

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
January 12, 2015**

Council Members present:

The Honorable Mayor Darrell Olson
Dan Kindall, Nick Geray

Council Members absent:

Steve Massmann, Bonnie Olson

Guests present:

Jerry Kaupang, Jessica Horgeshimer

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Olson at 7:07 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

Snow plowing alleys / Snow plowing streets
Winger Appreciation Day
Northwest Regional Development Commission
11 S. Main St.
City web site

Jerry Kaupang spoke to the Council about having a Winger Appreciation Day on June 27th, 2015. So far the committee is discussing:

- Hwy 2 Cruisers Car Show (no admission would be charged) on Main Street
- Farmer's Market / Flea Market by the ball field
- Antique Tractor Show in the lot just west of Ultima Bank
- Winger Fire Department is celebrating their 100th anniversary
- Winger Lions would be having their annual Fish Fry the same day
- Possibility of a Firemen's dance

The main expenses would be for advertising and music in the afternoon. There is a CD in the bank that the previous committee deposited totaling \$2,145.76. Jerry can contact Dawn Crane on the best way to withdraw money needed to pay bills.

Nick motioned to approve the Farmer's Market / Flea Market being held on the City property by the ball field for Winger Appreciation Day on June 27th, 2015, Dan seconds, motion passes.

Jessica Horgeshimer spoke to Council about her new business, Liquor Pigs, which will be opening on May 1st.

Nick motioned to approve a 2015 liquor license for Liquor Pigs, contingent on all paperwork being received by the City Clerk's office, Dan seconds, motion passes.

Nick motioned to approve a 2015 tobacco license for Liquor Pigs, Dan seconds, motion passes.

The meeting adjourned for a few minutes to allow the McIntosh Times to take a picture and then reconvened.

Minutes of the December 8th, 2014 meeting:

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

Maintenance Report:

Arsenic numbers have been jumping around. The City will post and publish the latest notice from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Read water meters.

Have been having trouble with the reader, new batteries are needed. Will have to research where to find them.

Cut down 2 trees in Winger Memorial Park.

Dan motioned to approve a new phone card for Ron's tracfone, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of the City Christmas lights. New lights for the big decorations have been ordered. There will be further discussion later.

Have been shoveling and sweeping.

Financial Report:

Accounts are balanced through November 2014.

Next month we will be looking at all of the End of the Year figures.

Nick motioned to roll over CD#12889 which totals \$45,331.12, Dan seconds, motion passes.

At the end of 2013 the amount owed the City in past due water/sewer billing was \$1,523.90 and at the end of 2014 this past due amount was \$2,526.43.

On 01/02/2015 the last payment of \$21,025.00 was made to USDA on the 20 year street improvement loan.

Gordon Dale is still the City Auditor but is no longer with Hoffman, Dale and Swenson but is now working on his own. He will be starting the 2014 audit on January 26th and will report to Council at the March meeting.

Per Wayne Swanson, Winger Memorial Park has not yet been transferred from Winger Township to the City of Winger.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

No report.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

Did not meet in December.

Old Business:

Waiting to have the floor replaced in the Community Center handicapped bathroom. Jennifer called Mireault's last week and the City is on their schedule.

The State has not yet issued a 2015 Liquor License for Moran's Supper Club. Jennifer talked to Tracey at the Minnesota Dept of Public of Safety on December 31st, 2014. Tracy said Mike's application had not been processed yet but since the City had approved the application and the fees had been paid, the City could go ahead and let Mike operate and wait for the paperwork to catch up. On January 12th the City received a form from the State saying they did not like the dates on the Certificate of Liability Insurance. Jennifer will call the insurance agency to see if an amended Certificate can be issued.

Nick has talked to Billy Kaupang about his property at 5 N. Main Street which was on the blighted properties list last summer. No repairs have been done to the property.

Dan motioned to have a letter sent to Billy Kaupang to have the City proceed with repairing/replacing the hazardous condition on the north side of the building on parcel #94.00082.00 and the expenses will be assessed to the property taxes, Nick seconds, motion passes.

General consensus is that the alley behind Heather Simonson's house has not been plowed in the past winters and does not need to be plowed now. Ole is going to check around the area for a quote on plowing for the City. Will discuss again in February.

New Business:

Nick motioned to approve the Special Council Appointments for 2015, Dan seconds, motion passes.

Mayor Olson and each Council Member present was given a Disclosure of Financial Interests by a Public Official form to fill out and return to the City Clerk. These are given to the City Auditor.

Discussion of the farmland that the City presently rents out to Jay Gunderson. Ole is going to do some research on this.

Discussion of the Northwest Regional Development Commission. Ole is going to nominate Dan to be a representative on the commission.

Your Home Improvement called the Clerk's office to inform the City that they will be doing some interior work at 11 S. Main St.

Discussion of the City web site www.visitwinger.com. Kris Versdahl will no longer be in the web development/maintenance business as of February 6, 2015. Ole will call to see what options the City has.

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk