

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
June 10, 2013**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

none

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 7:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jon Cymbaluk expressed interest in buying a lot or lots from the City. This would be Block 12 where the old school was located. Presently his family is living in a trailer home but would build a house there eventually. Council asked Jennifer to contact Darlene at Sollie Realty to get an appraisal price on the block as a whole (300' x 300') and also as 3 individual lots (100' x 300') with the 300' going east-west. Jennifer will also pull the 2013 property tax statement to see what Polk County shows for an estimated market value.

Minutes of the May 13th, 2013 meeting:

Byron motioned to approve the minutes of the May 13th, 2013 meeting, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

mowing and trimming

ponds have been discharged

water samples to Detroit Lakes

there was a sewer back up by the Depot Café again, Ron will check if a grease trap has been put in place,

Ron has been putting Dawn soap in every month

discussion of pot holes in town

discussion of spraying for dandelions twice a year

Jennifer will call Jason Fortman to grade the streets and alleys

discussion of the steep banks at the old school property that can't be mowed with a mower. Ron does use a trimmer

Ron will call Otter Tail about the street lights that aren't working

the batter's cage at the ball field is dangerous and will be sold for scrap

Financial Report:

28 shut off letters were mailed out last week

Jennifer will contact Otter Tail to see a representative can come to the July City Council meeting to discuss the street lights.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

no report

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

WRA met on May 20th.

Discussed bench (made from bricks from the old school) that Devra Carlson and her family are working on.

Discussion of application for block grant that John Wynne is working on.

Will be updating the Strategic Plan.

Discussion of promoting home buyers through Ultima Bank.

Old Business:

Jennifer spoke with Miriam at Greater Minnesota Management about the possibility of Summerfield Apartments building on block 12, the old school site. Miriam will get back to the City.

Nick motioned to donate the old fire department hose reels to the McIntosh Heritage and Art Center, Lori seconds, motion passes.

Report on the June 6th meeting with Andy Gag (USDA), Donovan Hames (Super Duty Construction), Mayor Cheryl Wang, Ron Locken and Jennifer Frohrip. Lori motioned that if a change order is needed, the contractor can get verbal approval from the City (Ron, Byron, Nick) up to an additional cost of \$1,000.00 per building, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Lori motioned to pay Heather Simonson, who is doing the weeding for the City this summer, at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, Bonnie seconds, motion passes. Jennifer will call Heather to double check that the pulled weeds are being disposed of correctly.

New Business:

Three letters were sent out to property owners who had not mowed their properties and were in violation of section 6 of the Winger Municipal Code. At the time of the Council meeting, one property owner was still in violation. Jennifer will contact Wayne Benbo to see if he will mow this property for the City and find out what his current rates are.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk

