

**CITY OF RANIER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING  
TUESDAY MAY 16, 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, Bob Dunbar

**Absent:** None

**Others present:** City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux, Deputy Clerk Tara Mai, Gary and Deb Abrams, Milt Bilyeu, Roger Marien, Bud Lessard, Nancy Rognerud, Cathy Hultman, Henry Hughes, Eric Strand

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- To approve tonight's meeting agenda.

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

**BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION**

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (04/20/2017).

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 04/20/2017.**

- To approve payment of the Claims for the month of April, 2017.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve the April, 2017 claims in the amounts of:**

**\$ 6,077.88     for General Fund  
\$19,051.93     for Liquor Fund  
\$16,811.94     for Water Fund**

- To approve a representative to Small Cities Aid committee.

A committee is being formed to study the issue of Small Cities Aid for those Koochiching County cities with a population of less than 1,000 residents. Funding for the aid would come from county proceeds from future tax revenues generated by the Great Northern Transmission Line. About 89 miles of the power line will run through Koochiching County, which will generate property taxes of between \$40,000 and \$70,000 per mile of transmission line. The committee created by KDA will be charged with the responsibility of bringing back to the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners their recommendations regarding how the Small Cities Aid program would work. The makeup of the committee would be one representative from each of the five small cities.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve Todd Coulombe as representative to Small Cities Aid committee and Sherril Gautreaux as alternate.**

### **LIQUOR STORE**

- To approve the April, 2017 Liquor Store operating statement.

The Council reviewed the Operating Statement for the month of April, 2017 with a net profit of \$1,110.30 or 4.0% compared to April 2016 with a net profit of \$1,921.53 or 6.18%. The year to date net profit is \$6,851.88.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the April 2017 Liquor Store Operating Statement.**

### **BUILDING, STREETS AND GROUNDS**

- To approve Ranier Beach summer water testing program.

Koochiching County Public Health Supervisor Derek Foss sent information regarding water testing at Ranier Beach and City Beach. The testing would cost \$45 per month (June, July, August) or \$135 per summer.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the Koochiching County Public Health Department testing of Ranier Beach water.**

- To approve Resolution 2012-02 Sale of Tax Forfeited properties.

Three properties in the city of Ranier (all are located on the south side of Highway 11) are being forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of property taxes. The Koochiching County Land and Forestry Department requires a certified copy of the City Council Resolution authorizing the sale of the parcels as described in Resolution 2017-02.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to authorize the sale of the three properties described in Resolution 2017-02.**

- To appoint a representative to the Ranier Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has an opening due to a resignation. Mayor Wagner suggested that the Council table any action until the next meeting to give the council time to consider the applicants.

**A motion was made to table any action on the appointments until the next meeting by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A reminder that the Koochiching County Soil and Water Conservation District Open House will be held on 5/22/2017 at 4:30-6:30 in the Ranier Community Building.

Mayor Wagner offered an update on the Rotary Club/Ranier Rec Club's proposal to build a children's splash pad park. Wagner visited with l'Falls Mayor Anderson about possibly constructing the park at city beach. Wagner will work together with l'Falls to try to find an appropriate spot for the park. Both cities would like to see the project happen. Wagner suggested that the Rotary Club proceed with preliminary planning.

In addressing the several blight issues, Mr. Henry Hughes was at the meeting to update the council on cleaning up his property on Highway 11. Mayor Wagner thanked him for attending the meeting and making arrangements for removing the items from his property. Mr. Milt Bilyeu attended the meeting and let the council know that he is working on cleaning up some items on his property CR 21. Mr. Roger Marien attended the meeting to let the council know of progress on his property on CR 92. He has three buildings that need to be torn down and is working with some folks that can help him. He has begun cleaning out the buildings and has removed a significant amount of material. Mayor Wagner thanked him for the progress. Mayor Wagner stated that he was very pleased that the three citizens can to the meeting and that their neighbors are especially pleased. He asked them to keep working on it and thanked them for making progress on cleaning up their properties.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:48 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**