

REG SPOONER CITY COUNCIL MINS  
Tues, Feb 3, 2026 5PM in Council Chambers

- 1) CALL MTG TO ORDER; Mayor called mtg to order at 5pm
- 2) ROLL CALL; 7 present, 1 absent Montoya-Oja arrived at 5:04 p.m.
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTARY;  
Angeline Winton-Rowe current Washburn County Judge and running for re-election. Previously was DA. Here to introduce herself and answer any questions or ask if there are any concerns. Thanked Council for their service.
- 5) Mayor Comments;  
Reminder of sidewalk clearing and on-street parking is prohibited from 2-6am.
- 6) Approval of Agenda;  
Motion (Lake/Gabriel) 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 Jan 6, 2026 Council Mtg;
  - b) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to approve mthly payable cks: 53068 – 53213, 20251215, 20251222, 20260102, 20260115, 20260120, 25122201 – 25122206, 26010601 – 26010605, 26012001 – 26012008, 202512191 – 202512193, 202601201 - 202601203;
  - c) \*Finance Committee Recommendation to approve contract for Phase 2 with MSA;
  - d) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve sewer charge forgiveness request (502 Smith St);
  - e) \*Municipal Operations Committee Recommendation to approve sewer charge forgiveness request – Frank Dallam;
  - f) \*Personnel Committee Recommendation to approve \$0.50/hr increase for Police Chief and Captain Wage effective 02/03/2026;
  - g) \*Personnel Committee Recommendation to implement \$4.81/hr increase for Utility Superintendent effective 02/03/2026;
  - h) \*Plan Commission Recommendation to approve Downtown Historic Commercial Dist language and proposed signage language amendments forward with changes discussed for a public hearing on February 24 at 4pm;Motion (Gabriel/Parker) to approve consent agenda, items a–h. PASSED.  
Dunn had question regarding item h with mtg time. Koverman explained committee member is unable to attend if mtg is at 5pm.
- 8) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:
  - a) Finance Committee Recommendation to approve both Harmon St Improvement Contracts for Lead Service Lines & Safe Drinking Water;  
SEH will oversee construction and engineering, will be liaison with DNR, SEH revised design to maximize the SDW funds. This will help with overall general fund expenditures. Lake questioned how we will pay for projects and impact on budget. Believes it is form of good management to understand how we will pay for projects at time of planning. Would like all projects to reflect how they will be funded.  
Motion (Dunn/Dohm) to approve both Harmon Street Improvement Contracts for Lead Service Lines and Safe Drinking Water. Roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no. PASSED.
  - b) Purchase Agreement with Top O' Wisconsin property (N5556 County Hwy K);  
This item is not completed and not ready for discussion at this time.
  - c) Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve AEP Energy Contract 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Blended Price Ext. (5/2035);  
Motion (Everroad/Montoya-Oja) to approve AEP Energy Contract 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Blended Price Ext. (5/2035). PASSED.
  - d) Municipal Operations Recommendation to approve AEP Capacity PY 26/27;  
City is short on capacity available to us for the plan yr 2026/2027. This approval secures capacity for City and is 8 cents cheaper, per KWH, than our previous capacity agreement for plan year.  
Motion (Everroad/Montoya-Oja) to approve AEP Capacity PY 2026/2027. PASSED.
- 10) STAFF RPTS/COMMENTS/REQUESTS:
  - a) Financial Rpt Dec 2025;  
Motion (Montoya-Oja/Parker) to accept financial rpt Dec 2025. PASSED.
  - b) Chief's Rpt;  
Less accidents, traffic is down. Chief has been partnering, with Healthy Washburn Co, for Right Track Program. Have been short staffed with paternity leave and some officers sick. Working on getting quote for 2027 replacement squad as well as quote to replace portable/radios. Executed search warrant in City residence. Several subjects were arrested and drugs were removed. This was long investigation. Officers responded to 2 suicide threats with both resulting in emergency detention. League of WI Municipality insurance provided

Shoot, Don't Shoot simulator to be used at our dept for 3 mths. Contacts 861, cases 120, 981 total. Down to 1 part-time who also works part-time with Washburn Co. Have posting out to hire pt officers, but no applicants yet.

c) BID Rpt;

Dunn – nothing too much to rpt, plan commission will be having public hearing for updating dist language and signage for downtown historic dist. BID Subcommittee working on guidelines for grant program. Purpose is to help with façade improvement, window replacement or new signage.

d) Library Liaison Rpt;

Interviewed architects. Officially signed contract with OPM – award winning designs. Really exciting to move forward on plan design. Trying to decide if we should remodel or tear down. We should have direction in 12 wks. Board will have decision. Library Legislative Day next week at State Capital and Angie will be attending. Good opportunity to talk to representatives and senators. Thank them for their support. Last week in Feb will be in Washington DC for National Library Legislative Day – was invited and will represent northern part of state. Working on annual rpt.

11) ADJOURNMENT;

Motion (Dohm/Montoya-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