

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
February 12, 2018**

Council Members present:

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

Council Members absent:

None

Guests present:

Jerry Kaupang
Brian Hiles, Ulteig

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Olson at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

Move Resolution 2018-1 to Old Business

Jerry Kaupang spoke to Council about having Winger Appreciation Day again this year on June 30th. This is the same date as the fish fry. Looking at having a car show, quilt show at the old schoolhouse, a space for vendors to set up, maybe a bouncy house, noon barbeque luncheon, Wes playing for the car show and again in the evening at the Liquor Pigs. Expenses will mainly be for advertising. There is a CD with over \$2,000 that matures on 08/01/2018 for Winger Appreciation Day and there is also the possibility of some funding through Garden Valley. Jerry will keep the City updated as it gets closer to the date.

Brian Hiles discussed the design for the new water tower. The tower will have a bulb shape. Everyone seemed to think a bright blue stem and top with a white band and Winger in bold bright blue font would look very nice. Brian will do a mock up.

The water plant design is 75 – 95% done. Processing room is 28' X 30'. The electrical room will use a heat pump for cooling. This is more energy efficient and there would be a rebate from Otter Tail. At the March meeting Brian will bring the final plans.

Discussion of having an open house when the building is completed. Hope to send out bids in April and break ground in June.

A new water tower is an 18 month process. The new plant can run off the old tower. The new tower will be about 10' higher. The plan is to remove the old tower once the new tower is in place.

Financing looks like it will be:

- PFA for the water plant and wells

- DEED grant of \$600,000 for the water tower

- Rural Water for a micro loan for the difference between the \$600,000 and actual cost of the tower

- USDA Rural Development for \$30,000 grant for the start up costs that have already been paid

Nick motioned to approve Local Government Resolution 2018-1, Dan seconds, motion passed.

The new water system will be a class C operation. Ron has class D but can test for a D.

Minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting:

Dan motioned to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting, Deb seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

The DNR report has been submitted. 7,268,000 gallons of water were used in 2017. Samples have been sent. There were a few water problems in town but they were all the property owner's responsibility. 40 new meters have been installed. Garden Valley needs some maps due to the fiber replacement this summer.

Financial Report:

All 2017 figures are reconciled in the city's computer system. Jennifer is meeting with Gordon Dale on Wednesday to go over the reports for the 2017 audit. The General Fund was short \$272.29 for money collected for the street lighting. This was expected.

Claims:

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

Fire Dept. Report:

None

Old Business:

Discussion of insurance. No action was taken.

New Business:

Complaint was presented to the City. Mayor Olson will discuss the matter with the involved party.

Steve motioned to approve leasing land to Russell Gunufson, Dan seconds, motion passed.

Steve motioned to approve hiring Tina Murn as temporary interim clerk at \$22.50/hour starting February 13, 2018.

Adjourn:

Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk