

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
January 10th, 2011**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

none

Guests present:

Steve Massmann
Devra Carlson

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 p.m.

Mayor Wang appointed Steve Massmann to fill the vacant Council Member position. Aaron motioned to approve the appointment of Steve Massmann to fill the vacant Council Member position, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Steve Massmann and Lori Lucken were then sworn in as a Council Member of the City of Winger. Mayor Wang and Byron Kaupang also read their Oath of Office to start new terms.

Devra Carlson discussed the \$2900 Minnesota Historical and Cultural Program grant which has been awarded to the City of Winger for the ADA Access to the Gosen School project. A Gosen School Project Work Plan and Timetable was presented to the council.

Minutes of the December 13th, 2010 meeting:

Byron motioned to approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2010 meeting. Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Discussion of plowing the alley at the post office. Jason Fortman is the one who plows so the city has no control of how early it gets done.

Meters have been read, hydrants cleaned, door of fire dept. fixed, furnace at Community Center fixed, property at 211 Minnesota has had water turned back on, still waiting to hear from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Discussion of work done at a private residence on a Saturday.

Discussion of snow piles by Depot Café on Hwy 59. Jennifer will call Anita Revier, who manages Winger Mercantile and let her know the city has received complaints.
On Saturday the Lions will take down the Christmas lights and store them in the Community Center.

Financial Report:

Steve made the motion to renew both the 12 month CD #12889 that matures on 01/11/2011 and the 6 month CD #12890 that matures on 01/11/2011. Aaron seconds, motion passes.

On 12/20/2010 the City received a \$1697.00 dividend check from LMC Insurance Trust.

The first draw on the DEED grant monies was on 12/28/2010 for \$6055.00 – this was for general administration.

On 12/28/2010 two invoices were sent to DNR Fire Center for grant money reimbursement. The reimbursement check for \$823.09 was received by the city on 01/10/2011.

The electronic disbursement loan payment to USDA for \$20,612.50 went out on 12/28/2010 (this does not show up in claims).

Discussion of Lucken's Inc. increase for snow loading to \$135.00/hour.

Aaron motioned to approve the financial report, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Fire Dept. Report:

3 medical calls

1 minor car accident

1 mutual aid with Fosston

trucks are good, a new grate is being made, work on access vehicles this spring, springs on 4x4 will be worked on later

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

Saturday 06/25/2011 is Winger Appreciation Day.

Annual meeting for WRA is 01/24/2011.

There was discussion of business on hwy 59.

There was discussion of city land available for housing.

Old Business:

The city clerk has been in contact with Kirsten Michalke at Northland in Thief River Falls about possibly using the asbestos removal at the old school site for a training session. Kirsten is going to check into this and get back to the city.

New Business:

Steve motions to approve End of the Line Saloon for 6 month liquor licenses, Aaron seconds and motion passes.

Byron motions to approve Moran's Supper Club for 12 month liquor licenses, Aaron seconds and motion passes.

Steve motions for Jennifer to take web site training with Kris Versdahl at \$60.00 per hour for approximately 2 hours plus the mileage and drive time for Kris, Lori seconds, motion passes.

Aaron motions to approve the city clerk to electronically deposit the federal taxes, Lori seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of farm land agreement with Jay Gunderson. Jennifer will send a new lease agreement with a letter to Jay.

Mayor Wang made the 2011 Special Council Appointments. Council accepted the appointments.

Council discussed the procedure when the city clerk sends out the shut off letters on past due water/sewer invoices. The city can also add a 5% penalty fee. This has been done when a past due account has been sent to Polk County to be added to the taxes. Jennifer will look at the city ordinance and see if it needs to be redone in order for the city to add the 5% fee on a past due invoice when the next quarter invoice is sent out.

Claims:

Aaron motioned to approve claims list. Lori seconds, Steve abstained, motion passes.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk