

**Minutes for a Regular Meeting
Of the Winthrop City Council
Monday, April 4th, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Winthrop City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 4th, 2016, 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 Kelly Pierson at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL: Council members: Kelly Pierson, Julie Trebelhorn, Dale Malheim, Bob Rickheim and Pete Machaiek were present. Lyle Muth was absent. **City Staff present:** City Administrator Jenny Hazelton, City Attorney Don Lannoye, Street Superintendent Gordy Grack, and School Resource Officer Kenny Peterson were present. **Audience:** Mike Mattison (Winthrop News), Bryan Petzel (I & S Engineers), Gayle and Norm Grams, Jess Wibstad (Gaylord Sanitation), Scott Blumhoefer (Heartland Corn Products), and Amy Wilde .

II. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Amy Wilde spoke to inform council that she is running for State Senate (District 18) in the upcoming 2016 election.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Hazelton removed item b. under Unfinished Business, Building Inspector Contract. Motion Malheim, second Trebelhorn to approve the agenda as amended. Passed voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Motion Malheim, second Rickheim to approve the consent agenda. Passed voice vote.

--The Mayor then introduced newly hired School Resource Officer Kenny Peterson to the council. Officer Peterson gave a brief background on himself and what he has been up to as SRO so far.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Heartland Corn Products Tax Abatement Hearing-** Mayor Pierson opened the public hearing at 7:10pm and invited anyone with comments to come forward now. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed at 7:11pm.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- d. **R2106-08 Resolution Accepting Tax Abatement for Heartland Corn Products (A)** –The Mayor then asked council to take action

on item d. Motion Machaiek, second Trebelhorn to approve R2016-08. Passed voice vote. Malheim against.

- a. **R2016-09 Resolution Accepting Feasibility Study 2017 Construction Project (A)**- Bryan Petzel from I & S Engineers presented a Facility Study to the council which outlined the project. He explained that if this study is approved the council could hold an improvement hearing at the next meeting, inviting those people on the construction route and discussing the project and assessments. He also explained the water and sewer line brought into the park and discussed the age and some of the problems with the current line. Motion Rickheim, second Trebelhorn to approve R2016-09. Passed voice vote.
- b. **Recycling Rates for Rubbish Collection (I)**- Jess Wibsted from Gaylord Sanitation was there to let the council know that the recycling rates have increased \$35/ton. This increase calculates out to \$.65/customer per month. He is asking the council to increase the contract rate by \$.65/customer per month and the council also agreed to increase our rate by \$.65/customer per month. Lannoye was instructed to bring to the next council meeting an addendum to the current contract and a resolution increasing the rates for rubbish \$.65/customer per month.
- c. **Grams Conditional Use Permit/Unfinished Business a. (A)**- The Mayor then took Unfinished Business a. 2016-110 Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code (2nd Reading). Motion Malheim, second Rickheim to approve 2016-110. Passed voice vote. Council then took action on Conditional Use Permit 2016-01. Hazelton told council that a public hearing was held on March 21st, 2016 at the regular Planning Commission meeting. Planning Commission voted to recommend the CUP 2016-01. Motion Rickheim, second Malheim to approve Grams CUP 2016-01. Passed voice vote.
- d. **Addressed prior to item a. New Business**
- e. **R2016-07 Resolution Approving Gambling Permit for Winthrop Chamber (A)**- This resolution will allow the Winthrop Chamber to hold their raffle and bingo at Farm City Fun Fest. Motion Trebelhorn, second Malheim to approve R2016-07. Passed voice vote.
- f. **2016-111 Solar Ordinance (1st Reading) (A)**-Council was presented with an ordinance for solar panels being erected in the City of Winthrop. Planning Commission provided recommendations for the ordinance. Motion Trebelhorn, second Malheim to approve the 1st reading of 2016-111. Passed Voice Vote.
- g. **2016-112 Ordinance Amending Nuisances (1st Reading) (A)**- Hazelton told council that Chief Johnson, Lannoye, Pierson and herself met to discuss the issue of vehicles, trailers, boats, etc. being parked in people's yards for storage. They recommended any

combination of two of the mentioned allowed. Council discussed that two might be a bit limiting if you have a boat, camper, trailer or two. Council amended the ordinance to allow for any combination of three of the above mentioned. Motion Trebelhorn, second Rickheim to approve 1st reading of 2016-112. Passed voice vote.

- h. Cathy Willegal deferred assessments (A)**-Hazelton told council that back when the assessments were being certified Ms. Willegal requested to have her's deferred under the senior citizen deferment program. There was some misunderstanding on how that process works and they did not get deferred. Hazelton said that we can still get them deferred if council approves the deferment. Lannoye stated that she meets the qualifications. Motion Machaiek, second Trebelhorn to approve the deferment. Passed voice vote.
- i. Advertise for Summer Help (A)**-Hazelton told council that Jacob Woods plans on returning to the city this summer to help but with locating still going on that another person to help mow will be needed. Motion Malheim, second Trebelhorn to approve advertising for summer help. Passed voice vote.

e. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Addressed under New Business c.**
- b. Removed.**

f. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**— Hazelton's report stated that she is attending some webinars put on by the Minnesota City/County Managers Association. They are monthly for 6 months. Mayor Pierson, Councilor Malheim and Hazelton testified at the State Office building on Wednesday, March 30th on the ag chemical containment bill before the House. AMI Metering is on hold until we have more information on the ag containment issue. Charter Commission met March 31, there are no recommended changes this year. The door to access the elevator equipment room is rusted almost shut and needs to be replaced, we have a bid of \$1,449.00 to replace it. MMUA Legislative Rally is April 19th, Board of Equalization is April 21st.
- b. WEDA REPORT** None
- c. CITY LEGAL REPORT** None
- d. WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT** None
- e. STREET DEPARTMENT** None
- f. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REPORT-MMPA**
Summary included in the packet

- g. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** None
- h. **AMBULANCE REPORT** None
- i. **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT** None
- j. **CABLE COMMISSION REPORT** None

g. **MISCELLANEOUS**

h. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Rickheim, second Trebelhorn to adjourn. Passed voice vote.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Administrator