

**CITY OF RANIER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING  
TUESDAY MAY 19, 2020 @ 6:30 pm**

The meeting was held via WebEx.

Council Present: Mayor Dennis Wagner, Councilmembers Todd Coulombe and Ron Wilcox,  
Bob Dunbar  
Absent: Councilmember JoAnn Kellner  
Present on site: City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux

Mayor Wagner made an announcement stating that the in-person meeting is not prudent because of the COVID-19 health pandemic.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Wagner asked each councilmember individually if they are present.

Coulombe – present,  
Dunbar – present,  
Wilcox – present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- To approve tonight's agenda.

Councilmember Coulombe voted aye  
Councilmember Dunbar voted aye  
Councilmember Wilcox voted aye  
Mayor Wagner voted aye

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

**BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION**

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (04/21/2020).

**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 04/21/2020.**

Councilmember Coulombe voted aye  
Councilmember Dunbar voted aye

Councilmember Wilcox voted aye  
Mayor Wagner voted aye

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

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve the April, 2020 claims in the amounts of:**

\$13,349.77 for General Fund  
\$ 5,531.88 for Liquor Fund  
\$37,349.17 for Water/Sewer Fund

Councilmember Coulombe voted aye  
Councilmember Dunbar voted aye  
Councilmember Wilcox voted aye  
Mayor Wagner voted aye

- To accept the financial statements, disbursement ledgers and fund balances for General, Liquor and Water/Sewer Funds as of 04/30/2020.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to accept the financial statements and fund balances for General, Liquor and Water/Sewer Funds as of 04/30/2020.**

Councilmember Coulombe voted aye  
Councilmember Dunbar voted aye  
Councilmember Wilcox voted aye  
Mayor Wagner voted aye

- To approve Resolution 2020-02 Border Pride 2020.

Borderland Pride sent correspondence requesting that the city approves the Resolution supporting Borderland Pride.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2020-02 Border Pride 2020.**

Councilmember Coulombe voted aye  
Councilmember Dunbar voted aye  
Councilmember Wilcox voted aye  
Mayor Wagner voted aye

## **LIQUOR STORE**

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

The Council reviewed the Liquor Store Operating Statement for the month of April, 2020 with a net loss of (\$2,432.46) (due to closure of the Liquor Store on 03/17/2020) and a year-to-date net profit of \$8,310.46 compared to April 2019 with a net loss of (\$1,200.01) and a 2019 year-to-date net profit of \$9,219.51.

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

Councilmember Coulombe voted aye  
Councilmember Dunbar voted aye  
Councilmember Wilcox voted aye  
Mayor Wagner voted aye

- To approve Resolution 2020-01 Authorizing Cleaning Contract for Ranier Municipal Liquor Store

The cleaning contract was awarded to the only bidder, ServiceMaster of International Falls which submitted a fair price. Because ServiceMaster of International Falls is owned by councilmember Todd Coulombe, certain procedures must be followed including the approval of the resolution.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2020-01 Authorizing Cleaning Contract.**

Councilmember Coulombe abstained  
Councilmember Dunbar voted aye  
Councilmember Wilcox voted aye  
Mayor Wagner voted aye

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Coulombe stated that he has had calls about CR 130 and when the project would be finished. Mayor Wagner stated that there are a few driveways that need to be finished along with some landscaping. Wagner will call the contractor and the landscaper to ask when they will complete the job. He stated that if the contractor will not complete the job, the city can finish the job itself and keep the retainage.

Councilmember Wilcox stated that folks renting the e-bikes are speeding on the bike trail and not yielding at the stop signs. Wagner stated that though he is excited for the business, the business owner should advise folks to obey traffic laws.

Councilmember Coulombe stated that if the liquor store must continue to remain as off-sale only then the hours should be changed to Wednesday through Saturday from 2 to 6. Mayor Wagner and Councilmember Wilcox agreed. Administrator Gautreaux stated that she believes that deliveries occur on Tuesdays. She will speak with Liquor Store Manager Seegert.

Councilmember Dunbar asked when the Ranier Rec Club would be picking up litter around town. Councilmember Wilcox stated that the Rec Club plans to discuss it at their next meeting.

Mayor Wagner stated that the city received notification that the state is distributing money to the city from the CARES act. Gautreaux will look into how the money has to be spent. Wagner stated that the LCCMR funding was passed by the Senate but not by the House. It will have to be addressed in a Special Session.

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

Councilmember Coulombe voted aye

Councilmember Dunbar voted aye

Councilmember Wilcox voted aye

Mayor Wagner voted aye

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:52 pm.**

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**Mayor Dennis Wagner**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sherril Gautreaux, City Administrator**

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**Date**

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