

**Minutes for a Special Meeting
Of the Winthrop City Council
Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

A special meeting of the Winthrop City Council was called to order at 5:05 pm on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 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 Pierson at 5:05 p.m.

- II. ROLL CALL** Council members present Kelly Pierson, Bob Rickheim, Dale Malheim, Julie Trebelhorn, Pete Machaiek, and Lyle Muth. City Administrator Jenny Hazelton, City Attorney Don Lannoye, Police Chief Karen Johnson, Mike Mattison and Melissa Harrington Holmquist were also present.

After Mayor Pierson opened the meeting he turned it over to City Attorney Don Lannoye.

Lannoye presented to the council the reason for the meeting regarding the hazardous conditions at Ms. Holmquist's residence at 415 N. Hennepin Street, Winthrop. He also presented some photographic evidence of bio hazard conditions within the home. The order that he presented the council gave Ms. Holmquist 20 days to raze the home along with an offer to remove the bio hazard.

- The bio hazard needs to be removed in order for the plumbers to be able to enter the home to fix the furnace and plumbing
- Chief Johnson presented the council with some cost estimates to raze as well as remove the bio hazard within the \$3,000-\$5,000 range.

The council then discussed an order where Ms. Holmquist would be required to have the home professionally cleaned within 20 day as approved by the building inspector.

Ms. Holmquist then presented her case to the council as to how the home got to this condition as well as what she was doing to correct the situation.

Motion was made by Muth, Second Rickheim to adopt the order presented as amended to read "have the bio hazard removed by a professional cleaner in 20 days and inspected by the Building Inspector to his approval" Passed Voice Vote.

The Tower Lease agreement was then discussed with it being decided that Lannoye and Hazelton would contact the League of Minnesota Cities and gather some information on what others are doing with tower lease agreements and bring it to the next council meeting.

Motion Rickheim, second Trebelhorn to adjourn, Passed Voice Vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator