

**CITY OF RANIER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING
TUESDAY JULY 18, 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, Bob Dunbar, Ron Wilcox

Absent: None

Others present: City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux, Deputy Clerk Tara Mai, Candy Bruers, Tom Kellner, June Fulton, Bud Lessard, Mark Lessard

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- To approve tonight's meeting agenda.

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

BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (06/20/2017).

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 06/20/2017.

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

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

**\$ 7,272.08 for General Fund
\$26,735.13 for Liquor Fund
\$22,455.95 for Water Fund**

LIQUOR STORE

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

The Council reviewed the Operating Statement for the month of June, 2017 with a net profit of \$4,181.97 or 12.29% compared to June 2016 with a net profit of \$2,480.75 or 7.70%. The year to date net profit is \$14,579.82.

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

BUILDING, STREETS AND GROUNDS

- Zoning Variance for proposed garage at 3500 River Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bruers have filed a request for a variance from the Shoreland Management Rules and Ranier Uniform Land Use Plan shoreland setback rules. The Bruers propose to build a 28'x32' (896 sq. ft.) garage on their property which lies within the Shoreland Overlay and Floodplain Management Zone. The lot which abuts Rainy River is narrow, measuring 56' wide on its northern boundary and 78' wide on its southern boundary and 206' long or approximately 13,802 square feet. The 46'x30' (1380 sq. ft.) house is situated approximately in the middle of the north/south boundaries leaving the remaining portion of the lot as pervious surface. The Shoreland Management Rules require a 50 foot setback from the Ordinary High Water Level which is 1108' or the existing dark line on the shoreline rocks. The proposed garage would be around 45' from the shoreline. In addition, shoreland management rules allow maximum lot coverage of 25% (3451 sq. ft.) and building height of 25 ft.

The Land Use Planning Commission met on 7/12 and reviewed the plans submitted by Bruers. Suggestions were made to move the garage at least 4.5 feet to the west so that it would meet the side yard setback of 10 feet and several feet to the south. This would give more room to park on their own property and alleviate any parking on North Street, so as not to create a parking nuisance. With these changes the proposed garage would encroach a foot or so into the Shoreland Zone (50 feet from OHWL) but would not encroach into the Shore Impact Zone (25 feet from OHWL).

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the zoning variance setback from the Shoreland.

- To approve changes to the Land Use Permit Fees.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the changes to the land use permit fees.

- Community Hall Rental Rates.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve changes to the Community Hall rental rates.

WATER & SEWER

- To approve increase of water maintenance escrow rate by \$7.50 monthly

In order to shore up the shortfall in the water finances of approximately \$30,000 as recommended by our auditor, the maintenance escrow fee will be raised by a flat \$7.50 per month. Water rates are not currently covering expenses, depreciation and debt service.

A motion was made by Councilmember Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to raise the water maintenance escrow water by \$7.50 monthly.

- To approve Resolution 05-2017 assessment to property taxes of delinquent water bills.

Water utility account #124 is in arrears in the amount of \$468; account # 355 is in arrears in the amount of \$448.08.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to assess the delinquent water bill for accounts #124 and #344 to the property owners' property taxes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- To approve the use of the Ranier Community Hall August 13th -18th for the 40th annual rehearsal and concert of the Rainy Lake Community Orchestra

The city of Ranier has donated the use of the Ranier Community Hall to the Rainy Lake Community Orchestra for its rehearsal and concert for 28 years. This will be the 40th annual concert for the Orchestra which will be held at 7:00 pm on 8/18.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to donate the use of the Ranier Community Hall 8/13-8/18/17 to the Rainy Lake Community Orchestra.

OPEN FORUM

Resident Tom Kellner spoke of any issue with the adjoining property owner who dug a ditch on Kellner's property and is draining water onto his property. Gautreaux will draft a letter asking the property owner to drain the water onto his own property.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Wagner

Date

ATTEST:

City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux

Date