

**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, February 3rd, 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 7:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL** Council members Dave Trebelhorn, Rob Edwards, Pete Machaiek and Colleen Dietz were present. City Administrator Mark Erickson, City Attorney Don Lannoye, Mike Mattison, Gordy Grack, Dale Malheim, Ed Pelletier, Derrick Dahlen and David Niles were also present
- III. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**
- IV. ESTABLISH AGENDA**
 - a. Motion Dietz second Edwards to approve agenda as presented. Passed voice vote.
- V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Motion Machaiek, second Dietz to approve the consent agenda as presented. Passed on a voice vote.
- VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - a. **City Charter Amendment Public Hearing** – Mayor Trebelhorn opened the public hearing for the charter amendment. City Attorney Lannoye went through the process that has taken place to date. There was no one present to comment on the proposed charter amendment. City Attorney Don Lannoye informed the council that they need to fill council position and have a full council present before a vote on the charter amendment can be held. Motion Dietz, second Edwards to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting. Passed on a voice vote.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Vacant Council Seat** – Lannoye informed the council that at least three affirmative votes are needed to appoint a person to a vacant council position, so with one council member absent it would require a 3-0 of the present members. Dietz said she thought it should go to the next person on the ballot. Edwards asked what the options were for filling the vacancy. Motion Dietz, second Machaiek to approve Ed Pelletier to the vacant council position. Passed on a 2-1 vote so the appointment could not be made. Motion Edwards to appoint Dale

Malheim to the vacant council position. The motion died for lack of a second. The matter of the vacant council position will be taken up at a later council meeting, perhaps a special meeting.

- b. MMPA Presentation on wholesale power agreement** – Derrick Dahlen and David Niles from Avant Energy spoke to the board about extending the wholesale power agreement between the city of Winthrop and MMPA an additional 10 years through 2050. Motion Edwards, second Dietz to approve the power amendment as presented providing for a 10 year extension to the wholesale power agreement between the City of Winthrop and the MMPA. Passed on a voice vote.
- c. 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.
- d. Special Council meeting** – Motion Edwards, second Dietz to have a special council meeting on Monday, February 10th at 6 p.m. to discuss the vacant council position.
- e. City Radio Policy** – Motion Edwards, second Colleen to approve the City Radio Policy as presented with minor grammatical changes. Passed on a voice vote.
- f. FCFE Electrical Panels at City Park** – Erickson said the Farm City Fun Fest committee would like to add two electrical panels at the City Park to accommodate more vendors. The cost would be about \$2,000 per panel. The council asked to have the committee come to a council meeting to talk about the request. Erickson said he would arrange it.
- g. Electrical Contract for Landlords** – Motion Dietz, second Edwards to approve the electrical contract for landlords as presented. Passed on a voice vote.

VIII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The department has received the new jaws of life and have put them into service. The department would like to sell the old jaws of life. Motion Edwards, second Dietz to declare the old jaws of life as excess city property and allow the department to sell them. Chief Bacon reminded the council of the annual Fire/Ambulance meeting with the township on Thursday, February 27th.

b. STREET DEPARTMENT

Gordy Grack said the grader went down after a hydraulic hose broke but it has been fixed and that the snow season has kept him busy. He added he would like to look into purchasing a new pay loader, either a John Deere, Caterpillar or Volvo. Motion Edwards, second Dietz to put together specs and advertise for bids and go through the equipment committee. Passed on a voice vote.

- c. ELECTRICAL** – Grack said he and Oscar Olson got called out to fixed an electrical problem during a storm.

- d. **CABLE COMMISSION** – Erickson gave an update on the cable commission. The commission has decided to award up to five \$2,000 grants this year to organizations in the four towns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. on a motion by Edwards and a second by Dietz.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk-Treasurer