

**CITY OF RANIER
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2015 @ 6:30 pm**

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

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

Council Absent: None

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

Others in Attendance: Richard Johnson of the International Falls Journal, John Bruggeman, Deb and Gary Abrams, Pat and June Fulton

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- To approve tonight's agenda.

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 (09/15/2015).

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 09/15/2015.

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

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

**\$ 51,000.57 for General Fund
\$ 19,331.56 for Liquor Store Fund
\$ 19,981.76 for Water Fund**

- To accept the Profit and Loss Statements for Liquor, General and Water fund accounts 9/30/2015.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to accept the Liquor, General and Water funds profit and loss statements from September 2015.

- To accept the account balance reports as of September, 2015 for Liquor, General and Water Funds.

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

- Update on Otto Bremer Foundation Grant project on Community Building Deck and approve initial payment to General Contractor and welding contractor.

Up North Builders submitted an invoice statement in the amount of \$39,878 with \$1500 remaining on the contract amount of \$41,378 for additional electrical work. Don Belanger submitted his invoice statement in the amount of \$4725 for the metal railings around the deck. We have been approved to use the remainder of the \$53,878 on new trash receptacles.

A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve the payments to Up North Builders in the amount of \$39,878 and Don Belanger in the amount of \$4,725.

- To approve request from Mary Ann Kasich to extend Building Permit # 8-2014 until 10/2016.

Ms. Kasich asked for her building permit to construct a garage @ 3488 Pine Street be extended another year to expire 10/2016.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the extension of Building Permit #8-2014 to expire 10/2016.

- To review culvert proposal for County Road 130

James Kennedy Trucking submitted a proposal for the culvert and ditching work on County Road 130 which would alleviate the water drainage issues in that area. Kennedy Trucking proposed a cost of \$2000-2500 to remove the culvert crossing north to south on CR 130 crossing between Kevin Dault and Marty Rasmussen properties (currently plugged). CR 130 would be graveled over after culvert is removed (Kooch Co and Sears will apply cold mix next spring after road is allowed to settle). The ditches would be dug out on the south side of CR

130 for increased drainage; debris would be removed in order to get proper flowage towards the east and in the creek flowing into Rainy River.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve hiring James Kennedy Trucking to perform the culvert and ditching work on CR 130 at an estimated price not to exceed \$2,500.

- To approve advertising for Winter Seasonal Rink Position.

Administrator Gautreaux will advertise for the Winter Seasonal Rink position to be hired when the rink is ready. We have at least one returning worker, one applicant and Bud Lessard. We would like at least one more rink worker to cover the shifts.

A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve advertising for the Winter Seasonal Rink Position.

LIQUOR STORE

- To approve the September 2015 Liquor Operating Statement

A motion to approve the September 2015 Liquor Store Operating Statement was made by Councilmember Cole; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously.

- To review the 2014 Office of State Auditor Analysis of Municipal Liquor Store Operations.

The 2014 Minnesota Office of State Auditor Analysis of Municipal Liquor report has been issued. On the Comparison of City Liquor Store Operations Ranked by Net Profit/(Loss) as a Percent of Sales, Ranier Municipal Liquor Store ranked 7th out of 197 municipal liquor stores with a net profit of \$67,548 or 15% of sales compared to 2013 with a ranking of 96 and a net profit of \$25,152 or 6.1% of sales.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Coulombe reminded everyone that we need to set a date for the budget meeting. Gautreaux will schedule the budget meeting in November or December.

Councilmember Wilcox reported on the liquor store bathroom renovation project. Wilcox was in recent contact with Wright Interiors, the general contractor on the project. The project is set to begin after deer season. Councilmember Coulombe reminded him that we should have the project completed before the Tom & Jerry Party on December 18. If it can't be completed before December 18, we should wait until after that date to begin the project.

Mayor Wagner reported on the road blacktopping project stating that he wasn't able to secure any quotes this year for road projects. Wagner has a list of 9-10 blocks that can be repaired. We will secure quotes for blacktopping next year. We have restricted CR 113 to 4 tons vehicles or less because it is in such bad shape.

John Bruggeman stated that the CN depot has added more lights that shine directly into his house asking if the city can address this issue. We will try to work with CN to direct lights away from residences.

Mayor Wagner stated that the Ranier Recreation Club did a nice job on the recent improvements to the Ranier ice rink fences and warming house. Wagner commended Nick Sears and Buddy Lessard for their help on the projects.

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Wagner
ATTEST:

Date

City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux

Date