

**CITY OF RANIER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING  
TUESDAY JULY 21, 2020 @ 6:30 pm**

Council Present: Mayor Dennis Wagner, Councilmembers and Ron Wilcox, Bob Dunbar, JoAnn Kellner  
Absent: Councilmember Todd Coulombe  
Present on site: City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux, Berta Wilcox, Dan Joyce, Linda Joyce, Karina Joyce-Ham, Robert Ham, Chris and Charles Helleloid, Mike Wellcome, Bud Lessard

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- To approve tonight's agenda.

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

**BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION**

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (06/16/2020).

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 06/16/2020.**

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

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

\$17,760.05	for General Fund
\$16,282.65	for Liquor Fund
\$20,203.95	for Water/Sewer Fund
\$8,118.75	for 2018A GO Street Reconstruction Bond Fund
\$8,097.85	for CR 130 Reconstruction Fund
\$2,657.50	for 2012A GO Improvement Bond Fund

- To accept the financial statements, disbursement ledgers and fund balances for General, Liquor and Water/Sewer Funds as of 06/30/2020.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to accept the financial statements and fund balances for General, Liquor and Water/Sewer Funds as of 06/30/2020.**

- To reschedule August Committee of the Whole Meeting to 08/13/2020 due to Primary Election.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to reschedule August Committee of the Whole Meeting to 08/13/2020.**

- To approve Resolution 2020-06 Election Judges.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2020-06 Election Judges.**

- To approve letter to MHFA in support of Alexander Baker Building

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to approve the letter to MHFA in support of Alexander Baker Building.**

- To approve Resolution 2020-05 Supporting Reconstruction of CSAH 20 for angled parking.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2020-05 Supporting Reconstruction of CSAH 20 for angled parking.**

- Northeast Koochiching County Transportation Plan Committee Appointment

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Mayor Wagner to the Northeast Koochiching County Transportation Plan Committee.**

- To appoint a person to the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Committee

A meeting was held on 07/20/2020 with Koochiching County Administration, KEDA and representatives from Koochiching cities. Koochiching County is committing 10% of its \$1.65 million to the Small Business Relief Fund for Round 1 of the grants. Ranier received \$44,225 of CARES Act funds and can commit an amount to the Small Business Relief Fund and retain an amount to cover Ranier's necessary expenses.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Mayor Wagner and Councilmember Wilcox as alternate to the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Committee**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to commit 10% of Ranier's CARES Act funds to the Koochiching County COVID-19 Small Business Relief Fund.**

- To approve the cancellation of Ranier Days 2020.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously to cancel Ranier Days 2020 due to COVID-19.**

### **LIQUOR STORE**

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

The Council reviewed the Liquor Store Operating Statement for the month of June, 2020 with a net profit of \$6,966.91 while operating at 50% capacity as required at this time and two weeks of June with only outdoor seating. The year-to-date net profit is \$12,062.84 compared to June 2019 with a net profit of \$6,497.12 and a 2019 year-to-date net profit of \$20,942.74. The Liquor Store opened up for outside service-only on June 1 and indoor service at 50% capacity on June 10.

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

- COVID-19 Update

Mayor Wagner reported that one employee has tested positive for COVID-19 this week. The employee hasn't been on the worksite since 07/10. The employee will be able to come back to work near the first of August. Another employee felt sick last week and isolated until her negative test was received.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Karina Joyce-Ham thanked the council for taking COVID serious at the liquor store. She inquired as to whether the Rainy Lake Grill would be able to apply for the CARES Act grants since she received the Small Business Loan. Wagner instructed that she is still eligible to apply for the grant if it is used for expenses other than those used of the Small Business Loan. The applications for the grant should be available by August 1.

Robert Ham came to the Council with a few issues. The first issue was to talk about fire pits that are too close to property lines and asked that the Council establish guidelines for fire pits in

residential areas. Mayor Wagner will ask the zoning committee. The other issue that Ham brought forward had to do with fireworks stating that they have been excessive this summer. Ham has called the sheriff's department believing that Loony's were lighting fireworks. Mayor Wagner will talk with Loony's. Berta Wilcox spoke about the Ranier Rec Club raffle which had 28 prizes donated from businesses. \$4000 was raised to save up for new playground equipment.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:00 pm.**

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**Mayor Dennis Wagner**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sherril Gautreaux, City Administrator**

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