

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS
Tues, May 6, 2025 5PM in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor called mtg to order at 5pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present, 0 absent
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor's Comments;
Spring cleanup is Sat, May 17th from 8-12. With nice weather, kids are out on their bikes and being active, remind others to be mindful and watch for kids going into streets.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Lake/Parker) to approve agenda. PASSED.
- 7) CONSENT AGENDA:

**All items listed with (*) 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 Apr 3, 2025 Council Mtg and Apr 15, 2025 Re-Org Mtg;
- b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve mthly payable cks: 51924 – 52084, 20250318, 20250321, 20250326, 20250401 – 20250403, 20250415, 20250417, 20250421, 25040101 – 25040105, 25041501 – 25041506, 202504181 - 202504183;
- c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve contracting with MSA for TID proposal;
- d) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve 2030 DOT Hwy 70 Agreements;
- e) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Deny City Street Lighting Request-Housing Authority of City of Spooner;
- f) *Municipal Operations and RR Park Board Committees Recommendation to Approve Park Permit Request:
 - Railroad Park Pavilion: Darlene Ginther, August 22, 2025;
 - Railroad Park Pavilion: Madelyn Drabek, May 31, 2025;
 - Railroad Park Pavilion: Samantha Johnson, May 10, 2025;
- g) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Well Operation Permit Renewal (5 yr.) – DNR-GTT Fish Hatchery;
- h) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Temporary Parking Lot Closure Request – WI Canoe Heritage Museum, May 23 – 24, 2025;
- i) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Park Permit, Centennial Park, June 25, 2025, Joseph Wilson;
- j) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Conditional Use Permit Request for 2.25 MW Solar Array Stag Moose Solar;
- k) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Extra Territorial CSM; Lot 2 and part of Lot 1, CSM No. 3814, Vol. 18, pg 157, Doc. No. 354710, within the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ and the SE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 25, Township 39N, Range 13W, Town of Evergreen for Philip and Pandy Hedlund and Peter and Linda Hedlund;
- l) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Extra Territorial CSM; Lot 4 and Lot 5, Section 25, Township 39N, Range 13W, Town of Evergreen for Randi Swanson;
- m) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve moving forward to public hearing for Accessory Dwelling Unit Language;
- n) *Railroad Park Board recommendation to have a sign installed on Front Street that is made from steel from North 40;
- o) *Safety & Licensing Committee Recommendation to Approve Temporary Class “B” Beer Licenses (Picnic Licenses):
 - Washburn County Fair Association, Washburn Co. Fair, July 24 – 27, 2025;
 - Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, May 24, 2025;
 - Spooner Rodeo Committee, June 18, 2025;
 - Spooner Rodeo Committee, July 10 – 12, 2025

Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to approve Consent Agenda, items a – o. PASSED.

Lake requested item j be pulled for additional comment. Fully supports additional creation of solar arrays in the area, but doesn't feel this land is the best use of the property. Would have liked to see development and hope the remaining acreage will be developed. Utilities are already there to encourage development. There was no consideration given to the City from Washburn County from the sale of this property. No just cause to deny the request and would like to remain good partners with Barron Electric.

Oja – item e – asked question on why request was denied. Street light already present on the street. Mayor summarized City's lighting ordinance.

8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Temporary Class “B” Beer Retailer's License: Spooner Cardinals, Multiple dates in May to July, 2025;

Motion (Everroad/Montoya-Oja) to approve Temporary Class “B” Beer Retailer’s License: Spooner Cardinals, Multiple dates in May to July, 2025. PASSED.

- b) Information only: Board of Appeals granted 12 month extension to Jena Hammersberg at 1205 Grant Street to construct house;
BOA met to hear request extension to build a house at property. Hammersberg has construction plans, contractor lined up and house will be constructed on property this summer.
 - c) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Res. 25-05, 05-06-2025 Initial Borrowing Resolution 2025 Projects;
In 2023, Ehler’s did sewer rate study and recommended doing a debt note for sewer lining project and sewer vac truck. Will look at an interfund loan option. First step in process and approves initial borrowing.
Motion (Everroad/Dohm) to approve Res. 25-05, 05-06-2025 Initial Borrowing Resolution 2025 Projects. PASSED.
 - d) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve Res. 25-06, 05-06-2025, 2025 Budget Amendment;
Budget change is due to the additional funds we were going to set aside for the capital projects funds, but when completing the Expenditure Restraint worksheet, it was discovered the additional amount will exclude us from ERP.
Motion (Dunn/Gabriel) to approve Res. 25-06, 05-06-2025, 2025 Budget Amendment. PASSED.
 - e) Spooner Youth Baseball Request-Enclosed Outdoor Bulletin Board;
Following committee meetings, received request for proposed outdoor message board. Cost is \$350, which group is requesting City pay for. Nothing like this at College Street Park. Olson doesn’t have an issue with installation.
Motion (Everroad/Lake) to accept Spooner Youth Baseball request to install enclosed outdoor bulletin board. PASSED.
 - f) Committee Date Consideration – From May 27, 2025 to May 20, 2025;
With the short week after Memorial Day weekend and multiple staff obligations to complete that week, looking at moving some of mtgs to prior wk. Auditor can present 2024 audit summary on May 20. Safety and Licensing will still need to be May 27 due to liquor licenses approvals and State’s requirement for submitting applications.
- 10) STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
- a) Financial Report March 2025;
Motion (Dohm/Gabriel) to accept financial report, March 2025. PASSED.
 - b) Chief’s Report;
None. Chief at training. 963 total calls and contacts.
 - c) BID Report;
No mtg. Flowers will be planted in 2 wks. Was brought in issue from Jennifer Kiminski, who has been doing flower watering last few yrs. She has requested large increase, from \$22/hour to \$50/hour. City doesn’t have this budgeted and BID doesn’t have funds to help this much. Need to find out our options and will discuss at Finance on May 20, 2025. At this time, the street dept doesn’t have any summer pt kids. She did great job and always received great comments every yr about flowers.
 - d) Library Liaison Report;
Good news donor helped with cost to purchase building at 302 Walnut St. There has been delay in closing. Programs are going great for all ages.

Mayor’s Comments – Mayor Cuskey would like to take make one more comment. Proclamation for the 56th Annual Wisconsin Municipal Clerk’s Weeks, May 4–10, 2025. Extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Krista Lyons-Hartwig, for vital services she performs and her exemplary dedication to community of Spooner she represents.

Motion (Everroad/Dohm) to approve Proclamation for 56th Annual Wisconsin Municipal Clerk’s Week. PASSED.

11) ADJOURNMENT;

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

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer