

**Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
February 12, 2013**

Council Members present:

The Honorable Mayor Cheryl Wang
Lori Lucken, Nick Geray, Bonnie Olson, Byron Kaupang

Council Members absent:

none

Guests present:

Ashley Hand of the McIntosh Times

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The emergency meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 5:33 p.m..

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Wang thanked the Council members for attending the emergency City Council meeting.

Minutes of the January 14th, 2013 meeting:

Lori motioned to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Working on meters

Shoveling

Blowing snow

Digging out hydrants – a few residents have shoveled out the hydrants next to them

Total water usage for 2012 was 7,359,000 gallons, this was 587,000 gallons more than 2011

Financial Report:

End of the year figures for 2012 show that General Fund increased by \$17,591.58 for an ending balance of (\$64,338.86). This increase was mainly due to CD#12890 being cashed in. The Debt Service Fund increased by \$12,823.10 for an ending balance of \$141,463.01. The Water Fund increased by \$7,261.81 for an ending balance of \$18,744.01. The Sewer Fund decreased by \$95.15 for an ending balance of \$39,463.36.

Savings account #82801 for Winger Memorial Park now totals \$774.37.

CD#14048 is the Appreciation Day restricted account.

The money the City received from Polk County for General Property Taxes was short by \$4,440.87 or 8% due to delinquent taxes. Michelle Snyder at Polk County has stated that the total amount of delinquent property taxes owed to the City of Winger is \$14,233.67 (2006 to 2012, real & personal property).

In 2012 the Street Light Revenue vs. Expense was short \$1,191.41. The City Council did raise the Street Lighting Fee from \$11.55 to \$14.00 starting October 1, 2012.

\$760.30 in penalties due to late payments of water/sewer bills was collected in 2012 and this was deposited into the Sewer Fund.

On January 28th the City received a check for \$3,541.09 from Polk County for the January settlement.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

no report was given

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

The WRA met on January 28th.

Byron motioned to approve Ron Lemer as Chairperson, Kathy Iverson as Vice Chairperson, Tony Espeseth for a 6 year term, Mark Finstad to step down as Chairperson and finish his term as Board member and Dawn Crane as secretary, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

The WRA discussed:

- updating the Strategic Investment Plan
- possibility of HRA building a spec house
- the December 11th letter sent to the HRA board by the City of Winger
- the HRA board
- how much longer the WRA will exist
- a block grant application.

The City Council has asked Mayor Wang to contact John Wynne for more information about the application process for another rehab grant for residential/commercial properties and grant funds available to acquire blighted property for demolition.

The City Council discussed possible conflict of interest when Mark Finstad serves on various boards in the area.

Lori motioned to remove Mark Finstad from the Winger Renewal Authority for the remainder of his term. Motion died for lack of a second.

Old Business:

Jennifer will send a letter to Lee Meier at HRA asking for verification that the City of Winger is no longer being considered for a spec house to be built on the old school house site (block 12). At the next Council meeting Jennifer will provide the Polk County tax figures on block 12.

New kitchen stove for the Community Center tabled until the March meeting. Byron will check out some prices for a flat top stove. Elmyrna Kaupang has donated a large, used coffee pot to the Community Center.

New Business:

Jennifer will contact Polk County to see who is an FFL gun dealer in the area and who the County uses when they sell guns. This is in reference to the Mossberg shotgun the City owns.

The City needs to clean out all the City property still in the old bus shed that the City has sold. Jennifer will contact Lee Narum to see if the McIntosh Historical Society might be interested in the 2 wooden hose reels. Ron and Byron will look through everything else. Ron has already cleaned out most of it.

Jennifer will bring copies of the City of Winger Zoning Ordinance book to the next meeting for Lori, Bonnie and Nick.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk