

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
May 22, 2012**

Council Members present:

The Honorable Mayor Cheryl Wang
Aaron Neubert, Byron Kaupang,

Council Members absent:

Steve Massmann, Lori Lucken

Guests present:

none

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting which had been rescheduled from May 14th, was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting:

Byron motioned to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

mowing is going on
attended Gopher One meeting
talked to Chris at Ulteig Engineering; a letter is being sent to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that there is nothing more to do right now; it is so dry we should wait; sump pumps are outside now
2011 Consumer Confidence Report is on the City web site and posted at the Community Center
discharging at the ponds
doing water samples
discussion of weeds by the creek
sweeper isn't being used but is operable; hosed down the street and then swept by hand (that way can see what is going on)

Financial Report:

Jennifer submitted written financial report.

Byron motioned to approve signing the Liability Coverage Waiver Form which limits liability coverage from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust to \$500,000 per occurrence, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Aaron motioned to add Chris Roragen and Dean Johnson to the City of Winger payroll as city employees, Byron seconds, motion passes. They will now be covered under workers' comp. and the City liability insurance.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

no report

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

WRA met on May 21st.

Discussion of a residential rehab loan program, will start looking into this in 2013.

Discussion of two newspaper articles, the 1st one appearing in the McIntosh Times on 04/04/2012 and the 2nd one appearing in the Grand Forks Herald on 05/04/2012, some inaccurate statements.

Devra Carlson has some of the bricks from the old school, looking into the possibility of using them to make a brick bench with a stone picture on the back of the bench, looking at placing it on city property. At the next meeting, in July, will discuss fund raising for the old school demolition fund and the highway 59 corridor project.

City Council added discussion of placement of the bench to the June agenda.

Old Business:

Byron motioned to rent the hall to Nicole Cook for her Zumba classes at \$10 per class, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of Vondria Winter's Community Ed classes using the Community Center again this next winter. Jennifer will let her know it can continue at the same rent.

Discussion of ideas for the development of the old school site. Possibly putting a "For Sale" sign along highway 59. Jennifer will check with Kris on what wording to use on the city web site so someone doing a search for property for sale in Polk County would see the information Winger has on its site.

Aaron motioned to accept the Resolution Accepting Donations Received, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Byron motioned to accept the Loan Resolution Security Agreement for the Community Center and the Loan Resolution Security Agreement for the Fire Hall, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Aaron motions to have the City Attorney, Wayne Swanson, hire research done at the County Recorder's Office so the Preliminary Title Opinion can be completed for USDA, Byron seconds, motion passes.

At the June Council meeting the bids for work on the Community Center and work on the Fire Hall will be discussed.

2013 – 2015 Debit Service Fund tabled until the June Council meeting.

Spring Clean Up was discussed, not a lot this year.

2 dog licenses were sold at the Dog & Cat clinic.

Chris Roragen used Orrie Flermoen's tiller at the Winger Memorial Park. Dee Dee from McIntosh County Store brought the plants over the afternoon of May 22nd and with volunteer help everything was put in the ground and watered.

Byron motioned to hire Anita Revier as a city employee to weed Winger Memorial Park this summer, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

New Business:

Mrs. Zarkoff did not appear at the meeting to talk to Council about the monies certified to her property at 211 E. Minnesota as she had told the city clerk she was going to.

Discussion of Ordinance 36 which was passed in July of 1979 and updated in March of 1992. Another update is needed. Jennifer will research this.

No interest at this time for sign-up for calcium chloride application through Polk County.

No interest at this time for the City of Winger to enter a float in the Polk County Fair parade on July 15th. The Fire Dept. will make their own decision as to whether or not they are going to enter.

There are garbage bags on the ground next to End of the Line Saloon. If the garbage is still there on Wednesday, May 30th, Jennifer is to send a letter to them.

Steve Bak has again expressed an interest in buying parcel 94.00042.00 from the City. Because he is married to a Council Member the City needs to get approval from the City Attorney that the City can sell this land to him. When the city clerk receives a letter of intent with his signature, she will send this to the City Attorney for his opinion.

Adjourn:

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

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk