

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
August 8th, 2011**

Council Members present:

The Honorable Mayor Cheryl Wang
Byron Kaupang, Lori Lucken

Council Members absent:

Steve Massmann, Aaron Neubert

Guests present:

Scott Revier
Shelly Burcham
Jeff Lucken
Sue Flermoeh

Maintenance Personnel Present:

Ron Lucken

City Clerk/Treasurer Present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes of the July 11th, 2011 meeting:

Byron motioned to approve the minutes of July 11th, 2011 meeting, Lori seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

mowed grass
sprayed around ponds
will cut weeds
Ron is going to talk to Jodi Fritsch about her high water bill
Jennifer will send out the 2nd quarter water/sewer bill to Jodi using the water usage number in the water book

Financial Report:

Lori motioned that penalty fees should go into the sewer fund, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Received \$16,537.50 in LGA on July 27th

Received \$84 in PERA rate increase aid on July 20th

Received \$2740 from the Township of Winger for July-Dec fire protection

Jennifer is driving up to Thief River Falls on Thursday, August 18th to meet with Gordon Dale, City Auditor

One of the topics Jennifer will be discussing with Gordon is that all four savings accounts are restricted accounts

Work is done on Gosen School, Devra Carlson will be giving a final report to the City Council

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

2 medical assistance calls

Fire Chief Scott Revier and Mayor Wang met with Chris Hofmann of Northland Community & Technical College and Dan Roeglin, Fire Service Specialist to discuss fire training using the old school site. Date for the fire training exercise has been set for Saturday, August 27th at 7 a.m.. Discussion of what to charge other fire departments that may come. Byron motioned to spend approximately \$2700.00 for the fire department training exercise with the funds from other departments going towards this cost after the luncheon has been paid for. Lori seconds, motion passes.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

Last meeting was July 25th, 2011.

The first 5 applications for the commercial rehab loans will use most of the monies available. Will be some for the 6th application.

Discussion of tiling along the Hwy 59 corridor.

Lori motioned to have a 6 p.m. committee meeting on August 22nd for interested Council Members and the WRA board to discuss mailing out a letter or post card for fund raising for the old school demolition. Byron seconds, motion passes.

Old Business:

The Winger sign west of town was vandalized. Dawn Crane took pictures. The sign did get cleaned off. Sue Flermoen will transfer \$5050 to the city funds on Wednesday morning. Lori motioned to accept \$5050 from the Centennial Fund to pay the Ross Lewis Signs invoice for the 4 Winger signs. Byron seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of old school bell belonging to Tim Anderson being placed west of the time capsule at the Memorial Park or by the Goson School. This bell is the one from the old Winger school.

Ron has sprayed the ball field and the agrilime and trucking has been paid for privately by citizens in town. The field has been leveled and dragged. It is important to keep the ball field up and looking nice.

Discussion of the hole in the street by the ball field. Mayor Wang has talked with Mindak Asphalt about hot mix, approximately \$1000.00. Mayor Wang has also talked with Jerry at Polk County and they would help fix for \$230.00 using cold mix. Street committee would have to have the area ready for them. The cold mix seems like the better way to go.

Applications for USDA loans tabled until the September meeting.

Discussion of asking for bids for the demolition of the old school site will be discussed at the September City Council meeting since this will be after the August 27th burn.

Dog ordinance tabled until the September meeting.

New Business:

Because of complaints of rodents in the Winger Livestock area, Jennifer will send letters to Lucken's Trucks & Parts, Winger Livestock and Moran's Supper Club with a copy of Ordinance Regulating Nuisances asking each business to clean up any problems they have. The businesses will be given a two

week time period and if there is still a rodent problem the City of Winger will send an exterminator and then bill the business for the exterminator's services. Jennifer will include the names and phone numbers of Guardian (218-722-2686) and Godfather's Exterminating (320-259-5974) in the letter.

Lori motioned to advertise for bids for Class 5 gravel for City of Winger streets and alley ways. Bids should be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 12 noon, Monday, September 12, 2011. Byron seconds, motion passes.

Lori motioned to approve the liquor license applications for Caspara LLC for the time period September 1st, 2011 until December 31st, 2011. Byron seconds, motion passes.

Discussion that Ron Locken will attend class in Warren, MN on September 7th or 17th. There is no charge for the class.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m..

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk