

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS  
Tues, Dec 5, 2023 5PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mtg called to order at 5pm by Mayor Cuskey.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;  
It is with heavy heart, as most know, Bill is retiring at end of month and this is his last official council mtg. He has worked for 23 years as City Administrator and 10 years as consultant. Have appreciated him and his helpfulness over yrs. Great relationship with Bill. Expressed his gratitude for Bill, friendship over yrs, and he wishes Bill well. Don't want him to leave, but he has agreed to remain as consultant through transition. He has been integral part of many things within City, especially Utility and transitioning from previous provider. He worked hard to learn, negotiate for City, and has worked hard to save millions for City customers. Bill has shouldered that process. Owe him gratitude for his tireless work. He has worked to create new policies, improve city roads, engineering, development of parks, brought forth new ideas, list goes on and on what Bill has done as City Administrator. Very much appreciated there are not enough words to thank Bill for what he has done for City; he will be greatly missed. Marx thanked Mayor.  
Reminded residents to clear sidewalks within 24 hours of snow. No parking from 2-6am during winter on City streets. Received Thank You note from candidate Derek Cable thanking personnel committee for their time and consideration. Very nice note.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Gabriel/Parker) to Approve Agenda. PASSED.
- 7) 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 Nov 7 and Nov 14, 2023 Council Mtgs;
  - b) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payable checks: 49783 – 49851, 20231102, 20231103, 23110101 – 23110105, 23111401 - 23111406;
  - c) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve increasing Employee Travel Reimbursements for Breakfast \$10.00, Lunch \$15.00 and Dinner \$20.00;
  - d) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve City Administrator starting salary of \$100k and to give 80 hours of vacation;
  - e) Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve to allow volunteers to treat Buckthorn with herbicide Triclopyr Ester and display signage to identify area being treated for safety purposes as part of Forest Management Plan;
  - f) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Forest Management Plan Prioritization: 1. Recreation, 2. Management, 3. Ecological Health, 4. Education, 5. Timber Harvest with Emphasis on Integrity of Park;
  - g) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Street Light Request 1100 Roundhouse Road on existing pole North of Crosswalk ;
  - h) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Request of Handicap Parking Space on trial basis Walnut St in front of Centennial Park;
  - i) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve WWTP Aeration Blower Repair \$2,500;
  - j) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Extraterritorial CSM T39 N, R13 W, Section 36, SE ¼ - NE ¼, Town of Evergreen, under direction of Bundy Roberts, land representative;
  - k) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve CSM for Superior Fuel Company and Carl Schult on Northwestern Drive;
  - l) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve CSM for Top O Wisconsin, T39 N, R12 W, Section 29, Northland Drive on condition that this property isn't being developed at this time, will only be used as a buffer, and City Administrator approves;
  - m) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Extraterritorial CSM, Michael Place, creating 2 lots from Lot 3, CSM # 3751, T38 N, R12 W, NW – SW Section 6, Town of Beaver Brook;  
Motion (Gabriel/Everroad) to Approve Consent Agenda, items a – m. PASSED.  
Dunn questioned Forest Management Plan, Marx and Mayor explained priorities and recreation is keeping with "Emphasis on Integrity of the Park".
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Resolution 23-14, 12/05/2023, 2024 Budget Resolution; Lake commented he would like to see start of January session work towards not raising taxes in 2024. Motion (Dunn/Gagnon) to Approve Resolution 23-14, 12/05/2023, 2024 Budget Resolution. PASSED.
  - b) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Resolution 23-15, 12/05/2023, County Library Levy Exemption Year 2024; Motion (Everroad/Lake) to Approve Resolution 23-15, 12/05/2023, County Library Levy Exemption Year 2024. PASSED.
  - c) Appoint Election Inspectors for 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2025 term – Nadene Cable (Chief), Forrest Schraufnagel (Chief), Mary Beth Andrea, Vicki Cariolano, Mary Chido, Daniel Durand, Kathy Focht, Jocelyn Ford, Paul Johnson, Josephine Marx, Mary Matthews, Jean Parker, Patricia Parker, Ann Schroeder, Bill Schroeder, William Stewart and Ruth Ulvilden-Klaas; Motion (Dunn/Lake) to Approve appointing above listed election inspectors for 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2025 term. PASSED.
  - d) December Committee Meetings will be held on Tues, Dec 19, 2023;
  - e) Plan Commission Recommendation for Conditional Use Permit, Gene Thompson Trust, 420 Service Rd/117 Timberlane Rd;  
Spooner Plan Commission, having held its public hearing with no comments from public, and presentation by Chris Thompson on behalf of applicant Thompson Trust, hereby grants conditional use permit to commercial district under 86-253(a) to allow construction of residential portion of describe building for rental purposes under following conditions:
    1. Minimum of 10% of the described shall be devoted to commercial use.
    2. Applicant shall obtain land use permit from city and meet any Uniform Commercial or Dwelling Code requirements in consultation with city building inspector before performing any alterations on existing building.

3. This conditional use permit is transferable to subsequent owner.  
Request is explained to Council. Two units in back.

Motion (Everroad/Gagnon) to Approve Conditional Use Permit, Gene Thompson Trust, 420 Service Rd/117  
Timberlane Rd as set forth by Plan Commission. PASSED. Gabriel abstained.

9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

- a) Financial Rpt Oct 2023;  
Motion (Gabriel/Gagnon) to Accept Financial Report Oct 2023. PASSED.
- b) Chief's Rpt;  
Appears that we have lost another officer to Barron Co. Horsch has been working on cleaning up old evidence and storage rooms. Investigating report of broken window on Walnut St. Financial fraud case of senior citizen has been referred to DA's office. Accidents are down. Coverage is low. Trying to figure out coverage going forward. A lot of calls taken despite being down officers. Mayor appreciates department's hard work and dedication.
- c) BID Rpt;  
No meeting this month. Downtown looks fabulous. Thanked Sallie Lindstrom for donating garland and Mort Dahl for decorating Centennial Park. Ladies night was great, possibly best they have ever had. Weekend after Thanksgiving was busy. Has been very busy downtown.
- d) Library Liaison Report;  
Library board is meeting with SEH on Thurs. Will see floor plans on how it will work. Checks outs and usage is increasing. Programs remain well attended. Food programs continue to grow and people are looking for more groceries.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Parker/Gagnon) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer