

**Minutes for a Regular Meeting
Of the Winthrop City Council
Monday January 6th, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Winthrop City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 6th, 2014 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 7:01 p.m.

- II. **ROLL** Council members Dave Trebelhorn, Jessica Wiborg, Lyle Muth, Pete Machaiek and Colleen Dietz were present. City Administrator Mark Erickson, City Attorney Don Lannoye, Mike Mattison, Tami Martin, Ralph Fairchild, Gordy Grack, Mark Santelman and Sandy Pierson were also present

- III. **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**

- IV. **ESTABLISH AGENDA**
 - a. Motion Wiborg second Dietz to add Wiborg resignation and ice skating rink and approve agenda. Passed voice vote.

- V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Motion Dietz, second Muth to approve the consent agenda as presented. Passed on a voice vote.

- VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Summer Rec Program Update** – GFW Supt. Tami Martin, Middle School Principal Ralph Fairchild and Summer Rec coordinator Sandy Pierson updated the council on proposed changes in the 2014 summer recreation program. There will be less emphasis on little league baseball because of a lack of support and more emphasis on the Minnesota History Camp in Morton. T-ball will remain the same because of good numbers but the two softball groups will have one team for the district instead of one team per town.
 - b. **Forfeited Lots** – Erickson said the city has an opportunity to purchase forfeited lots from the county. The EDA was recommending the city purchase the two vacant lots on 8th street for \$100 and to offer the county \$4,000 for the house on the NW corner of Hennepin and 8th Street. Motion Muth, second Machaiek to purchase the two lots for \$100 each and offer the county \$4,000 for the former Faye Swenson house. Passed on a voice vote.

- c. **City Charter Amendment** – City Attorney Lannoye said the city must first have a hearing on the proposed charter amendment before taking action. Motion Wiborg, second Dietz to hold a public hearing on February 3rd during the next council on the proposed charter amendment with notice being placed in the newspaper. Passed on a voice vote.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **2nd Street project** – Erickson said he thought it was apparent from the last council meeting there was not an appetite to do a full reconstruction of 2nd street and assess the project. Instead the council indicated they would like to repair the street. He planned to sit down with the county and work out an arrangement for the city and county to repair 2nd street. There was no objection from council members.
- b. **Ice Skating Rink** – Council member Muth said he was unhappy with the location of the ice skating rink by the wind generator and thought that next year the city should look at putting something in the park and possibly adding a warming house.

IX. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. CITY LEGAL COUNCIL REPORT

Don explained he is still working on nuisance issues with the police chief and is putting together a contract for landowners because of changes in the electric ordinance.

b. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Gordy Grack said he has ordered new LED street lights using MPPA Conservation Improvement funds.

- c. **AMBULANCE DEPT.** – Lannoye said the department is moving toward a decision on the purchase of a new ambulance

X. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. **Wiborg Resignation** – Mayor Trebelhorn read the resignation letter by council member Wiborg. She has taken a job in the Twin Cities and has relocated to Chaska because of the 90 mile daily commute. Motion Dietz, second Muth to accept Council Member Wiborg's resignation with regrets and declare a vacancy on the council. Passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. on a motion by Edwards and a second by Dietz.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk-Treasurer