

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
June 13th, 2011**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Byron Kaupang

Guests present:

Mark Finstad, Scott Revier, Anita Revier, Steve Bak

Maintenance Personnel Present:

Ron Lucken

City Clerk/Treasure Present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes of the May 9th, 2011 meeting:

Change was made under Old Business from Asbestos materials can not be buried at Jeff Lucken's because the water table there is too high to Demolition materials can not be buried at Jeff Lucken's because the water table there is too high. Change was made under New Business from Lori motioned to hire Jessica Renna for weeding Winger Memorial Park this at \$10.00 per hour, doing the weeding every 7- 10 days up to a total of \$300 for the summer to Lori motioned to hire Jessica Renna for weeding Winger Memorial Park this summer at \$10.00 per hour, doing the weeding every 7 – 10 days for around \$300 for the summer.

Steve motioned to approve the minutes of the May 9th, 2011 as corrected, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

water tower was cleaned last week

Ron will go house to house to make sure sump pumps are discharging correctly, something will be figured out if he gets behind on mowing

will be reading water meters in a couple of weeks

discussed broken black top by the ball field

Financial Report:

CD received from Sand Hill River Watershed District on Revised Watershed Management Plan;

CD received from University of Minnesota "a collection of information on identifying and controlling invasive and exotic diseases and pests of rural and landscape trees" for the urban forest manager;

received a membership donation request from PMCC auxiliary;

letter received from Office of the State Auditor to participate in the new standards measure program;

Bacon's Dray & Garbage Hauling charged \$325.00 for the city clean up day in May, this was due to the landfill charges this year;

Lowell Whitaker and Sandra Schultz have made 21 payments on their \$8000 loan that started on 11/01/2007, they should have made 43 payments by now, a letter went out to them 05/01/2011 including the amortization table;

letter received from Office of the State Auditor requesting a copy of the City's approved unreserved fund balance and cash balance policy and a copy of the City's plan to improve the financial condition of the Water Enterprise Fund;

City of Winger will be short on money in the liquid asset account until the Polk County check is received next week, payment on three City bills should be held until the added revenue comes in; Lindfors Agency was contacted about paying when the reminder notice comes and they said that that would not be a problem

Claims:

Steve motioned to accept claims 17050 – 17078 for immediate payment and accept claims 17079 – 17081 for payment when added revenue is received, Lori seconds, motion passes.

Fire Dept. Report:

2 medical calls (1 was a false alarm)
1 request to burn an old house out of town
1 request to burn an old school as a training exercise
request for Fertile parade
request for Erskine activities
band set for Winger Appreciation Day street dance
working on getting yellow pump truck running so it can be sold
clean up of the fire hall will be Thursday night

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

Dawn Crane has been appointed secretary
discussion of the certificate of deposit for the Winger Appreciation Day funds
discussion of monies left over after the Winger signs have been paid for
Nathan Baker has resigned from WRA
Lori motioned to approve Devra Carlson to replace Pastor Baker on the WRA board, Aaron seconds, motion passes.
discussed fund raising for money for demolition of the old school
discussed Winger Appreciation Day
Tony Espeseth presented a \$80,000 estimate for the tiling and grading on the Hwy 59 corridor project
Tony Espeseth will be donating \$5,000 for the demolition of the old school

Old Business:

Discussion of the cleaning on Dakota Ave.

Jennifer will call two references each on Houston Engineering, Widseth, Smith & Nolting and Ulteig Engineers. Will continue discussion in July.

Decision was made that there is a lack of interest in getting Machinery Breakdown Coverage at this time.

City has requested a training exercise to burn the old school by the Winger Fire Dept. City is considering various sites for burial of the demolition material after the burn. Fire department will be removing the old radiators. Rebidding will probably take place sometime in July. Discussion of fund raising possibilities.

Lori motioned to approve a special provision for Caspara LLC to sell beer and wine at the empty lot south of Ultima Bank for the community festival of Winger Appreciation Day on June 25th, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m., Aaron seconds and motion passes. Dawn Crane will need to contact her insurance agent to make sure she has off site coverage on that day.

Jennifer had called Andy Gag to double check the yearly payments if the City decides to go forward with the USDA loans for work to be done on the community center and the fire hall. For loans totaling \$31,100 a 20 year term would have an annual payment of \$2435 and a 40 year term would have an annual payment of \$1745. USDA recommends that cities apply for a 40 year loan even if they want to budget and pay off the loan in 20 years.

New Business:

Water/Sewer Billing Ordinance and Procedure will be tabled until July.

Steve motioned to approve the on sale and off sale liquor licenses for End of the Line Saloon for the time period July 1st, 2011 until December 31st, 2011, Lori seconds and motion passes.

Lori motioned to approve A Resolution Certifying Past-Due Billing to the Polk County County Auditor for Collection with the 2012 Property Taxes dated June 13th, 2011, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Steve will follow up to contact a company about spraying for mosquitoes.

Steve Bak expressed an interest in purchasing parcel 94.00042.00 from the City. Intention is to build a workshop/garage. Steve Bak will put something in writing so this can be submitted to the city attorney to make sure that the city can legally sell the property to Steve since Lori Lucken is on the City Council.

Jeff Lucken's property on Montana Ave. is tabled until July.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk