

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS

Tues, Nov 7, 2023 5PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mtg called to order at 5:04 pm by Mayor Cuskey.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 6 present, 2 absent
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
Eva Johnston introduced herself, WCHA Executive Director Goslin Court. Also, in attendance, Mike Knox, WCHA Board Commissioner. No additional comments.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Thank you from Dan Olson, death of his mother. Welcome Esa back to Council filling Krista Salquist vacancy. Reminder Veteran's Day program at SHS. Thanksgiving and deer season is coming up and would like to wish all safe hunting season. Ladies Night is on Nov 20th from 2–8pm.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Parker/Lake) to Approve Agenda. PASSED.
- 7) CONSENT AGENDA:
**All items listed with 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 Oct 3, 2023 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payable checks: 49607 – 49782, 20230920, 20231003, 20231013, 20231020, 23100301 -23100305, 23101701 – 23101706, 202310207 – 202310203;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Accept Health Insurance Renewal from Medica effective Dec 1, 2023;
 - d) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve paying applicants' mileage reimbursement, 1 way only, no maximum travel limit, and 1 night hotel stay if needed;
 - e) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Ehlers Sewer Rate Study;
 - f) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Sewer Forgiveness Request, 308 Park West, \$1,511.74;
 - g) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Accept Bid for 2009 GMC Truck, \$14,550;
 - h) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Trading In Street Department Skid Steer instead of Repairing;
 - i) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve 2024 3% Wage Increase for Building Inspector Wage;
 - j) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve 2024 3% Wage for Non-represented Employees;
 - k) *Personnel and Safety & Licensing Committees Recommendation to Approve Amendment to Section 46-162 Harassment;
 - l) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve Sick Leave Donation Policy modeled after WC policy and to include comp time;
 - m) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Michael Fleck be allowed to return to Dog Park only after dog is old enough, Fleck follows rules and returns to next committee meeting with proof of vaccination and registration for dog;
 - n) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Ordinance Section 10-22, Prohibited Animals;
 - o) *Safety & License Committee Recommendation to Approve Request for Temp Class "B" Picnic License:
 - WCAHS Temp "Class B" License Request, Nov 20, 2023, 238 Walnut St;
 - p) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Amendment to Section 14-3 Building Inspection;
Motion (Everroad/Gagnon) to Approve Consent Agenda, items a–p. PASSED.
Item e Lake was impressed by Ehlers presentation; may need to revisit slight rate increase next year.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) 2024 Budget;
Mayor thanked staff and department heads for their hard work in preparing budget.
Motion (Everroad/Parker) to Approve 2024 Budget as presented at Budget Hearing. PASSED.
 - b) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Resolution 23-13, 11/07/2023, Fee Schedule;
Clerk explained minor changes and noted Lake would like to examine fee schedule in more detail next year. Lake clarified that he wants to make sure we are not preventing any viable business within community or encouraging unnecessary fees.
Motion (Everroad/Lake) to Approve Res 23-13, 11/07/2023, Fee Schedule. PASSED.
 - c) Change of Agent for Big Dick's Buckhorn Inn Liquor License;
Motion (Everroad/Lake) to Approve Change of Agent for Big Dick's Buckhorn Inn to Andrew Danielson. PASSED.
 - d) Special Council Meeting, Tues, Nov 14, 2023 at 5pm;
Update Ordinance. Approve Personnel Committee choice for City Admin. Clerk is instructed to post agenda with closed session option. Call Lake as he will be out of town.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Rpt Sept 2023;
Motion (Dunn/Everroad) to Accept Financial Rpt Sept 2023. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
No report.
 - c) BID Report;
Very busy month downtown. BID updating website. Ladies Night is Nov 20th from 2-8pm. Christmas decorations will be going up.
 - d) Library Liaison Report;
Every month filled with activities for children and adults. Visitor count increased over last year. Food programs continue to be very viable and needy. Contractors working on footprint of new library. Feasibility study ongoing and have a plan for new library. Variance in place to expand with decreased setback, demolish children's area and expanded that area to 2 stories plus basement. Ramps install between floors. Space to increase almost three times current library space. Anticipate starting capital campaign in Jan 2024. Estimated cost isn't available at this time. Library is active place.
- 10) ADJOURNMENT;
Motion (Parker/Coquilllette) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:40pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer