

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS
Tues, Sept 2, 2025 5PM in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor called mtg to order at 5pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 7 present, 1 absent
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;
None.
- 5) Mayor Comments;
School has started and please watch for kids that are out and about.
Fall Clean-up is scheduled for Oct 25, 2025.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Parker/Dohm) 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 Aug 5, 2025 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve mthly payable cks: 52455–52543, 952358, 20250814, 20250819, 20250820, 25080501–25080505, 25081901–25081906, 202508201-202508203;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve CDBG Emergency Funds Allocation Request NWRPC;
 - d) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve alley clearing project and backyard machine rental;
 - e) *Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve MEUW PPE Written Program Update;
 - f) * Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve WWTP Sludge Contract – SEH;
 - g) *Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve by findings of fact presented by Koverman, CUP 530 W Maple St. (M. Kelly), Single Family Residence within an R-3 zone;Motion (Dohm/Oja) to approve consent agenda, items a–g. PASSED.
Oja – questioned item g, Koverman summarized item g and explained CUP request was to build single family home in R-3 (multi-family) zoning. Setback requirement is being met.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve RES 25-10, 09-02-2025, Garbage Rates; Dunn summarized rates and savings from clean-up costs in spring. Hoping to have addl savings with next yr's City's share of rates if cleanup costs continue to decrease with our new partnership with Northwest Regional Planning and increase of reimbursement from Washburn Co.
Motion (Dunn/Everroad) to approve RES 25-10, 09-02-2025, Garbage Rates. PASSED.
 - b) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve RES 25-11, 09-02-2025, DNR Urban Forestry 50/50 Grant Application;
Dunn – apply for grant to use for Emerald Ash Borer treatment. Proposed plan to submit with applications includes treating 100 trees, replace 30 trees and remove 30 trees. Plan was created in 2019, but there wasn't need to start working on it, but now we are accelerating plan since we now have clear evidence of Emerald Ash borer being here or close to outlying areas. It is 50/50 match. Initial est for city share is \$22,000 approx. Does include plans to educate public though that cost is not part of grant applic.
Motion (Dunn/Oja) to apply for DNR Urban Forestry Grant and approve RES 25-11, 09-02-2025, DNR Urban Forestry 50/50 Grant Applic. PASSED.
 - c) Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Zoning Amendment Chapter 26, Sec. 26-6 Fire Inspector duties;
Koverman – reviewed proposed amendment, fire chief is recommending change. Currently, fire chief is required to perform 2 annual commercial fire inspections, but this would change requirement to 1 annual commercial fire inspection and allows for more flexibility. Dist will lose funding if fire chief doesn't comply with requirements unless this is enacted. Many establishments don't need more than 1 inspection per yr. Fire chief can then concentrate on other commercial buildings that may be more time consuming.
Motion (Lake/Parker) to approve Zoning Amendment Chapter 26, Sec. 26-6 Fire Inspector duties. PASSED.
 - d) Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Zoning Amendment Chapter 86, Article III, Div. 8, Sec. 86-303 Minimum Specifications;
Koverman – several mtgs to discuss proposed setbacks for industrial zoning code. Goal is maximizing land and use by reducing setbacks in Industrial B zoning. Lake thanked Plan Comm for their thoughtful consideration for this amendment change.
Motion (Everroad/Oja) to approve Zoning Amendment Chapter 86, Article III, Div. 8, Sec. 86-303 Minimum Specifications. PASSED.

- e) Appoint Margaret Banker as school representative on Spooner Memorial Library board to complete term ending June 30, 2026;
Motion (Oja/Dohm) to appoint Margaret Banker as school representative for term ending June 30, 2026. PASSED.
- 10) STAFF RPTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
 - a) Financial Rpt July 2025;
Motion (Parker/Oja) to accept Financial Rpt July 2025. PASSED.
 - b) Chief's Rpt;
None.
 - c) BID Rpt;
Loss 1 of our board members and BID agreed to appoint Mary Rossing to complete term. Will be requesting appt in Oct. She has a lot of experience with downtown business areas. BID is dropping Burnett Co tourism guide and will use funds for more photos. Discussed creating Tourist Dist and guidelines to be more specific to rules of what is allowed and not allowed. To overall goal is to protect Walnut St area.
 - d) Library Liaison Rpt;
Library is moving along. July was busiest mnth for last 10 yrs of recording data. Patrons have been maximizing several services. Lake thanked library for services offered. Library passes can be checked out for variety of activities, such as Superior Zoo, Duluth aquarium, WI State Parks, Eau Claire Children's Museum. His family recently used aquarium pass and it saved his family money by using this service.
- 11) ADJOURNMENT;
Motion (Dohm/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