

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger  
August 12, 2013**

**Council Members present:**

The Honorable Mayor Cheryl Wang  
Byron Kaupang, Nick Geray

**Council Members absent:**

Lori Lucken, Bonnie Olson

**Guests present:**

Ashley Hand of the McIntosh Times  
from Otter Tail: Maureen Stay, Bernie Marshall and Darren Matetich  
from Win-E-Mac school: Randy Bruer and Jim Ferden  
Scott Revier  
Anita Revier

**Maintenance Personnel present:**

Ron Locken

**City Clerk/Treasurer present:**

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes of the July 8th, 2013 meeting:**

Nick motioned to approve the minutes of the July 8th, 2013 meeting, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Maureen Stay spoke to the Council to answer concerns of whether or not in the future the City could go with cheaper, more efficient street lights. At the present time Otter Tail is providing the City with 55 HPS9 lights at the cost of \$7.90 per light. LED lights are efficient but Otter Tail does not have those lights. If the City decided to go to LED lights the City would have to own the system and Otter Tail would only provide the energy. The City would be responsible for all the equipment. The general consensus is that the City is better off staying with the present system with Otter Tail.

Randy Bruer spoke on the upcoming referendum at Win-E-Mac school in order to replace the existing roof, have a metal shop addition and a new multi-purpose room addition. The existing school roof is leaking, the school needs more classroom space, there are safety concerns in the present shop classes, space is needed for performing arts, lunch space is crowded and physical fitness space is needed for the children and the community. Referendum would be in the amount of \$4,985,000. There will also be community meetings set up that Mr. Bruer will be speaking at.

**Maintenance Report:**

mowed at the ponds and moved some rocks  
will send water sample to DL in Sept.  
will be replacing ceiling tile in the Community Center now that the roof is done  
will paint trim on Fire Hall doors  
Jennifer will e-mail Steve Massmann to see if he has any extra City keys  
decision was made to paint the wood on the new windows in the City Clerk's office and kitchen

discussion of the pot hole on Wisconsin Ave.  
sewer pump letters will go out in the spring of 2014 instead of now because conditions are so dry

### **Financial Report:**

The financial report now includes the January through June figures.

Street Light Revenue was \$2,877.69 and disbursements were \$2,874.57.

Enterprise Water Fund had revenue of \$12,008.51 and disbursements of \$9,036.12.

Enterprise Sewer Fund had revenue of \$7,920.29 and disbursements of \$6,840.62.

On July 19<sup>th</sup> received \$16,621.50 from MN Management Budget for first half of the 2013 LGA & PERA Aid.

The League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust scheduled the City of Winger for reappraisal this year.

On July 24<sup>th</sup> Mat came and walked through the Community Center. The City has not received any new information on this appraisal.

John Wynne (NCAA grant writer) said the survey will be mailed out to residential property owners to see if there is interest in residential rehab monies on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Through the Office of the State Auditor there will now be a one-time \$300 user fee for CTAS (City and Township Accounting System) to finance the rewrite of CTAS.

### **Claims:**

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

### **Fire Dept. Report:**

There were two medical calls.

Applied for an Enbridge grant and received \$1,000 to go towards the new tanker truck.

The Ford Louisville is still for sale. It does have a gas engine. May take it to Jeff Lucken's to see what he might offer.

### **Winger Renewal Authority Report:**

WRA did not have a July meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Received an appraisal from Sollie Realty on Block 12 (the old school site) that read in part, "My opinion would be if you could get \$25,000.00 for the whole thing or \$7,500.00 for a 100'x300'." Darlene provided the City with the appraisal free of charge.

Work is done on the Fire Hall and Community Center. Closing with Andy Gag from USDA will be Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the City Clerk's office.

Jennifer researched the ownership of Gosen School and who should have insurance. Devra Carlson had stated to Jennifer that the Historical Society owns the building and its contents but she didn't know who had insurance on it. Theresa Voxland of Lindfors Insurance contacted the LMC about the feasibility of the City carrying insurance on the school. LMC's reply was that if the Historical Society owned the building then they should have insurance on it. The October 1, 1990 City Council minutes in discussion of the School House states "Motion was made that Clerk should instruct the Historical Society of this Council decision of not accepting the donation of this Property to the City and allowing the Historical Society to handle this Building as they see fit." Jennifer will notify Devra that the Historical Society needs to carry the insurance on Gosen School.

Mayor Wang spoke to Carsten Zahl earlier about heading up a donation drive for monies for Winger Memorial Park. She will contact him again to see if he is interested.

Byron made a motion to approve a new bench to be located at Winger Memorial Park, Nick seconds, motion passes.

**New Business:**

Nick motioned to approve the Community Education Dance Class be allowed to rent the Community Center Hall at the rate of \$5.00 per class, Byron seconds, motion passes. This will be for October 2013 through February 2014.

Byron motioned to approve Resolution 2013-3 accepting donation received from Enbridge Energy Company for \$1,000.00 towards the Fire Dept. '91 Chev. truck, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Discussion on proposed 2014 budget. Jennifer will increase the General Property Taxes by 5% and the Council will review the adjusted budget at the September Council meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

**Approved**

**Attest**

**Mayor**

**City Clerk**