

**CITY OF RANIER  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING  
TUESDAY JULY 21, 2015 @ 6:30 pm**

Mayor Dennis Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

**Council Absent:** Todd Coulombe

**Ranier Employees Present:** City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux, Deputy Clerk Tara Mai, Buddy Lessard

**Others in Attendance:** None

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- To approve tonight's agenda.

Mayor Wagner asked to amend the agenda to include discussion of property owner's driveway on Pine Street which causes water drainage issues.

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

**BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION**

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (06/16/2015).

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 06/16/2015.**

- To approve the General, Liquor and Water/Sewer Fund Claims for June, 2015.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the June, 2015 list of claims in the amounts of:**

**\$ 21,128.95 for General Fund**

**\$ 25,349.30 for Liquor Store Fund**

**\$ 22,766.07 for Water Fund**

- To accept the Profit and Loss Statements for Liquor, General and Water fund accounts 6/30/2015.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to accept the Liquor, General and Water fund profit and loss statements from June 2015.**

- To accept the account balance reports as of June 30, 2015 for Liquor, General and Water fund.

**A motion to accept the fund account balances for Liquor, General and Water fund for June, 2015 was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously.**

- To review 2015 Small Cities Assistance Account for City Streets/Roads. (Informational)

During the 2015 legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature created a Small Cities Assistance Account in the Special Revenue Fund for cities with populations under 5,000 that don't receive municipal state-aid street funds. It establishes a distribution formula and outlines how the funds can be used. The program is funded by a one-time appropriation of \$12.5 million in fiscal year 2016. The City of Ranier will receive \$14,216 from the fund of which ½ was received on 7/20/15.

- To approve an amended 2015 General Fund Budget.

City Administrator Gautreaux presented the 6/30/2015 year-to-date budget and an amended 2015 budget. Specific items that were amended include: deletion of the \$3600 for law enforcement services which was refunded by Koochiching County, additional expenditures in Parks & Recreation to fund a new mower deck for the John Deere tractor and other miscellaneous, additional expenditures for the flooding damage with the additional funding from FEMA for debris removal, additional expenditure for new doors at the hockey rink which will be funded by the Ranier Recreation Club, a new allocation of \$1000 for the Ranier Days Festival to be allocated from the KEDP \$6334 distribution, accounting for the SCDP expenditures and funding from DEED to offset the expenditures and finally, additional expenditures for insurance fees which were under budgeted. On the revenue side of the budget, the \$3600 refund from Koochiching Co was accounted for, the KCDA grant revenue was reduced to \$4000, the FEMA grant was increased and the SCDP/DEED revenue was noted. The total increase in expenditures/revenue was \$39,207.50 of which \$33,883 was accounted for in the DEED/SCDP and the remaining amounts were from FEMA and Koochiching County. In addition, the street expenditure fund was increased by \$14,218 to allocate the new revenue in

the same amount from the 2015 Small Cities Assistance Account for city streets and roads. The LGA for 2015 was also increased by \$1256.

**A motion to amend the 2015 General Fund Budget was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously.**

- To approve donating the use of Community Hall to the Rainy Lake Orchestra.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously donate the use of the Ranier Community Hall to the Rainy Lake Community Orchestra August 9-14, 2015.**

### **LIQUOR STORE**

- To approve the June, 2015 Liquor Operating Statement

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Wagner raised the issue of the property owner's driveway @ 3453 Pine St. The driveway was re-constructed a few years ago without a culvert underneath and ditching to divert water along the road rather than across the road. The drainage issues are especially apparent during the spring thaw. Public Works Director Nick Sears will talk with the property owner about the issue.

Mayor Wagner discussed the pending quiet zone for the Spruce St/CSAH 20 grade crossing and the medians that will be installed 50 feet from railroad in each direction. When the medians are in place, all traffic exiting Shelrude Place will only be able to turn right. As an alternative, railroad business traffic will probably use the circle around Shelrude Place to Main Street. Shelrude Place is actually platted as a 20 foot wide alley and constructed as an alley. It should probably be restricted to car traffic only and not used by heavy trucks or equipment. There should be a vehicle weight limit associated with the alley and road.

Councilmember Wilcox relayed a message from Berta Hagen of the Ranier Recreation Club that the gnome homes project will begin this year.

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

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:53 p.m.**

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**Mayor Dennis Wagner**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux**

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**Date**