

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
July 14, 2014**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Bonnie Olson

Guests present:

Maureen Stay from Otter Tail
Darren Matetich from Otter Tail
Jeff Lucken from Lucken's Body Shop
Jeff Gieseke
Sara Kundert
Elaina Kundert
Kraig Kundert
Faina Snegireff
Ashley Hand from 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 7:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the agenda were: microwave added to Community Center
Business Permits changed to Building Permits
Cats added under New Business

Minutes of the June 2nd, 2014 meeting:

Lori motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2nd, 2014 meeting, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

On June 6th the well was pulled, needs a new part, the company should be here July 15th to fix it.
5 lead & copper water samples have been sent.
Grass has been cut at the pond.
Have filled some holes with old sand.
Sprayed for weeds.
Meters have been read.
Company will be here July 15th to clean the water tower.
A curb stop was repaired July 11th.

Financial Report:

The \$1,438.00 federal grant money received was a reimbursement for money spent last year on the Community Center. This is not additional money.

At the end of June \$2,054.74 was owed the City for past due water/sewer invoices. Three accounts are now set up on a payment agreement. There was 1 shut off, and that account has now been paid in full and the water services have been turned back on.

On 06/23/2014 the City received \$59,369.84 from Polk County for the June settlement.

Claims:

Byron motioned to approve claims 18184 - 18189, Lori seconds, motion passes.

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

Fire Dept. Report:

No report.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

The WRA met on June 23rd.

Discussed having a public meeting for input to update the Strategic Investment Plan.

The corner flower bed at the Community Center will be taken down, cement installed and the bench added in July. While this work is being done, the pine tree will also be trimmed. The City will need to remove the branches. The bricks around the old flower bed can be stored in the shed. Ron has the key.

Discussion of the WRA doing a fundraiser – is this legal for a city entity to do? Their next meeting is Aug. 25th.

Old Business:

On the request of the property owner at 21 Loiten to shut the water off because he wanted his renters to move out, the City Attorney advised “Don’t do it”. It is unlawful to use a utility shut-off to evict a tenant.

Jennifer will place an ad in the McIntosh Times for 4-6 weeks stating that the City has free residential lots for people with an intention to build housing.

Discussed cleaning up the community ditch which is in protected waters. City would have to pay to have it done as it is not a county ditch. Byron will pick up the forms in McIntosh so the City can see what information or time table is required.

Lonnie Gieseke has the foam in place by the chimney on the east side of the Community Center and has one coat of paint on it. He is going to do one more coat of paint and get the chimney hat on.

Winger Lions are now using the shelves in the little room to the left of the stairs in the basement for storage of larger items, such as packages of plates and cups. The Lions requested that the freezer in that room be moved and a table put in that corner. General consensus is to leave the freezer where it is.

Jennifer will purchase a new microwave for the kitchen in the Community Room.

Lori motioned to approve the hiring of Jennifer Wang as the summer worker for Winger Memorial Park, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Cheryl is going to pick up some Preen to use at the park.

New Business:

Lori motioned to approve Elaina and Kraig Kundert to use the Community Center on August 30, 2014 for their event, they are not hiring a liquor license holder but have hired a professional bartender and have a Certificate of Liability through their home owner’s insurance, Byron seconds, motion passes.

This departure from the standard Community Center Rental Contract is for this one event only, Jennifer will research this procedure with other cities before the Council decides if they want to change City policy regarding renting the hall.

Byron motioned to have the paperwork started with the City Attorney for annexation of parcel 72.00163.00 to the City of Winger and for the City Attorney to research the reimbursement needed to Winger Township for the loss of tax payments to the Township, Nick seconds, Lori abstains, motion passes.

Lori motioned to approve Ordinance #108 Electric Franchise Ordinance, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Byron motioned to approve the Community Center rental rate for the Community Ed Dance Program at \$5.00 per each day's classes, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Nick motioned to approve putting \$718.72 into a committed savings account in hopes of paying off the USDA loans in 20 years instead of 40 years, Byron seconds, motion passes. This money is not restricted and Council can decide to use it for other expenses should they so desire.

Discussion of 2015 election. Mayor Cheryl Wang and Council Members, Byron Kaupang and Lori Lucken all have terms ending at the end of 2014. All candidates may file between July 29th, 2014 and August 12th, 2014 at the City Clerk's office. Filing fee is \$2.00

Council decided to have the 2015 budget meeting on Monday, August 11th at 6 pm. This will be before the regular City Council meeting which starts at 7 pm.

Discussion of letters from Polk County pertaining to Bacon Dray Lines.

Building permits tabled until the August City Council meeting.

Discussion of survey received from the U S Postal Service. Jennifer was instructed to write in on the bottom of the survey that the Winger Post Office should stay the way it is without any changes to service or hours.

Discussion of wild cats in the southwestern corner of town.

Property owner of parcel 94.00132.00 requested an extension for getting work done on their property in order to comply with the June 3, 2014 letter sent to them from the City of Winger. Council agreed to extend the time to the end of July 2015.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk