

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
September 9, 2013**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

none

Guests present:

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 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the August 12th, 2013 meeting:

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

Maintenance Report:

Community Center ceiling panels have been replaced
fixed lights
painted Fire Hall doors
water sample will need to go to Detroit Lakes
will be reading meters
still need extra city keys; there should be a couple of full sets in town somewhere
discussion of manhole on west Wisconsin Ave.
discussion on needing some streets graveled, Byron had four locations picked out, Ron will call Rick Miller

Financial Report:

Byron motioned to have CD#14129, which will mature on 09/19/2013, roll over, Lori seconds, motions passes.
Jennifer has mailed out 24 shut off letters.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

no report was given
discussion of whether or not the old fire truck has been sold
discussion if there is a state requirement for a fire chief to be required to be at a City Council meeting to give a report each month or if there is a requirement for a fire chief to submit a written report if he cannot make it to a Council meeting; Jennifer will check with League of Minnesota Cities on this

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

WRA did not have a July meeting, next meeting will be Sept. 23rd
discussion about a down payment assistance program using the rehab payment savings account, right now there are five houses in town that are for sale; there has been an application on a residential rehab project that may be using some of the money in this account and that amount is not known yet

Old Business:

Discussion of what price to set for lots (Block 12) that the City has for sale. Block 12 is zoned residential. A program could be organized to give the lots away to get houses build and added to the tax base but there would have to be stipulations put in place. Jennifer will see what information she can get from other cities in the area that have run a program like this.

Discussion of the \$2,557 left in the grant monies for the Community Center. Nick motioned that Jennifer total the money needed to pay for ads for bids on the Community Center, the city attorney fees on the Community Center and the Polk County registration fees on the Community Center and submit that amount to Andy Gag for grant money, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

Winger Memorial Park Donation Drive tabled until October meeting.

Lori motioned that the Preliminary Tax Levy for 2014 be set at \$68,861 (9% increase), Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

Lori motioned that \$18,564.42 be submitted to Polk County as the amount to be collected in 2014 for the street assessment, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

New Business:

Discussed a way of posting or mailing out City Ordinance information to everyone living in the City limits, whether they were a property owner or a renter. Could possible send out something in April with the water/sewer invoices when the information on the pet clinic and spring clean up day go out. Jennifer will work on a shortened version of the dog ordinance and the public nuisance (weeds) ordinance.

Lori motioned to approve Resolution 2013-4, A Resolution Certifying Past-Due Billing to the Polk County Auditor for Collection with the 2014 Property Taxes, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of the League of Minnesota Cities regional meeting in McIntosh on October 8th.

Lori motioned to approve the 3 year audit agreement with Hoffman, Dale and Swenson for their auditing services for 2013, 2014 and 2015 at \$3,900 per year, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of Ordinance #37 "An Ordinance Regulation Parking".

Mayor Wang reminded everyone that the October City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15th due to that Monday being Columbus Day.

Mayor Wang informed everyone that there will be a public hearing put on by Win-E-Mac school on Oct. 10th at 7 pm at the Community Center to discuss the upcoming referendum.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk