

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS
Oct 4, 2022 5PM, in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor called mtg to order at 5pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 members present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Keeping family of Wayne Kegel in our thoughts and prayers. He was long time resident of Spooner, high school teacher, served on Council and was Mayor. Thanked him for his service and will be missed. Jack O Lantern Festival is Saturday. Fall clean-up is Saturday, Nov 5th from 7am – 11am. This Friday is Homecoming with parade starting at high school weaving through city streets. Be watchful of kids and extra pedestrian traffic.
- 6) Halloween Proclamation;
Mayor Cuskey read the 2022 Halloween Proclamation.
Motion (Reiter/Parker) to Adopt the 2022 Halloween Proclamation. PASSED.
- 7) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Parker/Ortmann) to Approve Agenda. PASSED.
- 8) CONSENT AGENDA:
**All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine and will be enacted by 1 motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from General Order of Business and considered at this point to agenda.
 - a) *Accept Mins from Sept 6, 2022 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Tourism Commission Recommendation to Approve Room Tax Budget of \$62,500;
 - c) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Site Plan 1409 North River St – Preferred Shipping, Inc.;
 - d) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Site Plan 1901 CTY Hwy H – Spooner Commercial Partners, LLC.
 - e) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Request for Container Hardship 1118 N Front St. to Expire 10/31/2022 ;
 - f) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payables checks: 48042 - 48127, 20220906, 20220915, 20220920, 22090701 – 22090704, 22092001 – 22092006, 202209161 – 202209163;
 - g) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Medica as new health insurance provider at increase of 19% effective Dec 1, 2022;
 - h) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve increase for Chief Inspector's wage to \$15/hour and Election Workers' Wage to \$13/hour effective with Nov 8, 2022 Election and 2023 Budget;
 - i) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Write Off of 2021 Personal Property tax bill in amount of \$7.76 for Hedlund Heating and Cooling;
 - j) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve a 3% Wage Increase, in 2023, for non-union employees and building inspector;
 - k) *Municipal Operations and RR Park Committees Recommendation to Approve Park Permits:
 - Railroad Park Pavilion, Lakeland Family Resource Center, Oct 28th, 3–8pm;
 - l) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Joining PFSA Class Action Suit;
 - m) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Proposal from TLB Chipping to Chip at Brush Dump;
 - n) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Street and Parking Lot Closure, Jack-O-Lantern Festival, Oct 7th–October 9th;
 - o) *Railroad Park Board Recommendation to approve up to \$500 for powder coat be put on wall structure;
Motion (Reiter/Gabriel) to Approve Consent Agenda, items a-o. PASSED.
- 9) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Approve Resolution 22-07, 10/04/2022 Garbage Rates;
Motion (Dunn/Donovan) to Approve Resolution 22-07, 10/04/2022 Garbage Rates. PASSED.
 - b) Class A Combination Liquor License, Oct 12, 2022 – June 30, 2023, for Kings Mart #49;
Motion (Reiter/Donovan) to Approve, pending receipt of agent application, the Class A Combination Liquor License, Oct 12, 2022 – June 30, 2023 for Kings Mart. PASSED.
 - c) 2023 Budget;
Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to Approve publishing 2023 Budget. PASSED.
 - d) Domestic Violence Month Request from Embrace;
Chief Christman requested their presence tonight. They wanted to put posters and information on city poles. City Ordinance doesn't allow affixing signs to poles. Want to be supportive of their cause.
 - e) Homes Workforce Innovation Grant;
Opportunity for potential affordable housing to be built here in Spooner. This is a joint project with Northwood Technical College and Impact Seven. They are looking for property available in community. They plan to place training trailer for manufacturing trade, like welding, in community and build affordable workforce housing within that community. Only have short time to put together a proposal as it is due October 31st. Marx will try to submit something. Grant wouldn't be paid to City, but this project would bring taxable property to City. This is interesting prospect. Need to find vacant lot of 2.5 acres.
 - f) Write off 2021 Personal Property Tax Bill for NW Electronics, 111 Elm Street;
Motion (Ortmann/Reiter) to Approve Write Off of 2021 Personal Property Tax Bill for NW Electronics, 111 Elm Street. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report Aug 2022;
Motion (Reiter/Gagnon) to accept the Aug 2022 financial report as presented. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Officers attended career day at SMS. Plans are being made for officers to participate in After-School events (Teen Citizen Academy). Plans are also being made for our Halloween event on Oct 31, 2022. Will have many different agencies participating in garage, very similar to past years. New AEDs were received and they have been placed in squads. Interviewed potential candidate for part-time position and offer is contingent on Council approval, completion of academy and passing drug screen and background check. No department meeting. Multiple calls handled this month, 168 cases, 804 contacts, total 972. Mayor commented that department continues to hover around 1,000 total. Thanked department for their work.
 - c) BID Report;
With highway being opened, many people are happy. Downtown worked together to be successful even with road closure. Construction signs have been taken down and normal bill board sign is back up. Ordered some

new snowflakes and will purchase new snowflakes every year. Downtown Trick or Treating is on Halloween from 3–5pm.

d) Railroad Park Update;

Wall to hold bricks is completed, but is getting powder coated. Should be installed yet this fall. Historic signs are done and they are beautiful, but they won't be installed until spring. Working with Emily Riewestahl with an interactive digital tour of RR Park and RR museum. Park is gaining momentum.

e) Library Liaison Report;

Looking for additional space and toured old clinic as another option. Building is available and owner is willing to sell. A lot of potential, significant savings with remodel versus building. Very quiet area, woods run next to building and surrounded by residential area. There is ramp and elevator. HVAC boiler is separate for area. A lot of questions to be answered. 10,090 square feet upstairs and downstairs. Upstairs could house collection and program space, would be perfect space. Meeting space downstairs. Need to look at plans to show support walls; there a lot of rooms. Space has been unoccupied, but water and heat have been left on. Board and director feel it is excellent option. Location is great, has sidewalk access and with potential Ash Street construction would be even better location. Update on bookmobile – wrapping vehicle is in progress. Community Powered update – November 5th from 5–8pm, Emily will be recording oral history if you wish and then would be available for anyone to listen to. It is called History Harvest. Summer reading program was huge success with 628 participants. Food insecurity resources statistics show there is still growing need for services offered. Garden beds at library harvested 135lbs of produce. In addition, library received additional produce from other people from their own gardens for a total of 175lbs of produce being distributed. Books & Bread and Compassion Kitchen are still being visited and is obvious there is still need in our community. August statistics: circulation is up, continues to rise. Visitor count was 5,000 higher than any September over last 5 years.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Reiter/Ortmann) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer