

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
January 9, 2017**

Council Members present:

The Honorable Mayor Darrell Olson
Steve Massmann, Nick Geray

Council Members absent:

Dan Kindall, Lori Lucken

Guests present:

Logan Handyside (Minnesota DOT)
Rachel Miller (Minnesota DOT)

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:

Nominations – Northwest Regional Development Commission

Logan Handyside and Rachel Miller of the MN DOT are collecting information concerning the Mill & Overlay project on Hwy 59 for 2021. This is a preservation project and no major reconstruction will be done. Rachel is the project manager. As far as what the city has going on, if a new water tower is built that will be located uptown.

Discussion of cars and trucks speeding through town on the highway. Rachel will send Jennifer a new contact to see if the speed study was done last year. Can try to get people to slow down naturally – such as additional lighting so people are aware that something is coming up. This would probably be more lighting on the north side. If LED lights are installed, the spacing would be different. Standard cost of a new pole is \$ 6-7,000.00. Lighting cost participation is usually 50/50.

Discussion of whether sidewalks or a crosswalk is needed. Problems of people on the west side of the highway trying to cross, such as to go to the C-store. Would a crossing be best at Polk County 1 and Hwy 59 or would it be better a block or two to the north? A sidewalk on the west side of the hwy would involve federal regulations and any trees that have their roots disturbed could die.

In a couple of months Rachel will send a scoping detail and the conversation will continue.

Minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting:

Steve motioned to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Water meters have been read

Nobody's water was shut off after 30 shut off letters went out.

Ron took some vacation days last month.

Todd Johnson will be at the February council meeting.

Nick motioned to approve a new phone card for Ron, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Have been shoveling.

No major problems.

Financial Report:

Nick motioned to roll over CD #16316 (a 12 month CD) which will mature on 01/21/2017 at \$45,863.72, Steve seconds, motion passes.

There are two checks to Bacon's Dray in claims because the December invoice was not paid until the end of December.

Two fire dept. payroll checks are in the regular end of the month December payroll.

Because Bonnie Olson refused to pay the last water/sewer invoice on 14 E. Montana when it was sold, the amount was passed onto the buyer, Candace Sordahl. Becky Stordahl came in and paid the \$55.75. By state law, unpaid water/sewer invoices stay with the property.

On 12/31/2016 the amount owed the city in delinquent water/sewer invoices was \$1,163.86. This is the amount Gordon Dale will use when he does the 2016 audit. However, as of 01/09/2017 the amount was down to \$414.91.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

General consensus is that the fire dept. go ahead and purchase a new air compressor for about \$1,600.00.

Old Business:

Should the council decide they want to remove the restriction of residential lots only for block 12 (old school site), per LMC all that is required is that they rescind the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Parcel 94.00108.00 (Block 12) of Original Townsite Winger, Minnesota.

Council was given a copy of the Proposed Timeline for Compliance that Brian Hiles (Ulteig) sent to Anna Schliep (MDH).

At the January presentation by Brian Hiles, he noted that the current flat fee water rate was \$20.00 per month. Winger bills quarterly so this should be \$20.00 per quarter. Jennifer has e-mailed Brian to make the correction.

Council gave Jennifer the go ahead to research mail in ballots for the 2018 election cycle.

New Business:

Disclosure of Financial Interests by a Public Official forms were filled out by the council member present.

Nick motioned to approve the Special Council Appointments for 2017, Steve seconds, motion passes.

Steve motioned to approve a \$10.00 increase to the Water User Fee starting 01/01/2017, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Jennifer will check with Russell Gunufson to see if he wants to rent the city land for \$385.00 for 2017.

Discussion of nominations to the Northwest Regional Development Commission. Died for lack of a motion.

Discussion of Christmas lights. There is no intention of purchasing any more new ones at this time.

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk