

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
May 23, 2016**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Lori Lucken

Guests present:

Chris Thorson, Ulteig Engineers
Brian Hiles, Ulteig Engineers

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Olson at 7 p.m.

New Business:

Discussion of what is required of USDA Rural Development for a SEARCH grant. Chris will check with Laura Pettit.

Discussion of the Drinking Water Revolving Fund through Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. Letters and information have been submitted to be placed on their list. There is money in the program even without the bonding bill.

Discussion of USDA Rural Development funding. The City of Winger would qualify for poverty rates and there is a health and safety threat. This is a very slow process.

Discussion of DEED Small Cities Development Grants. The pre-application is due in October. They usually receive about 200. Then DEED decides which ones they want more information on.

The agencies do work together.

The proposed project includes two new wells, a water treatment facility and a new water tower. City land to be used would be the old school site. Cost estimated at \$2,062,000.

Dan joined the meeting.

Money through USDA Rural Development is probably the best bet to get the new water tower.

Reviewed estimated costs through PFA and Rural Development.

Brian will send the City a cost estimate for a pilot study. This would be a 2 week process.

Money the City uses initially (floating money) will be reimbursed to the City once funding arrives.

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk