

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
April 9, 2012**

Council Members present:

The Honorable Mayor Cheryl Wang
Steve Massmann, Byron Kaupang,

Council Members absent:

Aaron Neubert, Lori Lucken

Guests present:

Norman Versdahl

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:07 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Norman Versdahl brought up the question of whether the City could clean Dakota Ave. Discussion of the condition of the street sweeper and what would have to be done to fix it. Ron will look at. Discussion of the Fire Dept cleaning the street if the sweeper is not repairable.

Minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting:

Steve motioned to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Meters have been read.

Clyde from Ulteig Engineering was in town to check the manholes. 37 manholes were looked at. Sump pumps have been looked. Ulteig will be sending in a report to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Storm drain by the elevator was repaired. Haven't received the bill yet.

Meter was installed at Russ Morgan's house.

Discussed water usage at Jodi Fritsch's house.

Ball field was sprayed.

Financial Report:

The 2011 Summary Financial Report from Hoffman, Dale and Swenson has been posted on the City web site.

On March 15th the State Fire Aid money of \$6,109 was received.

Byron motioned to approve Jennifer going to the City Clerk Liquor License Training in Park Rapids on May 2nd with the City paying for the mileage, there is no registration fee, Steve seconds, motion passes.

On March 20th Jennifer met with Theresa Voxland from Lindfors Insurance for the annual meeting.

Jennifer will ask Theresa about the liability coverage limits and get back to Council with the information.

Discussion of how much money it is going to cost the City to have Ulteig Engineering working for the City this year. Any further work by Ulteig should be presented to the Council first with a dollar amount of what that work would cost.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

Grass fire with 6 responders.

Received permit for raffle. Raffle tickets will hopefully be given out at the 04/16/2012 Fire Dept. meeting.

The Northwest Regional Fire Fighters Assoc. meeting will be held in Roseau on April 19th.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

Byron motioned to approve Kathy Iverson for a 6 year term on the WRA board, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of submitting a grant for residential rehab housing. Does the grant writer get paid a fee or do they write the grant and are paid a certain percentage of the grant when the grant is approved?

At this point in time the City is not interested in having double wide trailers on the old school site property.

Discussion of properties in the City of Winger. Jennifer will send out letters to two properties that are in violation of the Public Nuisance Ordinance.

Old Business:

Jennifer will place a one week ad in the Country Canary on the city property for sale. Same information as is posted on the web site.

Discussion of ideas for development of old school site tabled until the May Council meeting.

Discussion of the article "Ultima Bank of Winger receives Minnesota SBA Honors" that was in the April 4th issue of the McIntosh Times. Per the McIntosh Times this article was submitted by Jamie Austin.

Byron motioned to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations Received, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Steve motioned that Mayor Wang sign all paperwork needed by USDA to finalize the loans for the community center and fire hall, Byron seconds, motion passes.

When Jennifer receives the resolution from Andy Gag, she will set up a Special Council meeting so the resolution can be approved immediately and does not have to wait until the May Council meeting.

Per Patrick Armon at DEED and Ken Buchanan of Northwest MN HRA the City of Winger can apply next year (2013) for another grant after the commercial rehab which the City is now involved in is done. Per Ken a letter of intent should be sent out to residents a month or two before the preapplication is sent to DEED. A listing of interest in Winger should not be any older than that. The City can certainly do a survey at this point in time if they want to see what the interest is now. The City does have some money in the bank for residential rehab so any interest would have to show a demand that would exceed those funds.

Jennifer is to contact the City Attorney concerning the last 3 payments on the Improvement Bond of 1995.

Spring Clean Up is set for Saturday, May 5th starting at 9 am.

Dog & Cat Clinic will be on Wednesday, May 9th from 6 – 7 pm. Jennifer will be there to sell dog licenses.

Steve motions to let Nicole Cook rent the hall for once a week Zumba classes for \$50.00 per month, Byron seconds, motion passes.

New Business:

Ordinance 36 tabled until the May Council meeting.

Discussion of www.visitwinger.com

Polk Cty Fair Parade Sun July 15th 2 pm tabled until the May Council meeting.

Jennifer to call McIntosh County Store to order plants and get on their schedule for the Winger Memorial Park. Worker will be needed for weeding this summer.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk