

**CITY OF RANIER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING
TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2020 @ 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 Bob Dunbar, JoAnn Kellner
Absent: Councilmembers Ron Wilcox, Todd Coulombe
Others present: City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux, Paul and Marilyn Jones, Kris and Charles Helleloid

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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 Kellner and carried unanimously.

BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (02/19/2020).

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 02/19/2020.

- To approve payment of the Claims for the month of February, 2020.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the February, 2020 claims in the amounts of:

**\$19,170.00 for General Fund
\$21,866.48 for Liquor Fund
\$21,281.86 for Water/Sewer Fund**

- To accept the financial statements, disbursement ledgers and fund balances for General, Liquor and Water/Sewer Funds as of 02/29/2020.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to accept the financial statements and fund balances for General, Liquor and Water/Sewer Funds as of 02/29/2020.

- To approve the deposit of \$134.72 to Border State Bank Restricted Sewer Fund CD from Water/Sewer Fund in order to increase interest rate by 0.11%.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the deposit of \$134.72 to Border State Bank Restricted Sewer Fund CD from Water/Sewer Fund in order to increase interest rate by 0.11%.

- To schedule a Special Meeting on 03/25/2020 @ 9:00 am for 2019 financial audit closeout.

The financial auditor will conduct the audit closeout over the phone. Documents will be available on the Ranier website for public view.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the scheduling of the Special Meeting for the 2019 Financial Audit Closeout.

LIQUOR STORE

- To accept the February, 2020 Liquor Store operating statement.

The Council reviewed the Operating Statement for the month of February, 2020 with a net profit of \$6,517.93 and year to date net profit of \$16,288.15 compared to February 2019 with a net profit of \$4,722.45 and a year to date net profit of \$5,239.30.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to accept the February 2020 Liquor Store Operating Statement.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **CORONA VIRUS COVID-19 UPDATE**

Mayor Wagner read a statement about the city operations in regards to the COVID-19 disease explaining that 1) Ranier Municipal Liquor Store is mandated by the Governor to close today at 5:00 pm; 2) employees are advised to apply for unemployment or use sick/vacation time if they choose; 3) employees can come help deep clean the Liquor Store; 4) water payments can be placed in the drop box, mailed or paid on-line. Mayor Wagner stated that the council will schedule an Informational Meeting on West Main Street parking in the future pending what is happening with the COVID-19 disease.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Wagner informed the Council that he has collected quotes for various aspects of the Duluth Street boat launch and parking lot project. An informational meeting will be scheduled in the future.

Paul Jones commented that he hopes that the west Main Street parking plan will be fiscally responsible for Ranier. Wagner explained the proposed financing methods of the project. Marilyn Jones suggested that there could be phased parking plans with the parking lot on the south side of the tracks being phase one and after a year determine if any additional parking is needed. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones wondered about the specific parking requirements of the city. Mayor Wagner commented that there have been parking discussions in almost every meeting during his terms. Marilyn Jones commented that the city could have bought a lot and paved it for parking.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:50 pm.

Mayor Dennis Wagner

Date

ATTEST:

Sherril Gautreaux, City Administrator

Date