Mitchell, Robert John Mitchell, Adam James Liegl & Larry Robert Peterson
- d) *Approve Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Spooner Machine addition Site plan;
- e) *Accept Municipal Operations recommendation to conditionally approve Street Closing Permit - Jack Pine Savage Days;
- f) *Accept Municipal Operations recommendation to award bid for Northland Drive Crossing to low bidder Desantis Excavating \$58,882 & to add sidewalk from Roundhouse Road to Front Street to 2010 Contract w/ Thompson Masonry \$6,435;
- g) *Accept Municipal Operations recommendation to approve Change Order - Monarch Paving \$13,975, additional tonnage & \$2,525 railroad protective insurance Northland Drive Project;
- h) *Accept Municipal Operations recommendation to deny request for speed bumps on street in Park West;
- i) *Accept Municipal Operations recommendation to make improvements at Utility Annex 1400 Paulson Drive, perimeter fence-Dairyland Fence Co. - \$21,000; replace doors - Spooner Window & Door-\$8,510; purchase shelving - C& H Catalog \$5,000;
- j) *Accept Municipal Operations recommendation to purchase barricades \$5,518.40- TAPCO;
- k) *Accept Municipal Operations recommendation to grant permit to place fixtures on sidewalk at 137 Walnut Street July 10, 2010 for tables & display of City Centennial exhibits & merchandise;
- l) *Accept Municipal Operations recommendation to place additional in street crosswalk signs on River Street;
- m) *Accept Municipal Operations recommendation to grant request from Spooner Housing Authority to place fenced dumpster on right of way- south of sidewalk on Rusk Street, near generator building;
- n) *Accept Municipal Operations recommendation to strip & paint 10 fire hydrants along River Street at a cost of \$100 each;
- o) *Accept Finance Recommendation to Approve final form of restructured loan to Washburn County Transit Commission;

Item l is asked to be pulled for discussion. The signs are going to be set at streets, Vine, Cedar, Spruce, Poplar, Elm, Oak. A memo will be sent to Advocate regarding safety of crosswalk signs – reminding people to stop for people on foot.

Motion (Gabriel/Mortier) to approve consent agenda a through o. Passed.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Request from Safety & License Committee to allocate \$7,000 for Centennial Celebration Activities; Everroad noted \$7,000 will be for activities, banners, mugs and t-shirts. Most activities will recoup money invested, such as mugs, t-shirts & mayor's ball. Money raised from Centennial Celebration will go to an account for Railroad Park fund.
Motion (Everroad/Dunn) to approve allocation of \$7,000 for centennial celebration. Passed.
- b) Property Planning recommendation to approve proposal for timber sale on former dump property on west side of river- estimated revenue \$2,500;
Motion (Schluter/Mortier) to approve Property Planning's recommendation to sell timber on old city dump. Passed.
- c) Two Year Operator's License for Connie J. Mommsen, Lorrie Jean Wilber, Donna Jo Russell, Latoya Ray Jones, Ryan Mark Feiertag and Christina Janz; One Year Operator's License for Kala A Mueller;
Motion (Everroad/Schluter) to approve operator's licenses as presented. Passed.
- d) Municipal Operations recommendation to proceed with substation project based on updated cost estimate(\$747,500) & report of need & to follow up that project with North Front Street project estimated at \$450,000;
There is now a statement of need for substation. Figures are lower than previously presented. Two years ago there was an outage & last week there was a small outage. Last week Utility was able to move load around to avoid an outage. A major line will be run from Paulson Drive to Maple Street (Highway 70). The engineer on project will decide if underground would work. Thole (City auditor) will look at rates again for new project.
Motion (Schluter/Gabriel) approve Municipal Operation's recommendation to proceed with substation project. Passed.
- e) Consider & act on cost overruns on Bike/Ped Project;
Design called for 2.5" of pavement & 5" of gravel, but soil too soft in area. In order to 'beef up' trail, soil will be dug up & replaced with 7" of additional gravel for a total of 12", instead of 5". If Federal Government will assist on over budget costs, our share will be \$13,000. Otherwise cost of overrun is \$65,000. The asphalt is bid out at \$94 a ton, the City is paying \$64 a ton this year. Marx explained project further & discussed possible cuts that might be made to lower costs should Government not be able to provide additional funding.

Ask to make a decision to eliminate trees & prioritize remainder. School will also have to have a meeting on this.

Motion (Gabriel/Mortier) to approve additional expenses of \$13,000 (to be split 50/50 with school) if federal government funds cost overrun (80/20), & to eliminate costs of trees at elementary school, if federal government does not approve additional funding then cut shelters, spur to ball field, & spur to warming house. Passed. Roll Call, 6 yes – 1 no (Dohm voting no).

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

a) Financial Report June:

Motion (Schluter/Mortier) to accept June 2010 financial report. Passed.

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

A new part time officer is starting, he is also on swat team in Washburn County. New program for issuing tickets is taking awhile to learn, but end result will be faster.

Rifle & shot gun training last week. Important to keep up on weapons training.

In June- problems with flowers being pulled out of containers & defecation in street. Very busy going from one issue to another. Have had 1,052 calls. High number of OWI arrests -22 and 20 disorderly.

c) BID Report:

Hearing lots of nice things about new park & thankful City is helping with watering plants.

d) Board of Appeals Report:

Board of Appeals met to look at Spooner Machine's addition. They allowed a smaller set back for front yard because of frontage on three other sides of building.

10. **Adjournment:**

Motion (Mortier/Dohm) to adjourn. Passed.

ATTEST:

Debbie Koehn

Gary J. Cuskey