

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

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Byron Kaupang

Guests present:

Wayne Swanson, City Attorney
Jeff Lucken

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:04 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the September 8th, 2014 meeting:

Lori motioned to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2014 meeting, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Hydrants have been flushed.
Meters were read.
City of Fosston has cleaned the sewer line by the Depot Café.
Seeded grass.
Sprayed cat tails.
Lawn mower is back from being repaired.
Have mowed.
Bernie Marshall from Otter Tail trimmed a tree for the City.
Will pick up another bag of fill for pot holes.
Will pick up paint to do the yellow curbs.

Financial Report:

On 09/30/2014 (end of the third quarter) the City was owed \$1,400.48 in delinquent water/sewer bills.
The Levonte & Sazon Yakis property (parcel 94.00101.00) has been sold to Ana Zarkoff and the City received a check for \$520.75 which paid the delinquent account in full.
On 09/09/2014 Jennifer attended a Hazard Mitigation meeting in Crookston.
On 10/09/2014 Jennifer attended the CTAS Training in Callaway which was put on by the State.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

No report.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

WRA met on 09/22/2014.

Work was done on the corner flower bed at the Community Center.

Some of the old bricks are going to be used by Steve Massmann, the rest are by the shed. Steve will pay the City what they feel the bricks are worth.

WRA discussed the blighted properties list and feel a letter should now go out to Steve Henderson since he purchased one of the properties.

WRA discussed trying to get the first house to be built on block 12, perhaps waiving taxes for a time.

General consensus by the City Council was that Steve can donate whatever he feels is fair for the bricks. Per League of Minnesota Cities, having the WRA do a fundraiser to raise money is not legal. If another group were to raise funds and then donate the money to the City, that would be different.

General consensus was that it was a little late in the year to send a letter to Steve Henderson about his property.

Old Business:

Nick motioned to approve Joint Resolution in the Matter of the Orderly Annexation between the City of Winger and Winger Township Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.0325, Bonnie seconds, Lori abstains, motion passes. The amount of reimbursement for lost taxes in section 6 is zero. Wayne Swanson will attend the Winger Township Board meeting on October 22nd to present the resolution to them.

Discussion of having a community garden on block 12 (old school site). Cheryl will contact Winger Lions to see if they would be interested in running this. There are two water hook ups there. Jennifer will research how other cities have handled doing a community garden.

On 09/30/2014 Dan Wilkens, Stephanie Klamm, Cheryl Wang and Jennifer Frohrip met to discuss options on cleaning the ditch. Does the City want to do spot cleaning, clean vegetation only the whole way or clean and slope the whole way? Died for lack of a motion.

Lori motioned to approve Ron Wang for snow plowing the alleys at \$80.00 per hour, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

Winger Memorial Park Trees to be tabled until the November Council meeting. Wayne Swanson stated that he is researching the deed restrictions on parcel 94.00053.01 (Winger Memorial Park) which is currently owned by Winger Township.

Discussion of whether or not the Community Center Rental Contract needs to be changed. It is okay as is.

New Business:

Winger Day tabled until the November Council meeting.

Lori motioned to rescind Ordinance No. 107 An Ordinance Providing for the Utility Accounts and Disconnection of Service for Delinquent Accounts, which is going to be replaced by Ordinance 109, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Lori motioned to approved Ordinance No. 109 An Ordinance Providing for Utility Accounts and Disconnection of Service for Delinquent Accounts, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of Community Center bathrooms.

Bonnie motioned to authorize replacement of the flooring for the Community Center handicapped bathroom using Mireault's in Fosston, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Lori motioned to contact No Boundaries for replacement of lights in all three bathrooms (this includes the handicapped bathroom) and to repair/replace the fan in the woman's bathroom, Bonnie seconds, motion passes.

Jennifer will check with Andy Gag to see if some of the grant money for the Community Center can be used for any of this.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk