

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
January 13, 2014**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Lori Lucken

Guests present:

Bill Pirkl, MNDOT

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bill Pirkl, District Traffic Engineer, Minnesota Dept. of Transportation, spoke to Council concerning the speed limit on US Hwy 59 being raised to 60 MPH in Oct. of 2013. The City of Winger does have a reduced speed limit but Council had concerns of drivers not slowing down as they drive through town. MNDOT cannot enforce speed limits. In the past a digital speed sign was set up at Winger for 4-6 weeks. Per Mr. Pirkl, the main reason people will reduce their speed is the presence of a police car. Winger is on the south end of the state regional area and probably doesn't get the attention it deserves. Discussion of a permanent digital speed sign, double yellow lines within the city or a crosswalk. Mr. Pirkl feels that getting word out to law enforcement is the best answer and he has made some phone calls. A digital speed sign will be put up again in the spring for a few weeks. If a digital speed sign is up for too long it can lose its effectiveness. Mr. Pirkl urged the Council to call him if they had any further concerns or ideas or discussion.

Minutes of the December 9th, 2013 meeting:

Nick motioned to approve the minutes of the December 9th, 2013 meeting, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

water meters have been read

shoveling hydrants

discussion of when the snow is plowed it is piled on the corners of the blocks where hydrants are sometimes located and also piled on trees

Christmas lights will be looked over and fixed

Byron motioned to approve the purchase of a unit heater for the well house from Jason's Heating and Plumbing for \$1,853.46, Nick seconds, motion passes.

water was shut off temporarily at a private residence per the owner's request due to his having a water leak

Bryon motioned to approve the purchase of a phone card for Ron's city cell phone, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Financial Report:

Bonnie motioned to approve the Special Council Appointments for 2014, Byron seconds, motion passes. On 12/16/2013 the City received a \$1,629.00 dividend check from LMC Insurance Trust for 2013 (last year it was \$2,594.00).

Sioux Oil and Moran’s Supper Club have decided that they do not want a 2014 Tobacco License.

On 12/06/2013 the City received \$35,838.68 from Polk County for the December settlement.

At the end of 4th quarter (12/31/2013) \$1,523.90 was owed the City in delinquent water/sewer bills.

Claims:

Bonnie motioned to approve the Mayor/Council payroll claims, Byron seconds, motion passes. This payroll was for Lori and Byron.

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

Fire Dept. Report:

Council read the written report for 2013 that was submitted with the payroll spreadsheet.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

Will meet again on January 27th.

Old Business:

Winger Memorial Park is tabled until the February meeting.

A committee consisting of Byron, Bonnie and Nick will meet to discuss the selling of block 12 (old school site) and will let Jennifer know when they will meet so she can post the meeting.

The Dept. of Employment and Economic Development sent a letter to the City stating “SCDP staff has made the decision that the Winger Proposal is not competitive for the 2014 funding cycle”. This is the proposal John Wynne had worked on.

Jennifer is still gathering information on what other city’s have for dog ordinances and what the City of Winger’s options are when dogs are running loose in town. Will discuss again at the February meeting. In March Jennifer will contact the Cornerstone Vet Service in Gonvick about coming to Winger in May for the Pet Clinic.

New Business:

Nick motioned to approve that CD #12889 for \$45,172.88 to be rolled over, Bonnie seconds, motion passes

Byron motioned to approve the lease agreement with Jay Gunderson for 7 acres at \$50.00 per acre, Nick seconds, motion passes

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk

