

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
September 14, 2015**

Council Members present:

The Honorable Mayor Darrell Olson
Nick Geray, Dan Kindall, Lori Locken

Council Members absent:

Steve Massmann

Guests present:

Randy Bruer, Jim Ferden, Jason Carlson Win-E-Mac
Dave Natwick

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Olson at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

Christmas Lights
Natwick garage site plan

Randy Bruer spoke to Council on the renewal of the Win-E-Mac referendum. The voting on the referendum will be this November at the school. Win-E-Mac is asking for a renewal of \$678.80 per pupil. There will also be a second question to add \$81.20 per pupil to the referendum for a total of \$760. In 2006 the public voted and approved an \$800 per pupil referendum which will be expiring in 2016.

Lori joined the meeting.

Minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting:

Lori motioned to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Nick motioned to request a discretionary variance to Minnesota Rule 4720.0030 in regards to the fluoride concentration, Dan seconds, motion passes.

MN Dept. of Health was in Winger last week and took some more water samples.

The electric heater fan quit in the well house. Ron will check out options for getting it repaired.

Will be sending water sample to Detroit Lakes.

Will be reading meters at the end of the month.

Dan motioned to approve Ron going to the school in Clearbrook on October 14th, Lori seconds, motion passes. There is no cost to the City.

Discussion of the manhole problem. Ron has contacted Hedlund. However, Dan said that Polk County will send a crew to look at it and see what they might be able to do.

Dave Natwick joined the meeting.

Lori motioned to approve that Dave Natwick move a new garage building onto his property with a rear set back of 12' and a side set back of 17', Dan seconds, motion passes.

Financial Report:

Lori motioned to approve CD #14129 that matures on 09/19/2015 at \$12,141.81 be rolled over, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Dan motions to approve claim #18582 be changed from \$3.54 to \$7.08, Nick seconds, motion passes.

There will be no dance classes at Winger Community Center this year.

22 shut off letters were mailed out.

Jennifer is in the process of getting CTAS 8 set up and working in the City computer system. At this time, CTAS 8 is being used for practice. CTAS 7 is still being used for all accounting purposes and will be used for the end of the year reports.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

No report

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

No report.

Old Business:

Dan has talked to Rich Sanders at Polk County. If the City wants Polk County can do crosswalks at the same time they update the sidewalk ramps. This will be sometime in 2016.

Discussion of the traffic on Hwy 59. If the City would decide to purchase any digital speed signs, there doesn't seem to be any federal or state grant money to help with the cost of these signs. However a couple of cities in Minnesota have received money from their local electric companies. Can the speed limit signs be moved farther out so traffic would start to slow down sooner?

Jennifer will set up a conference call between Mayor Olson and Bill Pirkl at MNDOT. All council members will be notified ahead of time should they want to be present.

Per Polk County, parcel 94.00082.00 has received their last notice and have until 09/22/2015 to redeem. If back taxes are not paid by that time the paperwork to forfeit the property will be sent into the state.

The American Legion bleachers were in McIntosh for the tractor pull and have been returned to the ball field.

Per Gordon Dale, the City cannot set aside money in the General Fund into a restricted account for use for the Fire Dept. The best thing would be for the City to build up the money in the General Fund for any large expenditures or emergencies.

Lori motioned to approve the 2016 General Fund budget with a proposed tax levy of \$77,311.20, Dan seconds, motion passes. This is with a 3% increase to the general property taxes.

Lori motioned to approve Resolution 2015-5 accepting the transfer of Winger Memorial Park from the Township of Winger to the City of Winger, Dan seconds, motion passes. This is parcel 94.00053.01.

New Business:

Nick motioned to approve Resolution 2015-4 accepting donation of \$1,000.00 from American Legion Post 596 for city use, Lori seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of City Christmas street decorations. The City has approximately 28 decorations, of these 5 or 6 are the old iron ones. Ole will check with a business in the area to see what their prices and time frame are like.

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk