

**Minutes for a Regular Meeting  
of the Winthrop City Council  
Monday, January 3rd, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Winthrop City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall for the purposes of conducting the business of the city.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Trebelhorn at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL** Council members Ed Pelletier, Rob Edwards, Lyle Muth, Colleen Dietz and Pete Machaiek were present. Guests included Mark Erickson, Don Lannoye, Mike Trebesch, Nick Schmidt, Jenny Hazelton, Joe Ziegler, Mike Mattison, Barb Johnson, Gordy Grack, Bruce Froehlich and Pat Bartels.

Mayor Trebelhorn and Council members Dietz, Muth and Edwards were sworn into office by City Clerk Jenny Hazelton.

**III. ESTABLISH AGENDA** – Motion Machaiek, second Edwards to establish agenda as presented. Passed on a voice vote.

**III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Motion Edwards, second Pelletier to approve the consent agenda. Passed on a voice vote.

**IV. NEW BUSIENSS**

a. **City Appointments and Assignments** - Motion Machaiek, second Dietz to accept the 2011 City Appointments and Assignments as presented. Passed on a voice vote.

b. **Meter Reading Ordinance Change** – Motion Pelletier, second Edwards to have the first reading of an amendment to the meter reading ordinance specifying that meters must be read by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Passed on a voice vote.

c. **Garden Site for GFW/Community Education** – Erickson said that GFW and Community Education were looking for a suitable site for a garden this summer with the produce being used for school lunches in the fall. The GFW FFA class and summer community education would tend the site. The EDA suggested the empty lot across from city hall or perhaps a plot in the south area of the park. It would need to be kept neat. The council had no objection to the possible sites but a selection won't be made until spring.

**V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**a. LEGAL REPORT**

Don Lannoye updated the council on the Bartels assessment hearing. The judge has 90 days to make a ruling first week in January but a decision is expected sooner than that. He also updated the council on the eminent domain proceeding against Pat Bartels for the sanitary sewer collector pipe. A hearing will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to selected three members of a special panel to hear the case.

**b. WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Supt Ziegler gave an update on the water leak and the skating rink.

**c. STREET DEPARTMENT**

Supt. Grack informed the council the 2010 snow budget will have a \$3,000 to \$5,000 deficit because of the heavy snows. He reported there were three minor electrical outages that were fixed and suggested the council sell the sport court pieces currently stored behind the downtown whistle. He added that the two bottom panels of the ambulance door had to be replaced.

**d. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Trebesch said the department was talking with Gaylord and New Auburn about day coverage with some new boundaries on structural fires.

**e. AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT**

Capt. Nick Schmidt said new officers had been elected and there would be some new training undertaken by the department.

**f. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Trebelhorn read the resignation letter submitted by Chief assed on a voice vote. The police committee (Lyle and Ed) would meet later in the week to decide on a course of action.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk-Administrator