

**Minutes for a Regular Meeting
Of the Winthrop City Council
Monday March 3rd, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Winthrop City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 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 Vice Mayor Pete Machaiek at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL** Council members Rob Edwards, Pete Machaiek, Lyle Muth, Ed Pelletier and Colleen Dietz were present. City Administrator Mark Erickson, City Attorney Don Lannoye, Mike Mattison, Gordy Grack, Phil Klenk, Doug Hanson and Cooper Bruha were also present
- III. **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**
- IV. **ESTABLISH AGENDA**
 - a. Motion Dietz second Edwards to add new folding tables for city hall to the agenda and approve agenda as presented. Passed voice vote.
- V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Motion Edwards, second Muth to approve the consent agenda as presented. Passed on a voice vote.
- VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Former Hanson Drug Store Purchase** – Erickson explained the city has an opportunity to purchase the former Hanson Drug Store building for \$100,000, more than \$150,000 below market value. The selling company will take a one time \$150,000 tax write off following the sale. The EDA would then like to sell the building to Winthrop Opportunities for the purchase price. Motion Edwards, second Dietz to approve resolution # 030304-01 to purchase the former Hanson Drug Store property and transfer ownership to the EDA. Passed on a voice vote.
 - b. **Ambulance Purchase** – Motion Edwards, second Ed Pelletier to allocate Winthrop's share of a new ambulance and purchase the ambulance at a cost of \$158,019 after rebate. Passed on a voice vote.
 - c. **New Christmas Decorations** – Chamber Secretary Doug Hanson said a committee had picked out new Christmas decorations for next year and they were asking the city council to approve the purchase. They will add 10 more lights on the highway and also be decorating the

welcome to Winthrop signs. Motion Dietz, second Pelletier to approve the purchase. Passed on a voice vote.

- d. **Folding Tables For City Hall** – Motion Pelletier, second Edwards to purchase eight new folding tables for city hall. Passed on a voice vote.
- e. **City Charter Amendment** – After the proposed Charter Amendment is approved by the council, residents have 60 days to petition the council for any changes. Motion Edwards, second Dietz to approve Ordinance 260 amending the City Charter. Passed on a voice vote.

VIII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. STREET AND ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENTS

Gordy would like Pete, Lyle and Dave to go through the specs for anew pay loader with Gordy before they are put out for bids. Pete said the new bio plant in LeSueur is operating and generating electricity.

- b. **CABLE COMMISSION** – Erickson said the commission is working on its franchise renewal application with Mediacom.
- c. **RS FIBER UPDATE** – Erickson said there will be meeting on Thursday, March 6th at the Berdan Center to talk with all of the townships and cities involved in the fiber project. The council is invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk-Treasurer