

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
March 14th, 2011**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Lori Lucken

Guests present:

Dawn Crane, Jeff Lucken, Gordon Dale

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..

Open forum:

Dawn Crane spoke of the planned events for the upcoming Winger Appreciation Day which is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th. These include a classic car show with parade, open house at the funeral home and fire department, Gosen School reunion, talent show, Lions fish fry, a couple of food stands, craft fair and rummage sale. There was discussion of funding available. Steve will check the CD at the bank which is the money left from the previous Winger Appreciation Day. There was also discussion of the estimated cost of Winger signs.

Minutes of the February 14th, 2011 meeting:

Aaron motioned to approve the minutes of the February 14th, 2011 meeting. Steve seconds, motion passes with Mayor Wang voting.

Maintenance Report:

2009 water usage was 8.3 million gallons while 2010 water usage was 7.3 million gallons. Has ordered new ceiling panels for the Community Center. Will be reading meters at the end of the month.

Aaron motioned that Ron attend the training school in Mahanomen on March 29th, 2011. Steve seconds and motion passes with Mayor Wang voting.

Dates that sump pumps must discharge outside will go out with the April water/sewer invoices.

Financial Report:

Received \$1924.50 from Sletten Township for Jan 2010 – June 2011 fire protection.
4H workers are donating the time they spend last summer working at Winger Memorial Park.
Moran's Supper Club paid their Jan-Dec 2011 liquor licenses.

End of the Line Saloon has paid their Jan-June 2011 liquor licenses.

Received \$66.66 from Polk County on an old fine.

Received \$6,110 from the State for Fire State Aid.

Received \$350 from Jay Gunderson for land rent.

Ken Buchanan reported that the funeral home has applied for grant money which bring the applications up to 5. Should be ready for some bids by May/June.

The city received a letter from Polk County Highway Dept. with an application for spreading Calcium Chloride. The city is not interested at this time.

Clarification from the February Council meeting – loan payments made to the city do go into savings account 72-316 (rehab).

Steve motioned to amend the 2011 budget by adding a disbursement of \$2191 Other General Government (41900) Insurance All (124) to the General Fund; deleting \$20,793 Streets (43001) USDA PMT (594) from the Debt Service Fund; and adding disbursement \$17,000 Principal (usda) USDA PMT (594) and disbursement \$3,793 Interest (usda) USDA PMT (594) to the Debt Service Fund, Aaron seconds, motion passes with Mayor Wang voting.

Fire Dept. Report:

quiet month

Two bills will be added to March claims.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

5 applications have come in on the grant monies. Discussed signs. Next meeting will be April 4th instead of March 28th. Jeff Lucken's improvements look good. Jeff's fence will be an on-going project this summer. Trees are growing. Ron will call state about the ditch draining along highway 59.

Jeff Lucken discussed the city's zoning ordinance and permits.

Old Business:

Waiting for estimates on the old school site.

Lucken's Collectibles is interested in purchasing the old fire truck and old fire pump if the city can come up with a price. Discussion of whether they could be displayed at Winger Appreciation Day with a for sale sign or pictures put on the city web site.

Jennifer will send a check into PERA on the amount due.

Aaron motioned to appoint Kathy Iverson to the vacated seat on the Winger Renewal Authority Board which is a 6 year term, Steve seconds and motion passes with Mayor Wang voting.

Steve motioned that Jennifer start a loan and a grant application with Andy Gagg at USDA for work on city buildings, Aaron seconds and motion passes with Mayor Wang voting.

Discussed weeding at Winger Memorial Park for the summer of 2011.

New Business:

Gordon Dale discussed the 2010 city finances, starting with the need of internal controls and the fact that the city council needs to be aware of the finances. Next year it might be a good idea to put restricted money into a special revenue account.

At 8:20 p.m. Byron arrived.

All CDs that the city has right now are general fund CDs. Much discussion of the Debt Service Fund. Discussion of the General Fund. Water Enterprise Fund pretty much broke even in 2010. Sewer Enterprise Fund was short \$7,648 and is losing money. There are no adjustments and Jennifer can go ahead and close out 2010. A city normally has an original budget for a year and a final budget for that year. Gordon will send Jennifer the state statutes.

In the 1st quarter water/sewer invoices that will go out in April, Jennifer is going to put in the message "Starting with 2nd quarter invoices in July, all past due accounts will have a 5% penalty fee added".

Ordinance Securing Vacant Building will be tabled to the April council meeting.

Ditch clean up behind old school site will be tabled to the April council meeting.

Jennifer will call Bacon's Dray to set up Spring Clean Up for Saturday, May 7th.

Dog/Cat Clinic will be Wednesday, May 4th. This is already on Clearwater Veterinary Service's schedule. A flyer letting people know of both dates will go out with the April invoices.

Dog licenses will be put on the April agenda.

The Fire Dept. has a registration form for the Polk County Fair parade should they decide to attend.

Discussion of dogs running loose in town.

Discussion of garbage cans left out front after garbage day.

Claims:

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

Adjoun:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m..

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk

