

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

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

none

Guests present:

Brian Hiles, Ulteig Engineering

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Olson at 7:08 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

Under Fire Dept. Report, Water Softener/Filter and Relief Assoc. Purchased a Power Washer
Under Water System Improvement Project, Notice of Violation

Minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting:

Dan motioned to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Mains have been flushed.
Will be pumping out the hydrants.
Some of the order to Dakota Supply Group has come in.
Went to school on the 27th.
Meters have been read.
The sewer line on the east side of Hwy. 59 has been cleaned.
Will cut down 2 trees.

Financial Report:

At the end of Sept., \$929.14 was owed the City in unpaid water bills. Two customers may be shut off tomorrow if money is not brought in.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

Relief Assoc. has purchased a power washer.
Dan motioned to approve purchasing a water softener at \$1,100.00, this includes installation and a filter, Nick seconds, motion passes with Ole voting yes and Steve abstaining.

Old Business:

The City has received another Notice of Violation from the MN Dept. of Health which shows the annual average arsenic level at 12.3 which exceeds the maximum contaminant level of 10.4.

Per Brian Hiles, Stephen LaFontaine at the MN Public Facilities Authority states “Based on City population size and a greater potential for grant funds the City should explore funding its project through the USDA-Rural Development program.”

General consensus is to have Ulteig Engineering resubmit the Preliminary Engineering Report to Rural Development and the Public Facilities Authority application is on hold for now.

The PER will be resubmitted to USDA Rural Development by Thanksgiving. Then the City can only wait and see how long it takes for the approvals from USDA.

In November of 2016 a letter was sent to CHS in Winger asking them to review their property at the Cenex Station building and make repairs to the sidewalk. No reply to the City was ever received. Jennifer will send another letter and do a reminder in February.

Dan motioned to approve purchasing the UBmax Basic software billing program for \$1,500.00, Nick seconds, motion passes.

New Business:

After the February 10, 2017 accident where a City fire hydrant and a street sign were damaged, the costs of the repairs (\$634.77) was submitted to the League of MN Cities insurance. Dianne Tinnes, claims adjuster, responded by letting the City know that there was no insurance coverage. She could also not find where any City street lights were covered. These should have been listed on a schedule.

Jennifer will contact Theresa Voxland at Lindfors Insurance to research what City property is not currently covered and ask her to come to the November City Council meeting to discuss this situation.

Discussion of the sinkhole behind the elevator. The elevator has stated that they will help pay for the repair.

Brian discussed the MPCA compliance.

The 2011 permit allows the City to send 25,000 gal/day into the ponds.

In 2016 it was 31,000 gal/day.

In 2017 it has been 28,000 gal/day so the number is getting higher.

Everything on the corrective action plan has been done except televising the system. This was put on hold because of a dry spell. The options are expanding the ponds or getting rid of the infiltration and inflow. A televised system would show which of these options made the most sense. To televise the system could cost \$10,000 – 20,000.

MPCA is looking for the City to do something.

The City would foot the bill and then apply for funding.

Brian will check maps to get a footage on the pipes and get estimates for the televising. When the estimates are in, Council can have a special meeting.

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk

