

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
December 12th, 2016**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

none

Guests present:

Dan Vesledahl
Brian Hiles
Alex Ranz

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Olson at 7:03 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

None

Dan Vesledahl of Minkota Technologies discussed the changes coming to the business. They will be merging with another company.

Steve motioned to approve that the City of Winger release the lien against Minkota Technologies per the clerk checking with Ken Buchanan that there is no problem with this and Minkota Technologies will pay any attorney fees or additional expenses incurred, Dan seconds, motion passes. Jennifer will contact Ken first thing in the morning.

Brian and Alex from Ulteig Engineers discussed the finalized pilot study that is back from Tonka Water on the test well.

Dan motioned to accept the Preliminary Engineering Report and approved that Ulteig submit the report to Rural Development, Nick seconds, motion passed.

Ulteig will probably hear back from Rural Development in March or April.

The clerk will e-mail the new water tank inspection report to Brian.

Minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting:

Steve motioned to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting, Dan seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Shoveling snow.

Will be reading water meters.

Sample will need to go to Detroit Lakes.

Either Ron or Bill can use their tractor to plow snow.

Will be taking some days off.

Some residential water may need to be shut off due to non-payment.

Discussion of Christmas lights.
Discussion of vent on the Community Center roof.

Financial Report:

As previously discussed, the Debt Service for Special Issues (Water System Improvement Project) has a negative balance of -\$1,186.00 at the end of October. As of December 8th, the negative balance was - \$10,036.00.

Steve motioned to approve transferring \$831.67 from regular savings account #82801 Memorial Park Garden Fund to the General Fund, Nick seconds, motion passes. This will leave a balance of around \$400.00.

Sent out 30 shut off letters. Have 6 property owners that there has been no response from.
Council payroll checks will go out this week.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

In 2016 the Winger Fire/Rescue Department responded to:

3 fire calls including 1 structure fire, 1 vegetation fire and 1 dumpster fire.

16 medical assists

1 carbon monoxide check

1 welfare check

2 motor vehicle accidents.

The Winger Fire/Rescue Department received Mutual Aid once this year from Fertile.

Old Business:

Council members signed the Abstract of Votes Cast form needed by Polk County. Approval of the 2016 election results was taken care of at the November Council meeting.

At the November 28th auction of tax-forfeited lands by Polk County, Kiril and Elen Lisov purchased parcel 94.00082.00 (the old grocery store site) for \$2,100.00.

New Business:

Steve motioned to approve the final tax levy of \$78,084.32 be submitted to Polk County for the 2017 taxes, Dan seconds, motion passes.

Dan motioned to approve the 2017 schedule of City of Winger Council Meetings, Lori seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of the "Discover Polk County" visitors guide published by Heritage Publications of Hendrum.
Died for lack of a motion.

Nick motioned to revise the May 2016 minutes from "Nick motioned to grant the Mutual Aid Agreement Between Polk County Fire Departments, Nick seconds, motion passes" to "Nick motioned to grant the Mutual Aid Agreement Between Polk County Fire Departments, Dan seconds, motion passes", Dan seconds, motion passes.

Ron will check with Todd Johnson of the MN Dept. of Health and Mike Roer of MN Rural Water Assoc. to see if they could come to the February Council meeting for their thoughts on improving the water system.

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk