

**Minutes for a Work Session
Of the Winthrop City Council
Monday, February 1st, 2016**

A special meeting of the Winthrop City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 1st, 2016, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall for the purposes of conducting business of the city.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pierson at 6:00 p.m.

- II. **ROLL CALL** Council members present Kelly Pierson, Julie Trebelhorn, Pete Machaiek, and Dale Malheim. Absent: Bob Rickheim, Lyle Muth. Staff Present: City Administrator Jenny Hazelton, Street & Electric Superintendent Gordy Grack, and Water & Sewer Superintendent Joe Ziegler. Audience: Mike Mattison (Winthrop News), Shannon Sweeney (David Drown & Associates).

Agenda items:

- **Automated Metering System:** The meeting was called to have more discussion on upgrading the metering system for water and electric meters. Shannon Sweeney was there to give the council some direction on how to finance the project. Sweeney discussed some options with the council, but suggested paying cash due to sufficient reserves in the utility funds.

Council then discussed costs to the Automated Meter Information (AMI) system vs. the drive by system. The drive by is more cost effective, but you lose the ability of time of day metering and load management options. You also lose real time reading. Staff gave input on both systems, and updated the council on the status of our current metering, how old the meters are, how accurate the reading are, and how often they are replaced.

Council decided to have each of the committees meet and discuss options further.

Motion Malheim, second Trebelhorn to adjourn. Passed Voice Vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator