

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS
Tues, Dec 3, 2024 5PM in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mtg called to order at 5pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 6 present, 2 absent. Krueger arrived at 5:02 pm
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Thanked election workers for their time training and commitment with multiple elections this yr; appreciate their efforts. Thank Sallie Lindstrom for garland around light poles downtown and TJ Edwards for tree donation for park. Tree was lit last week. Santa will be at SFD on Sat, Dec 14th from 10am – 12pm. One last thank you goes to the Northwest Express hockey team for installing light bulbs in snowflakes.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Parker/Gabriel) 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 Nov 7, 2024 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve mnthly payable cks: 51309 – 51397, 20241104 – 20241105, 24103001 – 24103004, 24111301 - 24111305;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Accept appraisal and authorize Solum appraisal negotiations;
 - d) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve 3% increase for Building Inspector wage;
 - e) *Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve 2025 wage increase for Non-Represented Employees by 3%;
 - f) *Safety & Licensing Committee Recommendation to Approve Class B Beer License, December 3, 2024 – June 30, 2025, Mo's Wok & Roll;Motion (Everroad/Gabriel) to approve consent agenda, items a–f. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Res 24-20, 12-03-2024, 2025 Budget Res;
Mayor thanked staff, finance committee and council for accomplishing this and it isn't an easy task.
Motion (Dunn/Everroad) to approve Res 24-20, 12-03-2024, 2025 Budget Res. PASSED.
 - b) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Res 24-21, 12-03-2024, County Library Levy Exemption Year 2025;
Dunn - exempts our citizens from the county library levy.
Motion (Dunn/Montoya-Oja) to approve Res 24-21, 12-03-2024, County Library Levy Exemption Yr 2025. PASSED.
 - c) Dec Committee Mtgs will be held on Tues, Dec 17, 2024;
 - d) Library Board Recommendation to Appoint Kali Fizel to Spooner Library Board to fill unexpired term (4/25/23-6/30/26);
This appointment fills a vacancy and original term started in April for previous member.
Motion (Montoya-Oja/Lake) to approve appointment of Kali Fizel to Spooner Library Board to fill unexpired term (04/25/2023 – 06/30/2026). PASSED.
 - e) RES 24-22, 12/03/2024, Res Amending Wastewater User Rates;
Koverman – reviewed upcoming rates for upcoming increase; these were projected by rate study completed by Ehlers and attributes to 3% increase. In 2025, we will also request 3% increase to be effective Jan 2026. There had been rate increase planned in 2023, but it was never completed.
Motion (Dunn/Everroad) to Approve RES 24 – 22, 12-03-2024, Res Amending Wastewater User Rates. PASSED.
- 9) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Report Oct 2024;
Motion (Montoya-Oja/Parker) to accept Financial Report from Oct 2024. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Report;
Investigated arson fire, of vehicle, on 11/20/2024 and we do have suspect in custody. Reported Contacts 920 & Cases 152 for a total of 1072 for November.
 - c) BID Report;
Everything has been busy. Ladies night was well attended and Thanksgiving week has been very good for downtown businesses.

d) Library Liaison Report;

Library statistics were distributed. Oja summarized. Library has had a total of 80,982 checkouts in 2024. Total visitors, to date, 52,299. New AED purchased for library, Lions Club donated \$500 towards cost, which was about half. Multitude of programs are being well used. Food resources for those in need. Big partnership with other Community Resources. Feed My People help with securing food. Ventures helps package the bags. Bookmobile made changes for county locations. Cuskey noted we are fortunate to have library, food resources, and various programs. Keep up good work.

9) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Parker/Montoya-Oja) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer