

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger  
February 9, 2015**

**Council Members present:**

The Honorable Mayor Darrell Olson  
Dan Kindall, Nick Geray, Steve Massmann

**Council Members absent:**

Bonnie Olson

**Guests present:**

Jessica Horgeshimer, Ben Horgeshimer, Scott Revier

**Maintenance Personnel present:**

Ron Locken

**City Clerk/Treasurer present:**

Jennifer Frohrip

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

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Community Center basement  
Code for handicapped bathrooms  
Resolution Recognizing a Vacancy

Jessica Horgeshimer spoke to the Council about the Liquor Pigs having a street dance on Main Street. Since Main Street is maintained by Polk County, she was told that she should contact them. Jessica also inquired as to whether the City had any building codes about handicapped bathrooms that would affect the remodeling at Liquor Pigs. The City has none, it would be up to State laws. Steve motioned to approve the Liquor Pigs for a discretionary Sunday liquor license, Dan seconds, motion passes. The Liquor Pigs plan on being open Sundays during the NFL season.

**Minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting:**

Dan motioned to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting, Nick seconds, motion passes.

**Maintenance Report:**

Have salted once in a while  
Have gone over Pollution Control forms with Frank from Rural Water  
Will be moving the meter at the Liquor Pigs  
Annual pumping report is due  
Steve motioned to approve Ron attending the school in Mahanomen on March 25<sup>th</sup>, fee is \$20, Nick seconds, motion passes.  
Found someone who can rebuild the battery for the reader at a cost of \$30  
Per the MN Dept. of Health, Ole is going to set up a conference call between 4 or 5 people at the Dept. of Health and himself, Ron, Steve and Dan to discuss what options the City has concerning the arsenic levels.

**Financial Report:**

In 2014:

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance	
General Fund	(\$49,466.68)	(\$25,713.33)	gained \$23,7853.35
Water Fund	\$24,350.96	\$9,800.98	lost \$14,549.98
Sewer Fund	\$42,921.33	\$47,624.86	gained \$4,703.53

The last payment to USDA on the Street Improvement Loan was made on 01/02/2015 from the monies in the Debt Service Fund. This fund will be discussed at the March Council meeting when the January finances have been reconciled.

Discussion of raising the water rate was tabled until the March meeting.

**Claims:**

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

**Fire Dept. Report:**

Nick motioned to approve Scott Revier as Fire Chief, Steve Massmann as Asst. Fire Chief and Mike Thompson as Secretary for the Winger Fire Dept., Dan seconds, Steve abstains, motion passes.

Scott has applied to FEMA for monies through an Assisting Firefighters in Communications Grant. This could be up to \$18,000.00 for radios but is not yet approved. The City would have a 15% matching fee which could be up to \$2,664.00. However, Polk County has received money through an Enbridge Pipeline Regional grant and Winger’s split of this would probably be around \$1,700.00. There is also the possibility that the Relief Association will pick up part of the 15% matching money.

Nick motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to be responsible for 15% of the total project cost should the grant application be successful, Dan seconds, Steve abstains, motion passes.

**Winger Renewal Authority Report:**

Ole and Steve have been on WRA as members at large. Dan motioned to approve Ole being on WRA as the Mayor and Steve being on WRA as a Council member, Nick seconds, Steve abstains, motion passes.

**Old Business:**

The floor has been replaced in the Community Center handicapped bathroom.

Discussion of 5 N. Main Street which was on the blighted properties list last summer. No repairs have been done to the property. A letter was sent to the property owner on January 15<sup>th</sup>, requesting consent for the City to do the repairs needed on the north side and stating if consent was not given the Council would contact the City Attorney to proceed with legal action. No repairs have been done and the form to the property owner was not signed and returned to the City. Jennifer will contact Wayne Swanson, the City Attorney, to proceed.

Steve motioned for the City to go with J.C.J. for summer and winter blading of the street and alleys at the rate of \$100.00/hour effective February 16, 2015, Dan seconds, motion passes.

General consensus is to later look at getting a contract organized. Jennifer will notify Ronnie Wang and Jason Fortman that at this time their services will no longer be needed.

Nick motioned to rent the City's 7 acres to Russell Gunufson for \$55.00/acres for the time period of 02/15/2015 to 02/15/2016, Dan seconds, Steve abstains, motion passes. Jennifer will get a contract ready for Mr. Gunafson's signature.

Discussion of the City web site. The Domain Name is now with the City. Information has been received from Kevin Lemke to host the web site. Jennifer will contact another party to see what they would charge.

**New Business:**

Discussion of the City having a debit card. Jennifer will do some research on whether the City could get a credit card. Will continue discussion next month.

General consensus is to let the Winger Lions move the freezer to another location in the basement and clean up and use the room the freezer was in.

Steve motioned to approve Resolution 2015-1 Recognizing A Vacancy in Public Office, Nick seconds, motion passes. This is due to Bonnie Olson resigning as a Council Member.

**Adjourn:**

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**Approved**

**Attest**

**Mayor**

**City Clerk**