

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
April 10, 2017**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Lori Lucken

Guests present:

Gordon Dale

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Olson at 7:02 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

Fire Dept. Flushing

Gordon Dale, City Auditor, started his presentation of the 2016 audit by stating that the financial situation had greatly improved since 2012.

Gordon stressed governmental controls and it is the responsibility of the council to know what is going on financially. The council can't afford to assume that everything is all right.

The city is paying off a loan to USDA for work done on the fire hall and the community center. The city is trying to pay this loan off early by putting extra money in the USDA committed savings account (#85091). Each July council makes the decision on whether or not they want to add to this account.

Right now the city is collecting enough money to pay for expenses.

On December 31, 2016 the amount of money that was not restricted (or unassigned) was \$273,997.00.

The general fund is doing good. Right now the city could operate for 2 ½ years without collecting a dime. The city is operating at a 10% profit margin meaning that for every 90 cents the city is spending it is collecting \$1.00.

It is a necessity for the city to stay on top of collections.

Cash wise the city has really turned around.

There was discussion of the struggles of small cities to keep up and pay for maintenance/improvements to their water and sewer systems.

Gordon will e-mail the 2016 audit to Laura Pettit at USDA and send Jennifer the sheets for posting.

Minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting:

Dan motioned to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

The new street sign and post for the corner of Main and Minnesota is here.

Attended school in Mahnomon last week.

Read the meters.

There is a Gopher One meeting tomorrow night.

Sample from the ponds will be sent out.

There is a bad stop sign and a bad yield sign in town, general consensus is to go ahead and replace both of them.

Discussion of the manhole covers and potholes in town.

Discussion of the dead tree by the city metal shed.

Discussion of the sewer system.

Financial Report:

Account 601-49440-312 is the account that Billy Kaupang is paid out of when he subs for Ron. The total amount that Billy has been paid for Jan., Feb. and March of 2017 is \$434.04 and \$1,000.00 was the total budgeted for 2017. So this account will have to be watched this year and probably should be increased for the 2018 budget.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

There were three grass fires this last week.

Old Business:

Application has been submitted to USDA, Rural Development for financial assistance for the water system improvement project.

There will be another public hearing and Brian Hiles will schedule it before a city council meeting.

Steve motioned to approve the publication of the notice of intent to file application, Dan seconds, motion passes.

Spring Clean Up Day will be Saturday, May 20th. "Have materials out by 9 AM" will be added to the flier.

The Pet Clinic with Cornerstone Veterinary Service will be Wednesday, May 17th from 6 – 7 pm at the Winger Community Center.

Mary Gieseke will again be the summer worker for Winger Memorial Park.

Discussion of the flushing to be done by the Fire Dept. on Monday, April 17th. The strategy will be worked out with Ron. The water level in the water tower will be watched as well as the water pressure.

New Business:

Discussion of calcium chloride for dust control by the Polk County Highway Dept. No action was taken.

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk

