

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINGER COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING - WINGER, MN

MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2020 – 7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: The Honorable Mayor Darrell Olson, Nick Geray & Steve Massmann.

GUESTS PRESENT: Mark/Elizabeth Nohre & Brain Hiles

Mark/Elizabeth Nohre – Attended the Council meeting to discuss the consideration for the water rate structure change for the apartment he owns in Winger. Also, Nohre presented an expense on the apartment and explained what it would mean if the water rates went up and asked if the Council would work with them to keep the expense down.

MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL PRESENT: Ron Locken

CITY CLERK/TREASURER PRESENT: Dominica Zarkoff

PURSUANT DUE TO CALL and notice thereof the Winger City Council held its regular monthly meeting in the Community Center Building on Monday, December 16th, 2019. Honorable Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS: DOT

MINUTES: Motion by Massmann, second by Kindall to approve the Minutes for the December 16th, 2019 regular meeting, motion carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Ron Locken, (PW Supervisor) – Mostly training at the water plant which is up and running since Thursday January 2nd, 2020. Cleaned the roof of snow. Water tower was overflowing December 21st, 2020. Water tower will be arriving next week for the new water plant. Sewer pump will be looked at by Dakota Sewage. Bernie from Otter Tail asked if they can store pallets of LED street lights that they will be using to replace the street lights in town, Massmann mentioned the shed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Kindall, second by Geray to approve the November financials as presented: Cash balance of \$416,708.12 & Reserves Balance of \$111,346.91 (As per Ultima Bank Online – 1/13/2020). Claims for 12/1– 12/31/19 \$180,618.95 & 1/1 – 1/13/2020 \$264,380.91.

December Payroll net wages - \$3,162.62, FD Payroll \$2,361.51 & Council Payroll \$1,879.32. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Scott Revier, Fire Chief – No Report

OLD BUSINESS: Brian Hiles Update – A Memo presented by Hiles at the Council Meeting regarding necessary changes and requested addition for water treatment plant. First item required change to the impellers in the high service pumps, second item related to the well construction to change the transducers installed in the wells to ones able to read a wider range due to drawdown in the south well and the third item is a requested addition to add industrial ceiling fan to the main process room. It is all summarized in Change Order #6. A motion by Geray to approve change orders #6. Second by Matson. Motion carried.

Update for the Sanitary Project, Hiles is revising the application and resubmitting this week. Hiles also asked if the Council could hold an open house in June or July to show the water plant to the residents.

NEW BUSINESS: Parkview Apartments – Sent emails to plea their case about water rate increase for the property managed by Greater Minnesota Management.

A motion by Kindall to increase Water Rates, the increase will consist of Base Rate increase and to \$4.00/1000 gallons Usage from \$3.50/1000 gallons. The Sewer Rate will continue at 70% of the Water. Second by Massmann. Motion carried.

Rueben Fritsch – Consistent complaints coming to Clerks office about his dog running around all over and getting into garbage's, eating cat food. Clerk will send a \$100 dollar fine to Fritsch explaining that City will be contacting the Polk County Sheriff office if the dog is not restrained on a leash running around again.

Steve Henderson – Threatened to sue the city for \$50,000 dollars over the phone for base fee charges for his property that is being billed to him every month in the amount of \$42.55.

A motion by Kindall to send Steve Henderson water balance in the amount of \$260.20 and North Country Detailing in the amount of 313.82 to Tax Roll. Second by Geray. Motion carried.

DOT – Lighting options presented for the Council to select and get back to Nancy Graham. The Council is leaning toward Option #2 but there's more questions to be answered.

CORRESPONDENCE: MN Department of Health – Service Connection fee to increase as of January 1st, 2020 to \$9.72 per year per service connection.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Attest: Dominica Zarkoff, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed: Darrell 'Ole' Olson, Mayor

