

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
February 13, 2017**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

Lori Lucken

Guests present:

Todd Johnson, MN Dept. of Health
Alex Ranz, Ulteig

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Olson at 7:04 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

none

Todd Johnson has done water sampling in Winger for the State for arsenic (which naturally occurs). At this time the City of Winger is in non-compliance with the state's regulations. Of all the options to fix this, none of them are cheap.

On the MDH 2017 Project Priority List Winger is #3.

Discussion of Ulteig's Preliminary Engineering Report that has been submitted to the USDA and is waiting their approval. The report lists a new water tower at 50,000 gallons which is what the current one is. Winger uses 20,000 – 25,000 gallons per day so the tower could be smaller in size. Another option would be to use a pressure tank but that could affect the insurance rates.

Replacing the meters could be done through this project or the city could do it on their own but this is not a requirement by the state.

In discussing pressure vs. gravity filtration, pressure filters would work. They are dropped in and are user friendly. Cost savings...?

Ammonia will be taken out.

Discussion of water just outside of town to the west being of better quality, but you can't go by just one sample. A test well and pumping would need to be done to get realistic lab results.

Todd will e-mail the clerk previous arsenic results.

Todd suggested writing a letter to the state representatives letting them know of the water situation in Winger and seeing what financial help they may be able to provide.

Alex will check with Brian about coming to the March council meeting.

Minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting:

Nick motioned to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Some new lights have been purchased for the Christmas decorations.
Annual water report for 2016 was submitted to the state. The city used 6,336,000 gallons in 2016.
A hydrant needs repair due to the car accident last week. Hopefully a kit will work without having to purchase a new hydrant.
If the city does purchase new meters, a new meter will cost around \$250 – 300 so the total cost for the meter themselves would be around \$34,400. Additional software, radios and training would bring the total cost up to \$40,000 – 42,000. There would be no plumbing involved.

Financial Report:

In 2016 revenue for street lights was short \$300.36.
The general fund gained \$22,027.00.
At the end of the year the debt service for special issues fund (water system improvement project) was (\$10,036.00).
The water fund gained \$6,850.30.
The sewer fund gained \$3,994.95.
End of the year cash balance for the water fund was \$22,688.70. If all three of the unrestricted CDs were cashed out, this would give the city \$131,110.01 to spend on new meters.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

The new air compressor has come in.

Old Business:

Steve motioned to approve application to USDA using information and total costs off of Ulteig’s cost sheet, Dan seconds, motion passes.

Dan motioned to approve renting land to Russell Gunufson for \$385.00, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Discussion of the Hwy 59 speed study. Speed limit in town would go up from 30 mph to 35 mph but the town speed limit would start earlier. The work on the highway will be done by the state in 2021.
Would a light on the city signs help catch driver’s eyes so they would naturally start to slow down?

New Business:

none

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk