

**CITY OF RANIER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017 @ 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 Todd Coulombe, JoAnn Kellner, Ron Wilcox

**Absent:** Councilmember Bob Dunbar

**Others present:** Deputy Clerk Tara Mai, Gary and Deborah Abrams, Pat and June Fulton

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- To approve tonight's meeting agenda.

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

**BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION**

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (12/20/2016).

**A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 12/20/2016.**

- To approve payment of the Claims for the month of December, 2016.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the December, 2016 claims in the amounts of:**

**\$ 5,350.86 for General  
\$16,563.27 for Liquor Store  
\$14,075.28 for Water**

- To approve the financial statements for General, Liquor and Water/Sewer Fund as of 12/31/2016.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the financial statements for General, Liquor and Water/Sewer Fund as of 12/31/2016.**

- To approve the designation of the firm of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick as City Attorneys.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to designate the firm of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick as City Attorneys.**

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

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

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

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

- To approve the 2017 appointments for various committees.

- 1.) **Committee of the Whole** – All Council Members
- 2.) **North Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District** – John Bruggeman and Alternate Dennis Wagner
- 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 Partnership** – Ron Wilcox
- 7.) **Convention and Visitors Bureau** – 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

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

- To approve the waiver of the statutory municipal tort liability limit and purchase of excess liability coverage for 2017 insurance renewal.

The statutory liability limit caps the city's liability on many types of claims but some types of claims are not covered by the statutory limit, so the city's potential liability is unlimited. The \$2,000,000 per occurrence coverage limit gives the city better protection for these types of claims and makes it less likely the city could end up with liability exceeding its limits.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to waive the statutory limit and purchase excess liability coverage for 2017 insurance renewal.**

- To approve the Internal Financial Controls Policy.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve the Internal Financial Controls Policy.**

### **LIQUOR STORE**

- To approve the December, 2016 Liquor Store operating statement.

The Liquor Store Operating Statement for the month of December, 2016 showed a net profit of \$951.24 or 2.97% and a year to date profit of \$34,404.33.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the December 2016 Liquor Store Operating Statement.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Coulombe said he would be absent from the Committee of the Whole Meeting on 2/14/17 to attend a seminar. It was suggested to push the Committee of the Whole Meeting and Council Meeting back a week respectively to February 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve changing the Committee of the Whole Meeting date from 2/14/17 to 2/21/17 and changing the Council Meeting date from 2/21/17 to 2/28/17.**

Councilmember Coulombe mentioned that the sidewalk in front of the Ranier Post Office is still not being properly maintained. Deputy Clerk Mai stated that Public Works Supervisor Nick Sears was going to talk to the person maintaining it; and if nothing changed would talk to the Int'l Falls Postmaster General (the entity responsible for maintaining the sidewalk). Coulombe said he would follow up with Sears. Coulombe also said he was meeting with the Int'l Falls Postmaster General Jan 18<sup>th</sup> about another topic and would mention the sidewalk issue.

**OPEN FORUM**

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:39 p.m.

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Mayor Dennis Wagner

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Date

ATTEST:

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Deputy City Clerk Tara Mai

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Date