

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
August 14, 2017**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

none

Guests present:

Dean Eilertson (Dakota Supply Group)
Brian Hiles (Ulteig)
Scott Revier

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:

Renter vs. Property Owner

Dean Eilertson did a presentation on the Senses meter system. The existing meters are 26 years old. The mag meter has no moving parts and has a 20 year life span. It does not have frost protection. This is Dakota Supply Group's highest selling meter. Each meter has a radio which has a 20 year warranty. The meter/radio unit has an ID number. The radio read system speeds up the reading time and the city does not have to go onto people's property or into their homes to do a reading. There is a hand held computer to do the readings and can be plugged into the city clerk's computer system. There is 1 year of support for the software that is included. After that there would be a charge. Sensus owns the band width so there will be no interference. Dakota Supply Group may be able to lower or eliminate the training costs once their new employee is trained in. Dean left a written quote (#5688404) with council.

Brian Hiles discussed looking within an 8 mile radius of Winger to see if water could be piped in from another town as opposed to building a water treatment plant in Winger. The Public Facilities Authority now has funding available in the DWRF (Drinking Water Revolving Fund). Winger is ranked #3 on their list. Advantages going through PFA would be a shorter loan period, lower interest rate and a quicker process. An application to PFA could be done this fall with plans and specs due in March. Steve motioned to approve starting the Public Facilities Authority application process, Dan seconds, motion passes.

For the time being, the Rural Development financial application will be on hold. The clerk will e-mail Laura Pettit in the morning to let her know.

Brian will be at the September City Council meeting to give council another run down.
If the City buys new meters, it will be an out-of-pocket expense.

Minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting:

Dan motioned to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Cut grass at the old school site and the ponds.

Received a report from Bryant Swenson (MN Pollution Control Agency). The cat tails at the ponds were mentioned.

Chris Thorson (Ulteig) is going to contact Bryant Swenson about the reports due on the Corrective Action Plan.

Nick motioned to approve Ron attending school in East Grand Forks on the 23rd, Steve seconds, motion passes. There is no cost for the class.

Discussion of hooking up with Erskine for water.

Financial Report:

Nick motioned to have CD #16126 rolled over, Dan seconds, motion passes. The 24 month CD will be worth \$51,120.82.

Dean Henney has donated a kitchen serving cart to the Community Center. He purchased this for use at the memorial service for his mother.

On 06/30/2017 the cash balance of the Water Fund was \$23,468.68.

On 06/30/2017 the cash balance of the Sewer Fund was \$57,420.44.

Money can be transferred from the sewer fund to the water fund, whenever the council chooses.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

Scott presented council with an invoice from Great Plains Fire for \$1,297.50 for having the two pumps serviced. Dan motioned to approve claim #19283 for \$1,297.50 to Great Plains Fire, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Has been quiet, next Monday they are going to run the trucks.

The Relief Assoc. will be selling raffle tickets for 6 guns with the drawing to be held on Oct. 16th.

The Relief Assoc. had their dance and made \$800.00. They have purchased 2 hand held torches that they are donating to the Fire Dept.

Old Business:

Discussion of quote from Dakota Supply Group. Each unit (meter and radio) is \$230.00.

The city can get the meters and radios installed and wait with the training.

Steve motioned to go ahead with the meters and ratios from Dakota Supply Group at this time, Dan seconds, motion passes.

Jennifer contacted UBMax and the quote she was given previously for software for invoicing with the new meter system is still the same. Jennifer will be sitting down with Teri at the City of Fertile at the end of August to see how the system works.

Council was shown Ordinance #106-A Ordinance Regulating Nuisances, which states in part,

The following are declared nuisances affecting peace and safety:

Noises in violation of Minnesota Rules Chapter 7030, as may be amended from time to time which are hereby incorporated by reference into this Code; habitual barking, howling, yelping or any other loud disturbing noises that clearly is in a loud audible manner disturbing the peace, quiet and comfort of any person nearby.

Jennifer contacted the Polk County Sheriff's Department and was told that they normally do not deal with city ordinances. Ordinances can be vetted by the city attorney and given to the Polk County court administration office to be entered into the state system.

The Polk County Court Administration office told Jennifer that they do have a law library that keeps copies of city ordinances but that this is not a requirement. Most of the time the court system works off of state and county laws. If they do find out that they need a city ordinance, they will contact the city for documentation. They would rather request a city ordinance as needed.

Per LMC, if the water has been shut off due to the renter not paying the water bill and the property owner does not want the water turned back on; if the renter pays the amount owed the city, then the city must turn the water back on.

New Business:

Discussion of the 2018 Preliminary Budget. As it stands, it is to the good of \$21,323.32. The clerk was not given any figures to adjust. Budget will be discussed again next month.

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk