

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS  
Tues, March 5, 2024 5PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mtg called to order at 5pm by Mayor Cuskey.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 5 present, 3 absent. Everroad arrived at 5:03 pm
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
Ford – concerns with traffic speed on N Summit St & N Front St. Would appreciate action of some sort.  
Gagnon – showed 100 yr old Charter certificate from Apr 10, 1924 forming Socialist Party. Grandfather was 1 of organizers, he was lifelong railroad worker and was much engrained in union. One interesting fact is Socialist party was never mentioned in Advocate.  
Johnston – director of WC Housing. Will have board openings coming up and would like someone from City to sit on their board. Washburn County is part of Spooner Housing. Would appreciate consideration. Coquillette - Eva does great job for WC Housing.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;  
Due to Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Election, which is 1st Tues of Apr, Council will be held on Thurs, Apr 4<sup>th</sup>. This is pretty typical to move Council to Thurs.  
Motion (Lake/Everroad) to move Council mtg to Thurs, Apr 4, 2024 at 5pm. PASSED.  
Public information mtg Tues, Mar 26<sup>th</sup> 5 - 6:30 pm – SEH will issue press release – homeowners will be notified and sent information. Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Sat, Apr 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Parker/Gagnon) 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 Feb 6, 2024 Council Mtg;
  - b) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve monthly payable checks: 50158 – 50250, 20240125, 20240205, 20240207, 20240220, 24020701 – 24020705, 24022001 – 24022006, 202402051, 202402161 - 202402163;
  - c) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve 2 Police Department Academy Agreements;
  - d) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Barb Schaefer as Centennial Park Bathroom Attendant at same rate as 2023;
  - e) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve to pay \$3,200 to Bill Marx as retainer fee to cover his engineering work to be paid by the 3 utilities;
  - f) \*Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve Police Department Academy Sponsorship Contracts and the candidates that are being recommended in each category;
  - g) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve authorization of 2 PD Squads kept in rotation and further discussion of Vehicle Use Policy;
  - h) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve AEP 2025 - 2026 Planning Year Capacity Amendment Agreement;
  - i) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation Approve Park Permit Request:
    - RR Park Pavilion, May 18, 2024, WC Humane Society, fundraising event;
    - RR Park Pavilion, June 21, 2024, Intermezzo Music Club, World Make Music Day;
    - Centennial Park, June 21, 2024, Intermezzo Music Club, World Make Music Day;
    - Railroad Park, August 18, 2024, Audrey Kevan, class reunion;
  - j) \*Safety and Licensing Committee Recommendation to Approve Class A Combination Liquor License Mar 5, 2024 – June 30, 2024 for Circle K #2746014, (presently holds Class A Beer Combination);  
Motion (Parker/Everroad) to Approve Consent Agenda, items a – d and f - j. PASSED.  
Clerk - insurance premium was less than originally quoted, so retainer can be reduced to reflect difference.  
Motion (Dunn/Gagnon) to Approve Item e, pay Bill Marx retainer fee of \$2,375. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Resolution 24-02, 03/05/2024, 2023 Budget Amendment;  
Clerk - minor change from Finance Committee meeting to reflect calculation field that was incorrect.  
Motion (Everroad/Dunn) to Approve Resolution 24-02, 03/05/2024, 2023 Budget Amendment. PASSED.
  - b) Resolution 24-03, 03/05/2024, Carry Over Funds from 2023 to 2024;  
Motion (Parker/Gagnon) to Approve Resolution 24-03, 03/05/2024, Carry Over Funds from 2023 to 2024. PASSED.
  - c) Park Permit Requests:
    - College Street Park, March 23, 2024, Lakeland Family Resource Center, Easter egg hunt;
    - Railroad Park, June 1, 2024, Kelly Steines, Graduation Party;Drone will be used at Easter egg hunt at College Street Park; no issue with drone use.  
Motion (Gagnon/Everroad) to Approve Park Permit Requests as presented. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
  - a) Financial Rpt Jan 2024;  
Motion (Lake/Parker) to Accept Financial Report for Jan 2024. PASSED.
  - b) Chief's Report;  
Kronberger – interviews for part-time and full-time officers were held. Richter and K9 Officer Tucker and partner Rex participated at Spooner Elementary for Family Math & Science event. Right Track program has completed and graduation is being scheduled. New squad is now in rotation. Multiple crashes this month involving injuries and/or damage to buildings. Officers are investigating child abuse/neglect in City. Total contacts and cases 1,027.
  - c) BID Report;  
Discussion with plantings at new park area at old post office location. Jennifer Kaminski is interested in assisting with planning of area. Discussion with sign at entrance from Walnut Street. Clerk discussed RR Park chair has also mentioned sign. Clerk notified that sign is ineligible expense for grant reimbursements for sign, but trees are reimbursable through WEDC grant. BID would like to be included in discussion for sign and plantings; will assist with funding. Working on resolving Christmas lights and rust issue. Will not buy additional lights until solution is found.

d) Library Liaison Report;

Interesting meeting with discussion of 3-D rendering of possible building ideas. Interior and exterior will change considerably. Have final design chosen. Capital campaign will start. Expanding for Books & Beyond is campaign slogan. NW Ukulele Festival is in August. Year-end report has been finalized and summarized for Council.

10) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Everroad/Parker) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:31 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer