

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
May 9th, 2011**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Aaron Neubert

Guests present:

Theresa Voxland (Lindfors Agency), Bob Vesladahl

Maintenance Personnel Present:

Ron Lucken

City Clerk/Treasure Present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:02 p.m.

Theresa Voxland discussed and answered questions on Machinery Breakdown Coverage which would be an additional policy to what the city already has. The annual premium now is \$7211 and the additional coverage would be \$400 per year. This coverage can be added at any time, the city does not have to wait until the annual premium is due.

Discussion of the presentation. Council will revisit the insurance situation at the June meeting.

Minutes of the April 11th, 2011 meeting:

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

Maintenance Report:

Frost boil by the fertilizer plant is on railroad property and not a city street.

Had Gopher State meeting.

Water meters were read.

Keyless lock was installed.

Water sample was okay and opened locks.

Did soil sampling last week.

Flushed hydrants last week.

New permit from the MN Pollution Control Agency arrived today. The city now needs to start looking for a consultant/engineer – has 90 days. Andy Gag had recommended looking at at least 3 firms – giving each 5 minutes for an interview/presentation.

Steve motioned to pick 3 firms for interviews, Lori seconds, motion passes.

This will be held on June 13th before the 7 p.m. council meeting, with a five minute interview at 6:30 p.m., 6:40 p.m. and 6:50 p.m.

Winger Livestock is being hooked up for a kitchen sink - \$200 connection fee.
The mandate for the retroreflectivity signs is a recommendation – not a law and may not happen.

Financial Report:

On 04/18/2011 \$2900 was deposited from the MN Historical Society (Gosen School Grant).

On 04/20/2011 \$2740 was deposited from Township of Winger for Jan – June 2011 fire protection.

Three w/s accounts were set up on a monthly payment agreement with the 1st payment on each starting on 04/15/2011. Not one of the three made a payment.

A \$100 deposit is not being returned from the Jamie Olson wedding and dance on 04/23/2011. Damages to the Community Center include a broken towel dispenser in the men's room, tape marks on the north wall above the mural, broken slat on the inside of the window on the south door and loose panels on the bar/counter.

E-mail report from Ken Buchanan this morning states of the first 5 applicants (Truman Wang Trucking, Winger Livestock, Minkota Technologies, Titan Machinery and Anderson-Mattson) 3 are out in the mail on bids. All 5 will be bid by early June. The two applications on the waiting list are Moran's and Souix Oil.

Fire Dept. Report:

2 medicals

Fireman's ball is set for June 25th.

\$1350 is the highest bid on the yellow Ford pumper.

Lori motioned to accept the \$1350 bid on the yellow pumper, Byron seconds and motion passes.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

Last meeting was April 25th, 2011. Ron is temporary secretary. Are working with businesses that have applied for the commercial rehab monies. \$8000 donated to the school demolition fund. Hwy 59 corridor project estimated to cost \$450,000 – may just tile right now.

Old Business:

Asbestos will be removed from the old school site by Building Systems Corporation in the next couple of weeks. Demolition materials can not be buried at Jeff Lucken's because the water table there is too high.

Discussion of what is needed to clean up the ditch behind the old school site. Watershed district should be notified. Byron motioned to accept the Valley Peat bid of \$3750 to clean culvert at both ends, clean ditch by removing brush, concrete chunks and trees, does not have to be lawn mower ready, and any problems with concrete thing would be extra. Steve seconds and motion passes. The city will look into seeding later.

For demolition of the old school site, Jennifer is to advertise for bids:

Demolition of old school site

disposal at Mark Hagan's disposal site 5 miles east of town

back filling to fill hole to level the site

sealed bid must be presented to the city clerk's office by 7 p.m. June 13th, 2011

performance bond is required (10%)

\$110 was collected in dog licenses at the dog/cat clinic May 4th. A notice on dog licenses will go out in the water/sewer billing.

Discussion on the USDA loan program. No grant money is being offered. Andy Gag stated that a loan would be a sure thing. 40 year term, 4.5% with a yearly payment around \$2500. Jennifer will contact Andy about a loan at a shorter term and council will discuss at the June meeting.

New Business:

Water/Sewer Billing Ordinance and Procedure will be discussed at the June meeting.

Council decided that they are not interested in passing the Ordinance Securing Vacant Buildings at this time.

Discussion of the street sweeper which fits on the front of a skid loader. A new brush would cost \$1200. Discussed sweeping and then using fire equipment to wash East Dakota Ave.

City can use Byron Kaupang's sprayer for weed spraying.

Lori motioned to pass Resolution Certifying Past-Due Billing to the Polk County Auditor for Collection with the 2012 Property Taxes, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Steve motioned to declare the May 2011 Partial Aging Report as uncollectable accounts, Lori seconds, motion passes.

Country Store will order plants for the Winger Memorial Park. They will also till the soil and put down fertilizer and weed killer. Volunteers will help with the planting. 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. Byron seconds, motion passes.

Steve brought up discussion of the property at 18 North 2nd Street.

Lori brought up discussion of the sale of city property at the corner of East Dakota Ave. and South Railway St.

Claims:

Lori motioned to approve claims, Steve seconds and motion passes.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m..

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk