

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
March 12, 2012**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

none

Guests present:

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 6:33 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Wang added Zumba exercise class to the agenda. Jennifer added USDA Loan Applications/Options to the agenda.

Minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting:

Aaron motioned to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Door hangers are out for possible shut off due to non-payment of water/sewer bill.
Chipping ice in storm drains.
Checking on residential sump pumps.
Will be reading water meters.
Flushing schedule will be going out.
Quarterly water sample will be going to Detroit Lakes.

Financial Report:

Byron motioned to roll over CD #14129 for \$12,000 which matures on 03/19/2012, Lori seconds, motion passes.

Lori motioned to approve Jennifer to attend the League of Minnesota Clerk's Conference being held in Duluth on June 20th, 21st and 22nd with the registration fee being \$245 and 3 nights lodging being around \$55 for each night, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

On 02/28/12 Winger Township paid \$2740 for the 1st half of the 2012 fire protection.

On 03/12/12 Sletten Township paid \$641.50 for the 1st half of the 2012 fire protection.

There was a teen dance at the Community Center on 03/09/2012 put on by Z. Martin Entertainment from Crookston. About 40 – 50 attended.

Jennifer had contacted Patrick Armon at DEED about when the City could again apply for residential rehab funds. He replied that the City could apply next fall if the need and demand far exceed money the City has from payments of previous and current loans. Patrick suggested contacting NW Multi-County

HRA about a possible application. Jennifer will contact Ken Buchanan about when to start to document interest.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

1 vehicle crash

1 medical call

3 Firefighters attended the MN State Community & Technical College's training in Detroit Lakes.

The Fire Dept. street dance has been scheduled for July 21st.

Aaron motioned to approve a raffle of 5 guns at the street dance put on by the fire dept. in July, Lori seconds, motion passes.

Steve Massmann joined the meeting.

Byron motioned to approve the fire dept. officers with Scott Revier as fire chief, Gary Sonsteli as assistant fire chief and Mike Thompson as secretary, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

There was no February meeting.

A reminder that Mark Finstad has pledged to make a 2nd donation to the school demolition fund if everyone on the City Council and the WRA donate something and Dawn Crane has stated that she would match the donation.

City Auditor, Gordon Dale

In addition to the 2011 audit report, Gordon handed out 3 additional sheets showing City of Winger Governmental Funds.

The Sewer Fund has lost money the last 4 years, with the average amount being lost each year at around \$4000.00.

The General Fund is losing \$5,188 per year.

Revenue options for the City are: property taxes; user fees (this would also include the Sewer and Water Funds); Local Government Aid and grant money (which is received by the City and then goes out to the specified purpose).

There was much discussion of each of the four funds. In three years, when the debt is paid off, the surplus in the Debt Service Fund can be rolled into the General Fund should the council decide that is what they want to do.

Discussion of the money left to collect and the last 3 payments on the Improvement Bond of 1995. These payments go to the USDA. Jennifer will contact Andy Gag and see what paperwork they have from when the debt was originally set up.

CD #14048 at Ultima Bank is Appreciation Day money that the City does not control or receive any paperwork on, but it is listed using the City Federal Tax ID#. Therefore, at the end of the year the bank lists it as a City investment. Jennifer will contact Jon Aasen about putting this into a City restricted account if the City Tax # is going to be used.

Lori motioned to adopt the Fund Balance Policy, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Lori Lucken left meeting.

Old Business:

Discussion of selling the old school site.

Will use the City web site:

zoned for residential

state block size

map/street description

for more information call the City Clerk's office

Byron motioned that City block 012, which is the old school site, be zoned residential, Steve seconds, motion passes.

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

USDA Loan Applications/Options tabled until the April meeting.

New Business:

Steve motioned that the City of Winger sign an Authorization Application with Airborne Custom Spraying, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Jennifer will call Bacon's about doing a Spring Clean Up on Saturday, May 5th.

Jennifer will call the Clearwater Veterinary to see if they will do a Vet Clinic again in Winger and see what date will work on their schedule.

Discussion of spraying the ball field as soon as it is possible.

Discussion of a Zumba exercise class being given by Nicole Geiseke at the Community Center. Would be for 1 ½ hours, twice a week, probably Tuesday and Thursday starting around 5 or 5:30 pm. Charge would be \$75/month regardless of how many classes were held that month. After each class the Community Center must be left in a neat, orderly condition. Would need a copy of Nicole's liability insurance. If Win-E-Mac decides in the fall to have a continuing education class at the Community Center again on Thursday, that would take priority over the Zumba class.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk