

**CITY OF RANIER
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 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
Others in Attendance: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- To approve tonight's agenda.

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

BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (10/27/2015).

A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 10/27/2015.

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

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

**\$ 76,305.72 for General Fund
\$ 21,238.36 for Liquor Store Fund
\$ 18,679.39 for Water Fund**

- To accept the Profit and Loss Statements for Liquor, General and Water fund accounts 10/31/2015.

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 October 2015.

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

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

- To approve changing December Committee of the Whole meeting date to December 10, 2015.

Because the Special Election for the 3A District Representative will be held in the Ranier precinct on December 8, 2015, the December Committee of the Whole meeting date must be changed. Councilmember Coulombe will not be able to attend.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried unanimously to approve changing the date of the December Committee of the Whole meeting to December 10, 2015.

- To approve December 1st as the 2016 Budget Hearing date.

A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve the date of 2016 Budget hearing for December 1 at 6:30 pm.

- To approve the date of the 2016 Truth in Taxation hearing of December 15, 2015.

The Truth in Taxation Hearing to set the 2016 tax levy will be heard on December 15th at 6:30 pm prior to the Regular Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve the date of the 2016 Truth in Taxation hearing for December 15th at 6:30 pm.

LIQUOR STORE

- To approve the October 2015 Liquor Operating Statement

A motion to approve the October 2015 Liquor Store Operating Statement with a net income of \$6360.92 or 16.7% was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

CN RR Quiet Zone Update.

Koochiching County filed a Quiet Zone Notice of Intent with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on November 10, 2015 in coordination with the FRA, Wisconsin Central Railroad, the City of Ranier and MNDOT. There is a 60 day comment period for railroads and state agencies to provide comments on the proposed plan. Following the 60 day period, the FRA will review the Quiet Zone Implementation Plan submitted by Koochiching County and determine whether the plan meets all Alternative Safety Measures at the Spruce Street crossing so that the trains will no longer have to blow their horns. The Alternative Safety Measures will be 38 foot non-traversable medians on both sides of the track. The FRA performs a risk analysis and determines whether the Quiet Zone can be implemented. This process can take up to six months, but we are in hopes that over the winter, a decision will be made.

Ranier Recreation Club Updates

December 13th is the annual Ranier Recreation Club Christmas party for children. The Rec Club would also like to host a Christmas movie night on Tuesday December 22nd.

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Wagner

Date

ATTEST:

City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux

Date