

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS

Tues, Oct 1, 2024 5PM

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mtg called to order at 5:10 pm by Mayor Cuskey.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present, 0 absent.
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY; None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Fall clean-up is on 10/26/2024, from 8am-12pm.
- 6) Public Power Week, Oct 6–12, 2024;
Press release: we are celebrating with 80 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities across Wisconsin.
- 7) Halloween Proclamation;
Mayor read 2024 Halloween Proclamation. Trick or Treating - Oct 31 from 4-8pm.
Motion (Lake/Parker) to approve 2024 Halloween Proclamation. PASSED.
- 8) Approval of Agenda; Motion (Parker/Dohm) to approve agenda. PASSED.
- 9) 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 Sept 10, 2024 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Tourism Commission Recommendation to Approve Room Tax Budget of \$81,950;
 - c) *Tourism Commission Recommendation to Approve updating vinyl on hotel sign;
 - d) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve mthly payable cks: 51005 – 51120, 20240903, 20240912, 20240920, 24082101 – 24082106, 24082301 – 24082302, 24090401 -24090405, 24091701 – 24091706;
 - e) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Washburn County Economic Development Corporation 2024 Membership request;
 - f) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Ehlers move into phase 2 for electric rate case;
 - g) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve pursuing request for proposals binding options from banks to be reflective of the Ash Street and two projects \$900,000 to \$1.4 million;
 - h) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve MEUW Excavation/Trenching Program Update;
 - i) *RR Park Board Recommendation to Approve City Street Dept. install 9' of their stock crushed gravel as walking path base, area west of roundhouse from the parking lot to alley in anticipation of phase 2 installing black top; Motion (Everroad/Dunn) to approve consent agenda, items a – i. PASSED.
- 10) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Discussion/Action on Lineman applicants and offering position to candidate #1;
Motion (Gabriel/Krueger) to offer lineman position to candidate #1 with 2 wks of vacation, starting wage \$45.66/hour. PASSED.
 - b) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Res 24-15, 10/01/2024, DNR Urban Forestry Grant Application;
Tree board working with DNR for 50/50 grant to create gravel tree bed. Great way to expand tree program. Application request of \$3,647. In-kind work will count towards City's share.
Motion (Krueger/Dohm) to Approve Res 24-15, 10/01/2024, DNR Urban Forestry Grant Application. PASSED.
 - c) Discussion/Action on 2024/2025 Health Insurance Plan Options;
Gabriel summarized health insurance discussion. Koverman reviewed current plan and 6 other options carriers. Medica at 24% was lowest. Medica has 2 plan options that we are proposing to consider. After talking with employees, keeping their doctors/health care systems is high priority for some, while cost of premium may be more important. 1st option keeps current plan with higher premium while 2nd option mirrors current plan but is Essentia based with lower premium. Offering 2 plans provides flexibility, but could save employee and City money. Medica has been good provider. Though premiums increase by 24%, the effect on the general fund is 3.50% of total expenditures. If Essentia can't provide health care employee needs, they can make referral outside of Essentia.
Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to accept 2024/2025 Health Insurance options through Medica.
 - d) RES 24-16, 10-1-2024 Establishing a Moratorium on the Establishment of Campgrounds, Tourist Camp Resorts and Drive-In Movie Theaters in City Limits;
With talk and activity within County, are uses in city limits best use. Gives time to consider options.
Motion (Everroad/Dunn) to approve RES 24-16, 10-1-2024, Establishing a Moratorium on the Establishment of Campgrounds, Tourist Camp Resorts and Drive-In Movie Theaters in City Limits. PASSED.
 - e) RES 24-17, 10-1-2024 Establishing a Moratorium On Industrial B Zoning District Permitted Uses;
Discussion with the current list of permitted uses within Industrial B Zoning District. Needs to be updated.
Motion (Everroad/Oja) to approve RES 24-17, 10-1-2024 Establishing a Moratorium on Industrial B Zoning District Permitted Uses. PASSED.
- 8) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Rpt Aug 2024;
Motion (Parker/Dohm) to accept the Aug 2024 financial rpt. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Chief gave contact and case count for month. Been a lot of juvenile things happening at the schools.
 - c) BID Report;
Good summer. Received good feedback of bathrooms being clean and available. Received replacement snowflakes for ones that were rusting out and shorting. Ventures will assist with assembly. Possible tree donation for a big Christmas tree at RR Park arch. Lauren has taken new job and no longer works with BID. Emily Ristow will help BID.
 - d) Library Liaison Report;
Doing wonderfully. 3,867 served to date for food insecurities. Hoopla, Libby and other tech services are available free with library card. We should find out in Oct about the grant.
- 9) ADJOURNMENT;
Motion (Oja/Everroad) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor
Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig
City Clerk/Treasurer