

August 2, 2018

**Call to Order:** Pres Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in Council Chambers Village Hall.

**Members Present:** Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Huepfel, Jacobson, O'Connell

**Members Absent:** Falde, Vorlicek

**Staff present:** Clerk/Treasurer Emerson, Chief DuBois

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel) to approve 7/5/2018 minutes. Carried

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion (Jacobson/O'Connell) to approve agenda. Carried.

**Appearances:** none

- 1) A request is being made for street closure and open container for Nate Anderson's bike run. McKay Avenue from So Second Street to So Third Street, Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Chief DuBois has no issues and Public Works will provide the barricades. **Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell) to approve. Carried.**
- 2) Ruth Esanbock introduced Heather Landin, Cedar Fen LLC, who will be taking ownership of Sneakers Pub & Eatery. Date has been moved from August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 to August 20<sup>th</sup> 2018. Esanbock will continue to help with the transition and Landin is eager to stay involved in the community. **Motion (Ducklow/Huepfel) to approve liquor license for Cedar Fen LLC dba Sneakers Pub & Eatery, Heather Landin agent as of August 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 through end of current licensing period of June 30, 2019. Carried.**
- 3) Heather Landin introduced Ryan Pfeifer who will be helping run the restaurant. Robert Michael Farnham will also be helping at the business. **Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell) to approve Pfeifer & Farnham Operators Licenses as presented. Carried.**
- 4) **Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to approve placement of a Thomas Sandve Memorial Bench at the trout pond, being mindful of placement with other benches, mowing ease, and it must be on a cement slab. Carried.**
- 5) **Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell) to approve Toni Pruitt to Library Board effective 9/1/2018. Carried.**
- 6) **Resolution 8-2-18 to vacate eastern portion of Cleveland Street tabled. No action.**
- 7) Painting of bike path fence by St. John's Lutheran Church, God's Work Our Hands Sunday Project was discussed. Prep work, ordering of supplies, scheduling help will all need to be coordinated if this is the direction the board wants to go. Directive to Brunkhorst as acceptable project and continue planning.
- 8) **Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell) to approve Lions Club street closing for Dam Days weekend 5:00 p.m. Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:00 p.m. Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. First Street to Akers running N/S, alley to alley running E/W. Carried.**
- 9) **Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to approve Mineral Services pay request \$27,343.43. Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Huepfel, Jacobson, O'Connell. Nays: none. Carried.**
- 10) **Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell) to approve Skid Steer Guy pay request \$32,889.38. Vote: Ayes: O'Connell, Jacobson, Huepfel, Ducklow, Brunkhorst. Nays: none. Carried.**
- 11) Public Works updates: hose and pump needed to control flow of water from Well #4 project to retention pond, Cedar will work with Mineral Services on this, Brunkhorst or Jacobson will approve for board when price is negotiated; Burro Lane utilities are done, working on gravel then Pember will go on to Cty B extension, Push Inc is about ½ done with drilling; additional culvert will be needed at Burro Lane due to proximity of sewer line being closer to channel than expected; Vorlicek and PW Director Howe have proposed storm pipe extension with end wall, this would be a good add-on, could be done with less than the 20' originally anticipated, 5' with finishing work not to exceed \$2500 will work and will come from street/maintenance budget. **Motion (Ducklow/Jacobson) to approve addl 5' storm pipe with finishing work not to exceed \$2500 at the Burro Lane project with this cost coming from Public Works Street/Maintenance budget. Carried.**
- 12) **Jaeger plea hearing** was Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup> attended by Clerk Emerson. Jaeger plead guilty to counts 2-4, the misdemeanors and a deferred judgement on count 1, the felony. He received 2 years probation for each of the misdemeanor counts which will run concurrently. The felony would be refiled if he is revoked from probation, commits any new crimes or does not pay the restitution within 60 days of determination. He is contesting a portion of the restitution but it is not yet clear what that is. The restitution hearing is set for September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. DA Nieskes will be working on a restitution letter that outlines the request made by the Village, then it will be filed and he can find out what the defense is objecting to. Jaeger's attorney Greg Amman made a comment in court that there were letters from previous co-workers in support of Jaeger that

would be filed with the court but to date that has not been done. Judge DuVall (Buffalo County) commented that the next judge should take into consideration Jaeger's ability to pay. Discussion: The board is not sympathetic to "ability to pay" point of view, or the fact that this is a "first time offense". The first time he used the CC should have been the first offense, the second time-the second offense, etc. The village has not felt in control of this since the beginning and the board's wishes for punishment have not been met. The board assumed people would take this as seriously as they did. The board feels the sentencing shows leniency and the residents of Spring Valley deserve more than this. No one took into consideration a taxpayer's ability to pay when he was filling his personal vehicles with gas and then approving payments to the gas companies while he sat on the board. The village will meet with Village Attorney Rory O'Sullivan to discuss their desired outcome and how the board can be assured that happens.

**13) Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell) to accept pay requests and Treasurer's report. Carried.**

**14)** Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 6:00 p.m. is the September meeting. Most of the board will be gone first weeks of September.

**Police:** 4 citations issued. Officer interviews were conducted today, no offers have been made yet. Received \$300 grant from Allina Health for bike safety. Calls for service are down YTD. Spring Valley Schools received a school safety grant from the state. Preparations starting for Back to School and Dam Days. Another inquiry was made about sidewalk on Van Buren, this would be an undue burden on the property owners it affects and a huge cost if the village were to do the project.

**Library:** August 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. the municipal libraries will be meeting with Pierce County to petition for higher percentage reimbursement for usage within Pierce County but outside the village limits. St. Croix reimburses 100%, Pierce County reimburses 80%, the Pierce County Libraries will be asking for 85%. The library will again be hosting Don Blegen with his historical video footage of Spring Valley 1936-1940. The event will be Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. 45 new patrons have been added since the beginning of the year.

**Clerk:** \$1000 donation was made to the Community Center from the Lion's Club, a welcome gift! The village got a new Optic Scan ballot reader for paper ballots, the old machine is unreliable, cost to the village at this point is \$1 for 2018 and \$1 for 2019. Good feedback on full size utility bills at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. I am considering eliminating the semi-annual newsletter and including a quick newsletter with the quarterly utility bills in full size. Electronic utility billing will be looked into. I finished the clerk's training and graduated from the Clerk's Institute on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Next year there is a 1-year course to get Treasurer's certification. Friends of the Library are having a Bridal Shower for Director Rebecca Schmitt on September 11<sup>th</sup>, the board is invited.

**President:** The village will be looking into flags/banners for the light posts on McKay Ave in support of the Spring Valley Cardinals/school district. Municipal Development will be looking at this project.

**Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel) to adjourn 7:50 p.m. Carried.**

President \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_