

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger  
September 10, 2012**

**Council Members present:**

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

**Council Members absent:**

Steve Massmann

**Guests present:**

Alex Coutte

**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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

End of the Line Saloon was added to the agenda.

Discussion with Alex Coutte of his offer to purchase parcel 94.00042.00 from the City for \$200. During the discussion this offer was raised to \$300. Ron will measure the lot for size. Jennifer will call Polk County to see how they come up with a taxable market value of \$2,200. Discussion will continue at the October Council meeting.

**Minutes of the August 13th, 2012 meeting:**

Aaron motioned to approve the minutes of the August 13th, 2012 meeting, Lori seconds, motion passes.

**Maintenance Report:**

will be reading water meters

the water leak east of Highway 59 was repaired using a sleeve

a new curb stop was installed in front of Truman Wang's property

There had been discussion of installing a valve on the line to Theresa Benbo's but it would have to be installed horizontally so that won't work. If the Fire Dept. could flush the line once in awhile, that might help. Using Dawn soap might also help. Jennifer will e-mail Scott Revier to see if the Fire Dept. could help and ask him to contact Ron for the details.

**Financial Report:**

Byron motioned to let CD#14129 that will mature on 09/18/2012 at \$12,060.21 roll over, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Jennifer has started a financial report spread sheet in the computer that has the actual end of the year figures for 2009, 2010 and 2011. Each year in February the city clerk can add the previous year's figures. It will make an easy way to find account totals for previous years and do an average if needed when calculating next year's budget.

**Claims:**

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

**Fire Dept. Report:**

no report was given

**Winger Renewal Authority Report:**

Last meeting was 08/26/2012.

There was discussion of a news release.

Red street banners are in need of repair. The Lions or the Centennial committee originally put these up.

Letter is being sent to Winger Township about their building in Winger.

Strategic Investment Plan needs updating.

A 2013 Chairman is needed.

Discussed having a fundraiser with the Lions to raise money for the old school demolition fund.

A letter will be sent to HRA requesting the possibility of a house being built at the old school site but with no restrictions as to when it needs to be sold or it will go back to the City. Jennifer will draft a letter and e-mail it to Mark for polishing.

Discussed applying for both commercial and residential rehab grants next year.

Discussed bench to be put up where the corner flower bed is by the Community Center.

**Old Business:**

Mrs. Neubert is working on the "For Sale" sign that is to go up along Highway 59 to sell lots at the old school site. Revenue for the Old School Site Demolition is now up to \$14,026. The expenses are \$18,176.

When Jennifer contacted Andrew Gag of USDA about the USDA loans his reply on September 4<sup>th</sup> was "you are next on the list for closing instructions".

**New Business:**

Lori motioned to approve Quinn Olson's applications for liquor licenses contingent on his completing all necessary paperwork and the Polk County Sheriff's Department signing off on the background check, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Lori motioned to approve A Resolution Certifying Past-Due Billing to the Polk County Auditor for Collection with the 2013 Property Taxes, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Mike Foertsch of Moore Engineering had requested the opportunity to do a presentation at the October City Council meeting. General consensus is that no presentation is needed at this time since Ulteig Engineering was just hired last year but the information on his company will be kept on file should the City be looking for another engineering firm in the future.

Lori motioned that due to Veteran's Day being observed on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, that the November City Council meeting be held on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Aaron seconds, motion passes.

Lori motioned that starting October 1, 2012 the quarterly Street Lighting Fee be raised from \$11.55 per account to \$14.00, Byron seconds, motion passes with Aaron voting no.

Jennifer will talk to Otter Tail to see if someone could come to a Council meeting sometime this next winter to discuss various ways to bring the City Otter Tail bill down.

Lori left meeting.

Byron motioned to increase the preliminary 2013 tax levy revenue by 12%, Aaron seconds, motion passes. The final 2013 tax levy will be voted on at the December City Council meeting and may not be increased but may be decreased per the City Council's approval.

**Adjourn:**

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**Approved**

**Attest**

**Mayor**

**City Clerk**