

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Council Members present:**

The Honorable Mayor Cheryl Wang  
Aaron Neubert, Byron Kaupang, Steve Massmann, Lori Lucken

**Council Members absent:**

none

**Guests present:**

Dawn Crane, Sue Flermoen, Scott Revier, Jeff Lucken

**Maintenance Personnel Present:**

Ron Locken

**City Clerk/Treasurer present:**

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:01 p.m.

Jeff Lucken stated that the 18 foot fence along County Highway 1 has to be taken down because it is too tall to stay up. A 12 foot fence will replace it.

**Minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting:**

Steve motioned that the minutes be changed so Byron is marked as present instead of absent. Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Aaron motioned to approve the minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting as changed. Lori seconds, motion passes.

**Maintenance Report:**

Ron submitted a draft of the compliance schedule from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Water meters have been read and there have been two shut offs.

Flushing schedule will go out with the April invoices.

Will get more information on the reflective sign requirements, a plan needs to go out by the end of the year.

There have been some street problems.

Quarterly samples are going out this week.

Hwy 59 ditch will be looked at by the state.

**Financial Report:**

The City now has 3 water/sewer accounts that are set up on a monthly payment agreement.

The 2010 census shows Winger at 220 population.

A City Clerk Office 3-ring binder has been set up containing the basic reports and activities that go on each year with month tabs. A sort of "how-to" procedure manuel.

**Fire Dept. Report:**

Scott stated that there had been 1 medical which turned out to be a false alarm.

The spring regional meeting is Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in Plummer.

The regular fire dept. meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Scott is in the process of charging the battery on the yellow Ford pumper and will then try to sell the pumper. It has already been out on bids.

**Winger Renewal Authority Report:**

Last meeting was April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Block grant was discussed.

Asbestos removal at the old school site was discussed.

HRA purchase of the Heritage House has been dropped due to lack of interest by the property owner.

Tony Espeseth and Nathan Baker will discuss the Hwy 59 corridor with the businesses along the east side and are working on getting an estimate together.

Concealment fence along County Highway 1 was discussed.

Winger Appreciation Day is Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. A flier will go out with the April City invoices.

April 25<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

The sign committee has been in contact with Ross Lewis Sign Co. They are looking at vinyl signs that look like wood. Warranty is for ten years. Vinyl can be taken off and replaced with new vinyl. Steve motioned that the sign committee go ahead with their decisions. Byron seconds, motion passes.

The City has received two quotes on the asbestos removal at the old school site with Building Systems Corporation being the lower at \$6,480. The first step is to have the asbestos removed and then ask for bids on the removal of the building. Steve motioned that if the Building Systems Corporation quote remains the same to accept the quote. Byron seconds, motion passes. Jennifer will contact them and also see what their schedule would be to get the work done.

Jennifer has met with Kris Versdahl and is in the process of getting the basics set up on the city web site which is [visitwinger.com](http://visitwinger.com).

Two zoning permit applications from Lucken Inc were approved.

USDA grant/loan preapplications will be going out in the mail 04/12/2011 to Andy Gag.

**New Business:**

Per a letter from Nextera, the wind tower project is not feasible at this time.

The water/sewer billing ordinance and procedure is tabled until the May meeting.

The ordinance securing vacant buildings is to be reviewed and discussed again at the May meeting.

Jennifer will advertise for bids on brushing and cleaning of the ditch and surrounding area behind the old school site. Jeff Lucken volunteered to remove the steel chunks there. There might also be some cement chunks to be taken out. The fire dept. will look to see if they can do any burning. If someone wants to look the area over they can talk to Ron.

Mayor Wang proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Jennifer will have this published in the [McIntosh Times](#).

Mayor Wang will be at the Dog/Cat clinic on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to sell dog licenses.

Jennifer will ask Theresa Voxland if she can attend the May City Council meeting so the council will have the opportunity to ask her about the LMCIT Machinery Breakdown Coverage policy.

Lori motioned that the Lions Club put locks on the two bottom cupboards next to the phone in the kitchen of the Community Center and will have these cupboards to use for their supplies. Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Byron motioned to purchase a keyless, code lock box for the entry door at the Community Center. Lori seconds, motion passes. Ron will purchase.

Discussion of Community Center clean up. A ladder will be purchased for the Community Center as well as some paint for the inside of the doors. Some paneling may be found to cover the movable bar/counter, a carpet cleaner will be brought in to clean the carpet and rugs, and windows cleaned. The books and magazines will be sent to recycling and the rack disposed of.

**Claims:**

Aaron motioned to approve claims, Lori seconds, motion passes.

**Adjourn:**

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m..

**Approved**

**Attest**

**Mayor**

**City Clerk**