

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS  
Tues, Feb 4, 2025 5PM in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mtg called to order at 5p.m.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 7 present, 1 absent
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;  
Finally snowed which is reminder to remove snow from sidewalks. Longtime resident and educator, Edward Snell, passed away and send condolences to his family. Received update from Jeff Kohler after having traffic accident. He's home and recovering. Is in good spirits, but has long road ahead of him. Thanked us for plant that we sent. Thinking of him and wishing him speedy recovery.
- 6) Present Dan Olson Retirement Plaque;  
Presented Dan with service plaque. Thanked him for his yrs of service. Started March 1989, became journeyman lineman in 1992, held water and sewer licenses. He served residents of Spooner well and appreciate his work over yrs.
- 7) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Gabriel/Parker) to approve agenda. PASSED.
- 8) 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 Jan 7, 2025 Council Mtg;
  - b) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve mthly payable cks: 51515 – 51711, 20241213, 20241220, 20250102, 20250114, 20250121, 24122301 – 24122306, 25010801 – 25010805, 25012201 – 25012206, 202412201 – 202412203, 202501171 – 202501173 (Check dates: Dec 16, 2024 – Jan 23, 2025);
  - c) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve directing SEH to move forward with estimate to develop loan, plans, and contract for Harmon St water main replacement;
  - d) \*Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve Officer Horsch carrying over 2024 vac hr bal to use in 2025;
  - e) \*Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve increasing current Centennial Park bathroom attend by \$1/hour and paying her min of 1 hr;
  - f) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve BrightSpeed Letter of Support Request—Broadband Equity Access & Deployment (BEAD);
  - g) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Spooner Pole Attachment Agreement-BrightSpeed;
  - h) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Safe Step Survey Proposal;
  - i) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve City Admin fiscal flexibility on culvert replacement-Scribner/Division St.;  
Motion (Everroad/Oja) to approve consent agenda, items a – i. PASSED.
- 9) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Res 25-01, 02-04-2025 Vacation of Portion of Platted Right-of-Way of Oseewee Plaisance in City of Spooner;  
Should be final piece of process.  
Motion (Gabriel/Parker) to Approve Res 25-01, 02-04-2025 Vacation of a Portion of Platted Right-of-Way of Oseewee Plaisance in City of Spooner. PASSED.
  - b) Res 25-02, 02-04-25 Reimbursement Res;  
Motion (Dunn/Everroad) to Approve Res 25-02, 02-04-25 Reimbursement Res. PASSED.
  - c) Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 86 Accessory Structures;  
Mayor and Clerk summarized. Lake would like to see additional wording regarding “Screening or landscaping” in any future amendments.  
Motion (Everroad/Lake) to Approve Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 86 Accessory Structures. PASSED.
  - d) Washburn County LRIP Pilot Program Support Letter;  
Have been using Engineer firm the last few yrs, but contract will be expiring in June. The County would like to return to previous practice of admin of LRIP program and work directly with municipalities. It's good way for WC Highway Commissioner to work with City and we have good relationship with him. By moving back to County, it could save City money. This is only letter of support at this time and overall decision is WisDOT.  
Motion (Everroad/Oja) to Approve Washburn County LRIP Pilot Program Support Letter. PASSED.
- 10) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
  - a) Financial Rpt Dec 2024;  
Motion (Gabriel/Krueger) to accept financial rpt from Dec 2024. PASSED.
  - b) Chief's Rpt;  
Chief summarized Jan 2025 activity. Department meeting was held and new officer photos were taken. Multiple calls were handled including vehicle pursuit that was terminated due to

safety concerns and road conditions. Driver was ultimately identified and is facing multiple offenses. There have been 2 deaths in City that are believed to be from natural causes. PD is issuing parking tickets for winter parking violations, as well as, un-shoveled sidewalks.

c) BID Report;

Had Jan mtg and set 2025 budget. Will continue to have flowers, looking at replacing vinyl on billboard. Looking for someone to do new photos. Snowflakes discussion and potentially expanding to north and south on River St. Bulbs are expensive.

d) Library Liaison Rpt;

Library Director summarized 2024 annual rpt. Overall a good yr.

11) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Lake/Oja) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer