

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
May 11, 2015**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Lori Lucken

Guests present:

Al Jensen – American Legion Erskine
Daryl Halvorson – American Legion Erskine
Maker Egoroff – 5 N. Borud St.
Alexander Egoroff – 15 N. Borud St.
Ellen Roux – Parkview Apts.
Gwen Strain – Bemidji Management

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:

USDA Rural Development Loan information
Parkview Apts.

Al Jensen and Daryl Halvorson wondered how the City Council had arrived at their decision to allow the Mentor Fire Dept. to sell pull tabs at Liquor Pigs when the American Legion had sold pull tabs there when it was End of the Line Saloon. Council stated that the new owners had brought the Mentor Fire Dept. to the April City Council meeting. It is the personal preference of the bar owners.

Maker Egoroff brought up the issue of vehicles speeding through Winger on Hwy 59. His concern was not only other vehicles but children crossing the road. Council informed him that 5 years ago the City requested a crosswalk but it was denied by the State. Dan had done some research on this earlier and will do more research, including speed display signs.

Alexander Egoroff has had his plumbing clogged and fixed a couple of times. But this last time All Around Plumbing said they had to go out 180' and charged Alexander \$420.00. Alexander wondered if they had to go out that far whose responsibility it was to pay this bill. None of the other residences on that line had a complaint. Council asked Alexander to drop off a copy of the bill and they will look into the matter.

[On May 6th the City Clerk received a call from Sarah Reece, Polk County Public Health, concerning snakes at Parkview Apts. Ellen Roux and Gwen Stain came to the Council meeting to discuss this problem.] Gwen Stain stated that they have been trying to fix this problem for 2 months. They are using sticky traps and door sweeps. A licensed contractor had come out and says the concrete is fine. Gwen sat

down with all available tenants on May 6th to discuss this situation with them. A total of 12 snakes have been caught so far. Gwen provided Council with a time line of what had been done and also with a listing of the complaints and actions of the tenants by apartment number. Jennifer will e-mail these to Polk County Public Health and let Sarah know that Ellen and Gwen did come to Council to discuss this. Council asked Gwen to keep them informed.

Minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting:

Steve motioned to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting, Dan seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Ron took the last week in April off.

Two bacteria samples sent by Speedy didn't get there on time. A 3rd batch has been sent.

This Thursday Todd from Minnesota Dept. of Health will be in Winger to do timed samples.

Jessica Hillstad had set up a time to meet with Ron at a vacant lot to get measurement but didn't show.

Water samples have been sent to Detroit Lakes.

Time to discharge the ponds.

Mowed park.

Financial Report:

Council initialed the change to the April 1-13 claims list where two checks were sent to Garden Valley instead of just one.

Looked at the General Fund beginning balances where 01/01/2009 had a beginning balance of (\$86,784.34) and 04/01/2015 where the beginning balance was \$138,430.94.

Debt Service Fund has now been zeroed out.

Jennifer had the annual audit with Berkley Risk on 04/28/2015 and everything balanced out.

Jennifer is taking next week off.

At the end of March (end of first quarter) Street Lights Revenue was \$1,378.57 while the disbursements were \$1,492.68 so the City was short \$114.11. This was due to unpaid water/sewer invoices.

At the end of March the Water Fund Revenue was \$6,123.59 while the disbursements were \$4,888.82 so the Fund was plus \$1,234.77.

At the end of March the Sewer Fund Revenue was \$4,374.45 while disbursements were \$3,159.15 so the fund was plus \$1,215.30.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

No report.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

Brick benches are being built on the corner of the Community Center lot.

Grass has been planted.

Old Business:

New web site for the City is up and running.

Nick motioned to approve the City of Winger Credit Card Policy, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Steve motioned to apply for a city credit card with the existing mayor as the responsible party, Dan seconds, motion passes.

Dan motioned to hire Mary Gieseke as a city employee to take care of Winger Memorial Park, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Jessica Hillstad has not been in contact with the clerk's office for more information on buying any lots on block 12.

Nick motioned to approve changing the City account #256362 from a liquid asset account to a money market account, Steve seconds, motion passes. This will allow for \$250,000 insurance coverage for the money market account and another \$250,000.00 insurance coverage for the saving accounts and CDs.

General consensus is that no yellow curbing needs to be painted by the City. Polk County will paint the blue curbing.

New Business:

General consensus is that the dance class hall rental stays the same.

Laura Pettit (USDA) has stated that no more grant money will be released for work done on the Community Center until the curb ramp is in compliance unless the money is being spent to update the curb ramp. Balance left is \$720.00. However, Richard Sanders at the Polk County Highway Dept. says this curb ramp is on their list for Polk County to take care of. There are a total of 16 of them in Winger. He may add this project to the Erskine curb ramps so it is a bigger project and try to get it done this summer.

There is no interest in putting a float in the Polk County Fair.

Discussion of repairs needed on the streets around town. Tomorrow morning Ron and Dan will drive around town to check out what is needed. Dan is going to contact Richard Sanders to see if Polk County can help out on some of them.

Clean Up Day is May 16th. Fliers are out and it is on Channel 2 on cable TV.

Jennifer received a new release on Home Repair Loans Available Through USDA Rural Development. Copies of this release will be sent out in July with the 2nd quarter water/sewer invoices.

Dan motioned to sell the bricks from the old flower bed at \$.50 apiece to Steve Massmann, Nick seconds, Steve abstains, motion passes.

Bobcat discussion.

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk

