

**CITY OF RANIER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Bud Lessard, June and Pat Fulton, Mark Lessard, Derek Forpahl

**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 Coulombe; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously.**

**BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION**

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (08/15/2017).

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 08/15/2017.**

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

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

**\$27,001.98 for General Fund  
\$37,861.01 for Liquor Fund  
\$19,095.51 for Water Fund**

- To approve Resolution 2017-06 setting 2018 Proposed Property Tax Levy.

The market tax capacity increased 2.3% over 2016. The increased market tax capacity can be captured by increasing the levy without property taxpayers seeing an increase in their property taxes. The council will set a preliminary tax levy adding the 2.3% to bring the levy to \$222,000.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute, all cities must certify proposed tax levy to the county auditor on or before September 30. The Final Levy may be lower than the proposed levy, but may not exceed the proposed levy. On or before September 30, the city must provide the county auditor with the date, time and place of the scheduled meeting at which the final budget and levy will be determined. Our December regularly scheduled council meeting is December 19 in which the Council will finalize the budget and tax levy.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to pass resolution 2017-06 setting the 2018 Proposed Property Tax Levy.**

### **LIQUOR STORE**

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

The Council reviewed the Operating Statement for the month of August, 2017 with a net profit of \$5,704.91 or 14.41% compared to August 2016 with a net profit of \$5,924.36 or 12.84%. The year to date net profit is \$26,292.72.

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

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

- To approve moving forward with CR 130 reconstruction and set Special Meeting Date for Bid Opening.

The reconstruction project on CR 130 will be let on Wednesday 9/20/17 with a bid opening date of 10/12/2017 @ 2:00 pm. We will need to set a Special Meeting for the bid letting award on 10/12/17 @ 6:00 pm, though we may change the time of the meeting after consulting with the engineer.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the bid letting award on 10/12/17.**

### **WATER SEWER**

- To approve CR 112 water service connections.

Three residents on CR 112 brought forth a proposal to connect into the water line on CR 112. The group will coordinate the project through Sears and Gautreaux. After a plan is developed, we will forward them to Mayor Wagner to ensure that the contractor is reputable and the plans are feasible.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the CR 112 water service connections.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Dunbar will secure an estimate to replace the culvert going to Dale Johnson's property. The culvert is approximately 200 feet at 36" round.

**OPEN FORUM**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:56 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**