

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

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor called mtg to order at 5p.m.
- 2) ROLL CALL; 8 present, 0 absent
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
None.
- 5) Mayor Comments;  
Annual Ladies Night will be held on 11/24/2025; encourage people to be out and supporting our local businesses. Will also have Christmas tree lighting in RR Park, at end of Walnut St, at 6pm that evening. Winter is upon us and would like to remind folks that it's required to keep sidewalks cleared. Winter parking restrictions went into effect on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>; there's no parking from 2– 6am. Veterans Day program will be held at SHS and encourage people to observe Veteran's Day.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Oja/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 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 Oct 7, 2025 Council Mtg;
  - b) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve 2026 Health Insurance renewal with Medica, keeping same plan design;
  - c) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve mthly payable cks: 52664 – 52862, 20250922, 20251002, 20251014, 20251020, 25093001 – 25093005, 202112035 – 202112038, 202509191 – 202509193, 202510201 – 202510203;
  - d) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to Approve Rails on Trails – College St Park – Portable Bathroom Request;
  - e) \*Municipal Operations Recommendation to Approve Parking Lot Closure, TreeRipe Fruit Co, Walnut St Parking Lot, Nov 18, 2025;  
Motion (Oja/Dohm) to approve consent agenda, items a – e. PASSED.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Ripplinger Utility Easement;  
Koverman – Ripplinger is constructing 3 single family homes, we are requiring/requesting utility easement on backside of property line to access utility lines.  
Motion (Everroad/Oja) to approve Ripplinger Utility Easement. PASSED.
  - b) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve RES 25-13, 11-04-2025 Amending Wastewater Rates;  
Koverman – sewer utility rate increase as Ehlers had encouraged in 2023 sewer rate study.  
Motion (Dunn/Dohm) to approve RES 25-13, 11-04-2025 Amending Wastewater Rates.  
PASSED.
  - c) Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve RES 25-14; 11-04-2025 Disallowance of Reedy Claim;  
Koverman – summarized claim made against city from 2024 sewer main break. We have been working with insurance company and this is their recommendation. Standard practice has been followed.  
Motion (Dohm/Lake) to approve RES 25-14; 11-04-2025 Disallowance of Reedy Claim.  
PASSED.
  - d) 2026-2028 WPPA/Local 208 Labor Agreement;  
Last week, personnel committee met with union representative including our officers and we came to agreement. Union and members have ratified contract. We will receive agreement and we can accept agreement, if paperwork is in order, and mayor can sign. Discussion with settlement.  
Motion (Krueger/Everroad) to approve 2026 – 2028 WPPA / Local 208 Labor Agreement.  
PASSED.
- 10) STAFF RPTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
  - a) Financial Rpt Sept 2025;  
Motion (Everroad/Parker) to accept Sept 2025 financial rpt. PASSED.
  - b) BID Rpt;  
They have been busy with creating downtown historic district, 2 blks of Walnut St. Focus is to preserve and be more specific of what is permitted within district. Will be able to show intent and make additions to language. Since revaluation, BID is anticipating large BID assessment increase from taxes and would like to create fund/grant to help with façade improvements, perhaps for window replacement as an example.

Working on specifics. BID bought some new Christmas lights. Wrapping the trees in Centennial Park and maybe will leave them up year round.

c) Library Liaison Report;

Library is doing great. Bodzislav discussed few of happenings. Katy Larson won a national award for outreach librarian. Board has had discussion with fire hall building. Contractor is providing rough estimate for, 2 scenarios. One is complete tear down, building 12,000 sq ft 1-story library in its place. Second option is tearing down all bays except for one with upstairs addition, maintaining old city hall and adding a 5k sq ft addition and exterior ramp and elevator. Both scenarios would provide 12k sq ft bldg which is about double of size of current library. Accessibility and designated spaces are 2 main priorities in new space. Library also have Spooner Library Foundation now, 501 3 c. Library board plus foundation are pursuing grant opportunities. Contractor's biggest takeaway, building has 4 additions, each addition has different level, and installing internal ramps would utilize too much space. Maintain old city hall and reinforce floors. Koverman – contractor is performing pro gratis and would like board to give more direction. Nothing is final. Important discussions are being had. Mayor told Angie that they are doing an incredible job. Proud of Katy and her award. Everroad impressed with how much goes on.

d) 250<sup>th</sup> Semiquincentennial Report;

Koverman – 1st mtg for anyone with interest in taking part in event. Had approximately 12 people come. Group agreed to hold another mtg. Lots of ideas, and different events discussed. Some discussions were having liberty ball, photo opportunity, mural painted, wide range of simple ideas to more detailed. Next mtg will be held at 5pm. Koverman – requested to use State's logo on any branding we may need. The State was ok with using any of logos. More discussion to follow. Mayor would like to see something happen every mnth of yr.

11) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Dohm/Parker) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer