

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
March 11, 2013**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

none

Guests present:

Gordon Dale and Crystelle Philipp of Hoffman, Dale and Swenson
Ashley Hand of the McIntosh Times

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.

Minutes of the February 12th, 2013 meeting:

Byron motioned to approve the minutes of the February 12th, 2013 meeting, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

shoveling out hydrants
will read meters at the end of March
discussed Feb. 18th letter from Ulteig to Minnesota Pollution Control
N.D. Sewage & Pump did their annual check
Nick motioned to approve Ron attending the LMC sponsored school in Mahnommen with a \$20 registration fee on March 26th, Bonnie seconds, motion passed.

Financial Report:

new look to the Ultima Bank statement.
CD totals 2008 through 2013
Discussed the summer rec. bill for 2012 of \$844.88. The first bill the City received would have had the City paying \$1349.99. Cost was \$112/child.
mailed out 26 shut-off letters
discussed 4 bills submitted from the Winger Fire Dept. totaling \$3859.99, the City needs to go over these bills with the fire chief before authorizing payment
Lori motioned that because a former property owner has a delinquent account with the City, the City Clerk may contact a collection agency and turn the delinquent account over to the agency for collection, Byron seconds, motion passed.
On 03/07/2013 Jennifer attended a Northwest Service Cooperative workshop in Erskine.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

no report was given

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

WRA has not met since the last Council meeting

Old Business:

Discussed the 02/25/2013 letter from Lee Meier (HRA) stating that "HRA not participate in the single family development" referring to the old school site. Jennifer will again place an ad in the Canary section of the McIntosh Times for 1 month.

Lori motion to purchase an Amana 4.8 cu. ft. stove (AER331WAW) with cord from Mireault's for the Community Center kitchen, Byron seconds, motion passed. Jennifer will contact the Lions on which stove was purchased to see if they would want to make a donation.

Ron and Jennifer will try to get two quotes on the gun left-over from the City of Winger Police Dept.

Jennifer had called Lee Narum about the 2 old pull fire hose reels. He thought the new McIntosh Heritage & Art Center in McIntosh would be interested. Lee said Robin or Dean would call the City Clerk's office. Donna Larson had also expressed interest when she spoke with Mayor Wang and would like to look at the reels. Dean Henney had dropped off some information on the feasibility study the McIntosh Heritage & Art Center will be doing and Dean will also e-mail more information.

New Business:

Gordon Dale, City Auditor, discussed that user fees should pay for the Sewer Fund and the Water Fund. The Debt Service Fund will no longer have special assessment payments in a couple more years. After the last 2 payments are made to the USDA on the street improvement loan out of the Debit Fund, monies left can be moved to the General Fund. But after that what are going to be the revenue sources for the City other than property taxes? Local Government Aid is going down. The City should start stepping into doing without excess funds from the Debt Fund. It is important for the City Council to pay attention to the budget. When doing the budget the City should do the revenues first and then look at expenditures. Jennifer noted that there will probably be a Budget Committee meeting (with the Mayor and all Council Members in August) to focus on just 2014 finances. Gordon stressed that the City will have to "work with what you've got". Gordon and the Council also discussed the fact that on average 5% of the property taxes are not collected in the year that they are due and Council should consider that when looking at next year's budget.

Discussion of 02/13/2013 letter from Office of the State Auditor to Mayor Wang.

Lori motioned that the loans to Kathy Omang and Aldon Iverson be declared uncollectible, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

Lori Lucken left meeting.

Byron motioned to approve Resolution 2013-1 Accepting the Donation from the Polk County Soybean Growers Assoc of \$200 to the City of Winger Fire Department, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Polk County Fair tabled until April meeting.

General consensus was that Mayor Wang should sign the Authorization Application for Airborne Custom Spraying so if the City does decide to use them for spraying this summer the paperwork is already in place.

Jennifer will contact Bacon's Dray to schedule the annual Spring Clean Up Day. Information will go out with the April water/sewer invoices. Jennifer will let the Lions know the date.

Pet Clinic will be held on Wed., May 8th from 6-7 pm with Clearwater Veterinary Service. Jennifer will be there for those wishing to purchase dog licenses that night. Information will go out with the April water/sewer invoices.

The League of Minnesota Cities is sponsoring a Minnesota Assoc. of Townships Elected Officer Training In Walker on April 3rd and in Grand Rapids on April 4th. Registration fee is \$50. The information is in the City Clerk's office if anyone is interested in attending.

Mayor Wang assigned Ron, Byron and Nick to the Fire Hall/Community Center Bid Committee. The committee will meet on Thursday, March 14th at 9 a.m. in the City Clerk's office.

Jennifer was asked to list dogs on the April agenda.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk