

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger  
July 8, 2013**

**Council Members present:**

The Honorable Mayor Cheryl Wang  
Bonnie Olson, Byron Kaupang

**Council Members absent:**

Lori Lucken, Nick Geray

**Guests present:**

Ashley Hand of the McIntosh Times  
Jon Cymbaluk

**Maintenance Personnel present:**

Ron Locken

**City Clerk/Treasurer present:**

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Byron added Winger Memorial Park to the agenda.

Jon Cymbaluk wanted to know how the appraisal for block 12 (site of old school building) came in. Sollie Realty had been asked to do an appraisal and they said they would. However, an appraisal was not received by the City Clerk nor was Darlene Sollie present at the Council meeting.

**Minutes of the June 10th, 2013 meeting:**

Byron motioned to approve the minutes of the June 10th, 2013 meeting, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

**Maintenance Report:**

meters were read

trees and bushes were trimmed

sprayed for weeds along fences and rocks

purchased pot hole patch

sent quarterly water samples

will cut the grass out at the ponds

cut behind the school

contractor will be done with the work on the Fire Hall and Community Center when the new door and windows come in (the ones that came in are incorrect and needed to be reordered); contractor mentioned that the mortar on the chimney is coming out and needs to be repaired; the building committee can decide if they feel this needs to be done

discussion on replacing the corner strips on the Fire Hall

presently fixing mower

mowing grass was twice a week for awhile

when the City gets rain the numbers go up again; need to send out a letter to the property owners that are discharging their sump pumps incorrectly; Frank at Rural Water may be able to help with this

Byron motioned that Ron should purchase a new phone to replace his old one that is not working correctly, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

discussion of spraying round up where the old school debris was buried; Jennifer will call Rick Miller to see how soon he is planning to reseed

discussion of whether or not any of the streets need additional gravel; Byron will check

**Financial Report:**

On June 24<sup>th</sup> the City received a \$50,397.56 check from Polk County for the June settlement.

Byron motioned to let CD#14048 (Winger Appreciation Day account) to roll over when it matures on 07/29/2013, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

At the end of the second quarter the money owed the City in delinquent water/sewer invoices was \$982.75 (at the end of first quarter this amount was \$1,242.88).

Discussion that the City will work on the 2014 budget during the August Council meeting and not during a separate committee meeting.

Flag on the Community Center by the south steps was taken. Jennifer will contact the American Legion to see if they have a flag to donate to the City or the name of a business to purchase a flag from.

Otter Tail will be at the August Council meeting to discuss the street lighting account.

**Claims:**

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

**Fire Dept. Report:**

no report

**Winger Renewal Authority Report:**

WRA has not met since the last Council meeting.

**Old Business:**

Miriam at Greater Minnesota Management has stated that they are not interested in building Summerfield Apartments at the old school site at this time. Discussion that a few years ago the general consensus of the Council at that time was that no trailer houses should be allowed on the old school site. Jennifer asked for information from Fosston, Crookston and McIntosh on restrictions/incentives they used when selling city property. Still waiting for the information from Fosston.

**New Business:**

Bonnie motioned to certify the \$1,060.00 in past due payments on a residential rehab loan to the property owner's 2014 property taxes, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Jennifer received a complaint on the office answering service but no name or return phone number was given. There is a complaint form that needs to be filled out and signed before the City will consider looking into a complaint.

The League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust has scheduled the City of Winger for reappraisal of properties this year. The Gosen School is not listed as City property. Discussion of when the school was brought into the City and placed on City property. Probably around 2000 – 2002. Jennifer will try to talk to the original committee and go through the City Council minutes from that time to see if the building was donated to the City or simply placed on City property. If someone would hurt themselves, is anyone carrying liability insurance on the building?

At the Winger Memorial Park the concrete light pole is leaning over and needs to be straightened out. There is also an old tree that should be cut in the fall. At this point the Winger Memorial Park fund has \$774.63 in the account and that will be used to pay for the flowers and worker this year so there is no extra money. Discussion of having someone in the community do another donation drive. Will put this on the agenda for the August Council meeting. Heather Simonson has been doing a nice job this summer.

**Adjourn:**

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

**Approved**

**Attest**

**Mayor**

**City Clerk**