

**CITY OF RANIER
CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING
TUESDAY AUGUST 8, 2023 @ 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 Jennifer Lahmayer, Todd Coulombe, Ron Wilcox, JoAnn Kellner
Absent: None
Others present: City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux, Municipal Liquor Store Manager Jenn Seegert, Deputy Clerk Edith Jenkinson, Tammy Toratti, KCC-TV, Berta Wilcox, Matt Maxa, Dan Joyce

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- To approve tonight is agenda.

Councilmember Kellner made a motion to approve tonight's agenda; seconded by Councilmember Lahmayer and carried unanimously.

BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION

- To recommend approving the previous Council Meeting (07/18/2023) minutes.

Councilmember Coulombe made a recommendation to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 07/18/2023; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously.

- To recommend approving the Claims lists for the month of July 2023.

A recommendation was made by Councilmember Wilcox; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the July 2023 claims lists in the amounts of:

\$70,268.16	for General Fund
\$35,060.73	for Liquor Fund
\$25,463.92	for Water/Sewer Fund
\$ 3,060.75	for 2021A GO Street Reconstruction Refunding Note
\$ 752.88	for General Capital Projects

- To review the Account Balances and Financial Statements as of 07/31/2023.

Councilmember Coulombe made a recommendation to table the Profit and Loss statements to date for each fund until next week's meeting; seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously.

- To recommend approving Resolution 2023-05 VOTER Account Agreement

Minnesota Secretary of State allotted funds to counties for election resources. Counties are to allot percentages of the funds to cities. The proportionate share is only \$63.20; Koochiching County is asking that Ranier allow Koochiching County to retain the VOTER account funds received.

Councilmember Wilcox made a recommendation to approve Resolution 2023-05 VOTER Account Agreement; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously.

- To recommend accepting Ranier Days donations from Rainy Lake Heating and Cooling - \$100, Coca Cola Bottling Co. - \$250

Councilmember Wilcox made a recommendation to accept donations for Ranier Days; seconded by Councilmember Coulombe and carried unanimously.

- To recommend accepting Ranier Recreation Club donation of \$5,000.

Councilmember Coulombe made a recommendation to accept Ranier Recreation Club donation seconded by Councilmember Wilcox and carried unanimously.

LIQUOR STORE

- July 2023 Liquor Store Operating Statement

Liquor Store Manager Jenn Seegert reported the BBQ cook-off went well. Ranier Days Festival will be held this weekend with lots of festivities. Seegert has had the Ice machine cleaned, cooler compressor checked and routine check-up on equipment for the weekend. A new outdoor bar has been purchased which, hopefully, will be ready for the weekend. Eventually, it will be converted into an outdoor patio arrangement. Councilmember Lahmayer discussed the need to add more electrical outlets for food trucks. This can be planned for next year. Matt Maxa has volunteered to look into it, get quotes from electricians and bring suggestions to the Council. Mayor Wagner discussed the profit percentage and noticed a slight down trend from last year. He asked Seegert to watch the product costs and raise prices as necessary. Seegert explained that the product price increases have seem to plateau. She will watch the costs, ask the bartenders to ensure their pours are accurate and raise prices, if necessary.

The Council reviewed the Operating Statement for the month of July 2023 with a net profit of \$12,008.99 and a 2023 year to date profit of \$49,896.24 compared to July 2022 with a net profit \$12,049.24 and a 2022 year to date profit of \$51,737.29.

Councilmember Coulombe made a recommendation to accept the July 2023 Liquor Store Operating Statement; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously.

BUILDINGS, STREETS AND GROUNDS

- Maintenance Report. Nick Hagen Public Works Supervisor

Public Works Supervisor Hagen was not available due to working on a water main break.

- Pier Project Update

Gautreaux reported that this afternoon a meeting was held the LCCMR grant administrators and S.E.H. engineers to discuss work plans and scheduling. Work plans for the two LCCMR grants will have to coordinated with LCCMR and MMB (capital funding). An extension for the \$762,000 LCCMR will be requested. Mayor Wagner would like to see a schedule from S.E.H. for design and permitting process, so that can public meetings can be set.

WATER/SEWER

- Lead/Copper Tap Water Monitoring Report

Minnesota Department of Health conducted its testing for lead/copper monitoring. Based on the results, the Ranier water distribution system has not exceeded the action level for lead or copper.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Reminder of Senator Grant Hauschild visit on 08/16/2023.

Senator Grant Hauschild will visit on 08/16/2023 at around 2:00 pm.

Councilmember Lahmayer discussed Ranier Beach– 2 of 3 buoys have come loose and floated away and need to find a way to secure buoys better. Lahmayer also discussed erosion at the Ranier Beach since the dock is gone. FEMA granted an extension for reconstruction to be completed July 2025.

Councilmember Coulombe will attend a County Board meeting to discuss placing radar signs and speed bumps on Spruce Street. The public safety aid can be used to purchase the equipment.

OPEN FORUM

John Bruggeman asked whether the Council has done anything with dark sky compliance? Mayor Wagner stated that the pier project should be dark sky compliant.

Sue Swendsen asked about the memorial bench at Seven Oaks Park wondering where it is and when it will be placed back at the park.

Councilmember Kellner inquired about the new cannabis laws and whether the city should prohibit cannabis smoking indoors. The Minnesota Clean Air Act does prohibit indoor smoking.

Mayor Wagner stated that there are concrete companies in town that he will get an estimate from for repairs to the boat ramp.

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:15 pm.