

**CITY OF RANIER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015 @ 6:30 pm**

Mayor Dennis Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Council Present:** Mayor Dennis Wagner Councilmembers Tony Cole, Todd Coulombe, JoAnn Kellner, Ron Wilcox

**Absent:** None

**Others present:** Gary and Deborah Abrams, Spenser Bickett (The International Falls Journal), Dianna Hoopingarner

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- To approve tonight's agenda.

Councilmember Ron Wilcox would like to amend tonight's Agenda to include Ranier Rec Club updates.

**A motion to approve tonight's agenda was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried unanimously.**

**BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION**

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (12/15/2014).

An amendment was made to correct the total amount to \$7245.15 for the November, 2014 General Fund Claims.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 12/15/2014.**

- To approve payment of the Claims for the month of December, 2014.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried unanimously to approve the December, 2014 claims in the amounts of:**

**\$ 4,834.64 for General  
\$20,008.16 for Liquor Store  
\$14,905.34 for Water**

- To approve the account balances for Liquor, General and Water Fund accounts and Profit and Loss Statements for all three accounts.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Cole; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve the account balances and Profit and Loss statements to date for each account.**

- To approve the designation of Lyndon Larsen as City Attorney.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried unanimously to designate Lyndon Larsen as City Attorney.**

- To approve the designation of The International Falls Journal as the official city newspaper for publications.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to designate The International Falls Journal as the official city newspaper for publications.**

- To approve the designation of Bremer Bank, Border State Bank and TruStar as city depositories.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Cole; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to designate Bremer Bank, Border State Bank and TruStar as city depositories.**

- To approve the selection of Acting Mayor (Pro-Tem).

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried unanimously to designate Todd Coulombe as Acting Mayor (Pro-Tem).**

- To approve the 2015 appointments for various committees.

- 1.) **Committee of the Whole** – All Council Members
- 2.) **North Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District** – John Bruggeman and Alternate Todd Coulombe
- 3.) **Koochiching Community Development Association** – Dennis Wagner
- 4.) **Destination Voyageurs National Park** – Sherril Gautreaux
- 5.) **Voyageurs National Park Governmental Affairs** – Todd Coulombe
- 6.) **Heart of the Continent Committee** – Tony Cole, Ron Wilcox
- 7.) **Convention and Visitors Bureau** – Mary Ann Kasich, JoAnn Kellner
- 8.) **Koochiching County Hazard Mitigation Committee** -Ron Wilcox, Sherril Gautreaux
- 9.) **Voyage Forward** – Todd Coulombe, Sherril Gautreaux, JoAnn Kellner
- 10.) **International Voyageurs Snowmobile Club** – Todd Coulombe, Ron Wilcox, JoAnn Kellner

Since the 2010 annexation expanded the number of sewer lines within the City of Ranier, Mayor Wagner would like to see more Ranier representation on the North Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board. He will approach the Sewer Board with the proposition.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to designate members to the above committees.**

- To discuss changing the scheduled day of council meetings from Mondays to Wednesdays.

Councilmember Cole believes that it is hard for citizens to attend meetings on Mondays and would like to see the meeting day changed to Tuesdays or Wednesdays. After discussion, other councilmembers agreed to change the council meeting days from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays beginning in February.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to change the official day for council meeting from the second and third Mondays to the second and third Tuesdays.**

- To discuss the City of International Falls annexation of the property near Second Creek.

City Administrator Gautreaux advised the Council of a meeting on 1/13/15 with Koochiching County Commissioner Wade Pavleck regarding the City of International Falls annexation of property which is currently owned by the International Falls Economic Development Authority. The property abuts Second Creek and the Ranier city limits on its far southwestern boundaries of the French Addition area. Commissioner Pavleck advised that Ranier residents Jeff Oveson, Dave Stavseth, Doug Grindall and Dennis Hummitzsch (abutting property owners to Second Creek and the Annexation area) have been vocal about their desire for assurances that the property will not be developed by a polluting type of industry. Commissioner Pavleck would like some language included in the City of International Falls Annexation Agreement assuring that no polluting type of industry be developed in the area. The Council agreed that it supports economic development yet also desires these assurances on behalf of its citizens.

### **LIQUOR STORE**

- To approve the December, 2014 Liquor Store operating statement.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the December 2014 Liquor Store Operating Statement.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- To approve Resolution 2015-1 Snowmobile Trail Usage on CR 113.

Koochiching County Engineer Joe Sutherland and International Voyageurs Snowmobile Club have worked cooperatively in order to attempt to resolve issues surrounding Mr. Steve Lindberg’s (Loon’s Nest owner) dissatisfaction with the new snowmobile trail route which no longer passes next to the Loon’s Nest. The Club agreed to connect the route to the Loon’s Nest with a spur along CR 113 and have agreed to groom the spur. Sutherland surveyed the area and endorsed the creation of the spur. Resolution 2015-1 was drafted in order to adopt basic rules regarding snowmobile operation on CR 113.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-1 Snowmobile Trail Usage on CR 113.**

**OPEN FORUM**

Councilmember Wilcox notified the Council that Ranier Rec Club skating party will be held at the Ranier Ice Rink on February 15<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm. The Rec Club expects 100-150 people. Minnie and Mickey Mouse will be present; hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served. Volunteers are welcome!

Mayor Wagner had a request from a young citizen to build a snow board park near the rink and sliding hill. He will get more information on the proposal. Administrator Gautreaux will research any city liability issues.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:12 p.m.**

*Dennis Wagner*

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**Mayor Dennis Wagner**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

*Sherril Gautreaux*

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**City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux**

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**Date**