

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS
Tues, Jan 6, 2026 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;
Snow removal reminder, please keep sidewalks cleared. First Semiquincentennial Event is on Sat, Jan 31st from 8am–5pm at RR Park. More details to follow.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;
Motion (Dohm/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 Dec 2, 2025 Council Mtg;
 - b) *Finance Committee Recommendation to approve monthly payable cks: 52973 – 53067, 20251114, 20251120, 20251202 -20251203, 20251209, 25112401 – 25112406, 25120901 – 25120905, 202511201 - 202511203;
 - c) *Finance Committee Recommendation to approve 2026 DNR Urban Forestry Grant Agreement;
 - d) *Finance Committee Recommendation to approve moving forward with NWRPC 2026 Comprehensive Plan agreement with \$10,328 allocation of 2025 interest income;
 - e) *Finance Committee Recommendation to approve 2025 utility write-offs for \$384.75;
 - f) *Finance Committee Recommendation to authorize staff to draft Purchase Agreement for Top O Wisconsin property (N5556 County Hwy K);
 - g) *Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve S River Bay Alley petition;
 - h) *Municipal Operations and RR Park Board Recommendation to approve Railroad Park request for Jan 31, 2026 by Spooner Semiquincentennial Committee;
 - i) *Plan Commission Recommendation to approve CSM Part of Outlot 73, 1937 Assessor's Plot of City of Spooner, Sect. 32, Twp. 39N, Range 12W, Washburn Co for Terrance Vraniak;
 - j) *Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Spooner Health site plan to include variance from Sec. 86-804 and to allow third access point as discussed;
 - k) *Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Barron Electric Cooperative Access Easement;
Motion (Everroad/Gabriel) to approve consent agenda a–i, k. PASSED.
Dunn asked for more information on item j – moved to discussion item.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Class B Combination Liquor License: Crossroads Lanes & Sports Bar for Period 01/19 – 06/30/2026;
Motion (Lake/Gabriel) to approve Class B Combination Liquor License: Crossroads Lanes & Sports Bar for Period 01/19–06/30/2026. PASSED.
 - b) A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$1,826,000 Electric System Revenue Bond, Series 2026 of City of Spooner, Washburn Co, WI, and Providing for the Payment of Bond & Other Details With Respect to Bond;
Discussed at Finance with Ehlers. Koverman stated Brian Reilly is on phone if there are questions. No questions or comments.
Motion (Dunn/Gabriel) to approve Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of \$1,826,000 Electric System Revenue Bond, Series 2026 of City of Spooner, Washburn Co, WI, and Providing for Payment of Bond and Other Details with Respect to Bond. Roll call vote. 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent. PASSED.
 - c) Public Participation Plan for 2026 Comprehensive Plan;
Koverman – City is required to adopt public participation plan as part of 2026 Comprehensive Plan process. Koverman summarized specific language and items. This is basic housekeeping item. With Council approval Plan Commission can move forward with process.
Motion (Parker/Oja) to approve Public Participation Plan for 2026 Comprehensive Plan. PASSED.
 - d) PSC Electric Rate Case Public Hearing: Jan 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.;
Koverman - finalizing our electric rates. Notice has been given to all residents regarding the public hearing. No comments or feedback received as of today's date. Hearing will be held next Tues virtually through the PSC.
 - e) Library Board Appt to fill vacancy, Charles Gagnon, 01/06/2026 – 06/30/2027;
Bodizslaw - board member has stepped down. Gagnon has expressed interest in serving.
Motion (Oja/Krueger) to appoint Charles Gagnon to Library Board to fill unexpired term, 01/06/2026 – 06/30/2027. PASSED.

f) Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Spooner Health site plan to include variance from Sec. 86-804 and to allow third access point as discussed; For those not present at Plan Commission, Dunn requested quick update on item off third access point. Schafer – CEO of hospital for 35 years – planning to do building project in spring 2026, summarized details and services. Moving some of depts within current floor plan, highlighting how ER has grown and will be expanding into new area to care for more patients. Two entrances into campus, displayed current area map and pointed out proposed additional entrance. New entrance will be direct access for ER and ambulance. Current, helicopter and ambulance bay will remain in current location to save costs. Explained in details various entrances and their needs. No additional questions.

Motion (Krueger/Gabriel) to approve Spooner Health site plan to include variance from Sec. 86-804 and to allow third access point as discussed. PASSED.

10) STAFF RPTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

a) Financial Rpt Nov 2025;

Motion (Everroad/Parker) to accept the financial rpt from Nov 2025. PASSED.

b) Chief's Rpt;

Officers used up their vacation time at end of year. Many of most recent calls have been more extensive contact, which isn't unusual, but does take more time from officers. Part-time Officer Kline has officially retired after 38 yrs. He worked for City of Spooner many yrs ago. He has certainly earned his retirement and will be missed. Have been busy with increase of accidents and motorist assist related calls. There has been increase of mental health calls, welfare checks and suicide threat resulting in emergency detention. Other various calls were handled. Have noticed many sidewalks not be shoveled timely and working with City Hall in sending warning letters. Contacts 845, Cases 119, 964 total.

c) BID Report;

Nothing much to report. Continue to work on historic downtown commercial district. Looking at creating sign ordinance for same area. Work with Plan Commission. Separate group will provide design guidelines, which will only be a guideline. Holiday season was busy for downtown area.

d) Library Liaison Report;

Bodzislaw summarized 2025 Library Stats. Numbers increased overall. There were 491 new cardholders in 2025. Food insecurity programs did decrease, but overall, assisted 4,849 individuals.

11) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Oja/Parker) to adjourn mtg. PASSED. Mtg adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary J. Cuskey, Mayor

Krista J. Lyons-Hartwig, City Clerk/Treasurer