

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
March 17, 2014**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Lori Lucken

Guests present:

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 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Snow plowing was added to the agenda.

Minutes of the February 10th, 2014 meeting:

Bonnie motioned to approve the minutes of the February 10th, 2014 meeting, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

North Dakota Sewage & Pump did the annual checking at the 2 stations

There are 2 water lines that have frozen up in Winger. One property owner is not doing anything right now. The other property owner has water coming from a hose from the Community Center. It is not known where the freeze up spot is located on this line.

Discussion of Widseth, Smith and Nolting putting in a new copper line by Teresa Benbo's property. This line will be paid for by the MN Pollution Control Agency. Ron should contact WSN to inform them that the City is okay with the line being moved as long as Jon Aasen will approve.

Ron will need a minimum of 16 more hours of school to renew licenses. There is a school coming up in April at Elbow Lake and another coming up in May at Walker. General consensus was to okay Ron's schooling.

Polk County has been here pumping the water by Minnesota Ave. (Polk County 1). At this time they do not seem to know the exact cause of the problem. Council will discuss this again in April.

Financial Report:

The 01/31/2014 Cash Control Statement shows the City has \$200 more than Ultima Bank shows. This is due to a \$200 check that was entered into the City accounting system but when taken to the bank, the check bounced. At the beginning of February the City was given \$200 cash to replace the NSF check. This money was deposited at the bank so at that time the City accounts and the bank accounts were again in balance.

Jennifer mailed out 31 past due letters.

Nick motioned to approve setting up a reserve account for \$1,434.00 per USDA requirements due to the annual payments to the USDA on the Community Center loan and the Fire Hall loan, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of letter from Wayne Swanson concerning Bank of America Municipal Derivatives.

Claims:

Byron motioned to approve claims 18078 – 18088, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

Bonnie motioned to approve claims 18089 – 18106, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Fire Dept. Report:

no report was given

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

Welcome to Winger sign on the south side of town is back up.

Byron will attend the next WRA meeting and see what interest there is in keeping Winger Renewal Authority going.

Old Business:

DeeDee at McIntosh Country Store had asked if the Council wanted to give her a dollar figure to work with when pulling plants for Winger Memorial Park and the City planters. Jennifer will call DeeDee and ask her to do what she did last year.

Winger Township has been asked for the information needed by Wayne Swanson to transfer ownership of parcel 94.00053.01 (Winger Memorial Park) from Winger Township to City of Winger. Once Jennifer receives this information she will send it to Mr. Swanson's office.

Discussion of "Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions" to use when selling Block 12 (old school site). Jennifer will type up a draft to go over at the April meeting.

Dogs will be discussed at the April meeting.

No interest at this time in having a float in the McIntosh Parade.

The letters of interest from John Wynne's office have been forwarded to Ken Buchanan's office.

New Business:

Bonnie motioned to raise the hourly rate from \$11.00/hour to \$13.00/hour for the head judge and to raise the hourly rate from \$10.00/hour to \$11.00/hour for the election judges for the 2014 elections, Nick seconds, motion passes.

General consensus was to have Mayor Wang sign the Authorization Application for Airborne Custom Spraying should their services be needed this summer.

Nick motioned to approve the following City policy: Due to the continuous extreme cold weather this winter, many property owners are running water to try to prevent frozen water service lines. Running water in residences or businesses can protect city infrastructure from expensive freezing and damage. Therefore, the City Council is instructing the City Clerk to send out first quarter 2014 water/sewer

invoices using the 2013 first quarter billing numbers if that is a lower amount. Should there be a problem using the 2013 numbers, the City Clerk will bill an average amount. Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of hydrant insurance. No interest in hydrant insurance at this time.

Council proofed the Newsletter that will be going out with the first quarter water/sewer invoices in April. Copies will also be mailed out to renters.

Discussion of Jeff Lucken removing snow on Main Street. Discussion of Jason Fortman plowing the alleys. Snow plowing will again be discussed in the fall.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk