

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger  
November 10, 2014**

**Council Members present:**

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

**Council Members absent:**

Lori Lucken

**Guests present:**

Darrell Olson, Jessica Horgeshimer, Ben Horgeshimer

**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.

End of the Line Saloon was added to the agenda.

**Minutes of the October 14th, 2014 meeting:**

Nick motioned to approve the minutes of the October 14th, 2014 meeting, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

**Maintenance Report:**

Hydrants have been pumped

Pumped water in pit under the water tower.

Water samples were sent in.

No Boundaries will come in a couple of weeks to work on the bathrooms.

Will need to make some new hydrant markers.

Will be in Detroit Lakes for a training session on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ron handed out a Water and Wastewater Checklist.

Minnesota Dept. of Health is still trying to figure out what is going on with the arsenic levels. Both wells are high.

Nick motioned to approve adding another week of Paid Time Off to Ron Locken's annual benefits starting January 1, 2015, Byron seconds, motion passes. This will bring Ron up to 4 weeks paid time off per year.

Another bag of fill was not picked up to finish pot hole repairs.

No yellow paint was picked up. Mayor Wang had had the city clerk call the Minnesota Dept of Transportation to see if they could help. Dan at the Crookston office has free yellow paint, just bring containers (# 218-289-1568).

Christmas lights are good to go. These were checked last January, however there are some bad sockets.

**Financial Report:**

The City Clerk informed the City Council that a 2007 residential rehab loan is \$1280.00 (or 16 payments) past due. Polk County will not certify the over-due amount to the property taxes. Six payments have been made so far in 2014. Letters are sent out reminding the owner that a payment needs to be made.

The City does not have any other recourse unless at some point they want the account turned over to the City Attorney.

League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust has a 10% reduction in the premium for workers' comp insurance for the fire dept. if 90% of the fire fighters are non-smokers. The discount would be around \$84.00. A form would have to be signed (with a Tennessee warning notice).  
No action was taken.

**Claims:**

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

**Fire Dept. Report:**

No report.

**Winger Renewal Authority Report:**

WRA met on 10/27/2014.

Kathy Iverson, Steve Massmann, Ole Olson and Cheryl Wang were present.

They discussed the blighted properties in town, bricks for the bench at the Community Center are now being acid washed, the City paying for the expenses on the bench, and needing new board members.

Ultima Bank has purchased the vacant lot west of the bank building, possible commercial development. Discussed redoing the strategic plan with help from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

**Old Business:**

Star Holman at the Minnesota Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit has received all the paperwork on the annexation from Wayne Swanson's office.

The Winger Lions are not interested in organizing a community garden on block 12.

Discussion of the removal of some old trees at Winger Memorial Park. Buying a used tiller to be used every spring for the flower bed was suggested.

Jennifer will check with Lori to see if new flooring was ordered for the Community Center handicapped bathroom.

**New Business:**

Winger Day tabled until the December Council meeting.

Discussion of the Winger Renewal Authority's accomplishments and their relationship with the City Council.

Discussion of the condition of the building on parcel 94.0082.00. This was on the blighted properties list. Jennifer will contact Wayne Swanson for advice on how the City should proceed if they decide the City needs to make this building safer.

Bonnie motioned to approve Kaffehus LLC for a 2015 Off Sale Liquor License and a 2015 Tobacco License, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Nick motioned to approve Moran's Supper Club for 2015 Liquor Licenses if the signed applications, paid fees and certification of liability insurance are presented to the City Clerk by November 19<sup>th</sup>, Bonnie seconds, motion passes. If the paperwork is presented to the City Clerk after November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Clerk will put it on the agenda for the December Council meeting.

Discussion of the 7 acres of land that the City rents out. The current contract ends on 02/15/2015.

Nick motioned to approve the Resolution of General Election for the City of Winger, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Ben & Jessica Horgeshimer have purchased End of the Line Saloon from Ultima Bank. General consensus from Council was that when they are ready to apply for a liquor license, the City does have a 3<sup>rd</sup> license available. Jennifer gave them a folder containing information they may need.

**Adjourn:**

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

**Approved**

**Attest**

**Mayor**

**City Clerk**