

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS
Tues, Oct 3, 2023 5PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mtg called to order at 5pm by Mayor Cuskey.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 6 present, 1 absent, 1 vacant seat
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Staff helped draft letter to Garden Club thanking them for efforts and how nice it looks around City Hall. Fall Clean Up is Sat, Oct 21. Jack O Lantern Fest, Oct 14, 2023.
- 6) Public Power Week, Oct 1st – 7th;
We are celebrating with 80 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities across WI. Per Gary Johnson, "We are proud to be community powered. Public power puts people of Spooner first." Mayor summarized news release. Mayor thanked Bill for his efforts and all of his hard work in negotiating fair contract with AEP and managing the rates for all of these yrs. It was just reported that our rates are 33% less than had we stayed with our previous provider.
- 7) Halloween Proclamation;
Mayor read 2023 Halloween Proclamation. Trick or Treating - Oct 31st from 4-8pm.
Motion (Dunn/Parker) to Adopt 2023 Halloween Proclamation. PASSED.
- 8) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Gagnon/Lake) to Approve Agenda with exception of moving item j to Discussion Item b. PASSED.
- 9) 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 item will be removed from General Order of Business and considered at this point to agenda.
 - a) *Accept Mins from Sept 5, 2023 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Tourism Commission Recommendation to Approve Room Tax Budget of \$66,800;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payable checks:49519 – 49606, 20230906, 20230907, 20230915, 20230920, 23090601 – 23090605, 23091901 – 23091906, 202309191 - 202309193;
 - d) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve canceling Archive Social contract effective Dec 31, 2023;
 - e) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Contract Renewal with Bowmar Appraisal for 2024 – 2025, total cost of \$84,600;
 - f) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve TextMyGov Proposal;
 - g) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Renew MEUW Safety Program Contract 4 Year Term;
 - h) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Accept Bid for Old Zamboni \$1,000 Jordan Burch;
 - i) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Accept MEUW Fall Protection Program Update;
 - j) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Accept Appt of Esa Everroad to Alderperson, Dist 2 to fill vacancy;
 - k) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve creating policy allowing employees to donate sick leave and comp time to other employees, hour for hour, allowing for transfer between utility employees and city employees, excluding officers with police union at this time;
 - l) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Request for Temp Class "B" Picnic License:
 - Washburn Senior Citizens in Spooner, Oct 13, 2023, Grand opening of Wellness 50+ Center;
 - m) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Home Occupation Permit for Tamara Herskovic;
 - n) *Property Planning and Development Committee Recommendation to Proceed with Council Chamber renovation;Motion (Parker/Gagnon) to Approve Consent Agenda, items a – i, k – n. PASSED.
- 10) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Schedule Next Finance - Budget Mtg;
Marx – schedule meeting this week, possibly Thurs morning. Explained reasoning with budget publication. Clerk stated budget notice needs to be posted 15 days prior to hearing. Publication must be in paper on Oct 19th. Waiting to hold Budget Hearing in Dec extends tax bill mailing into late Dec. Most can meet Fri, Oct 6 at 10am. Preliminary budget published, but changes can be made.
Motion (Lake/Krueger) to Approve giving Finance Committee authority to publish 2024 Budget Notice for Public Hearing (Nov 7, 2023 at 5pm). PASSED.
Motion (Lake/Dunn) to Approve scheduling the Finance Committee – Budget meeting on Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 10am. PASSED.
 - b) Personnel Committee Recommendation to Accept Appt of Esa Everroad to Alderperson, Dist 2 to fill vacancy;
Salquist moved out of town and has resigned. Everroad did speak to Gabriel about being interested in serving.
Motion (Gagnon/Parker) to Appoint Esa Everroad to Alderperson, Dist 2 to fill vacancy. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Rpt Aug 2023;
Motion (Dunn/Krueger) to Accept the financial report Aug 2023. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Sept 2023 – The Fire Department vs PD charity softball game was held and PD won for the first time in four years. Donations were split between the two departments for each of their two charities. Officers have been keeping contact at schools. Officer Anderson did Taser training for both Dorn and Chief. Gary Johnson did training for safety at fires and electrical related issues. Embrace also had training for handling domestic related calls and victims. State Patrol did training in using Tire Deflation devices. Dept continues to monitor traffic detour east on Hwy 70 by bridge.
 - c) BID Report;
Not much to report. Very busy downtown. Need to update website. Halloween - downtown businesses will have Trick or Treating from 3–5 pm. Flowers look great and will leave until after Jack O Lantern Fest. Centennial Park Bathroom had new door installed and cleaning person is doing good.
 - d) Library Liaison Report;
Keep marching ahead, 1 chapter at time. Sept was good month. Checkouts were up as well as attendance. Multiple programs are being held. Food Insecurities programs continue to be highly used. Mayor is proud of library.
- 10) ADJOURNMENT:
Motion (Lake/Krueger) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:33 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer