

**Minutes for a Regular Meeting
Of the Winthrop City Council
Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Winthrop City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013 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 7:03 p.m.

- II. ROLL** Council members Jessica Wiborg, Lyle Muth, Colleen Dietz and Pete Machaiek were present. Mark Erickson, Don Lannoye, Mike Mattison, Gordy Grack, Jenny Hazelton, Rob Gleason, Diane Fredin, Brian Magnuson, Linda Benda, Barb Pagel, Tammy Martin, Ron Hanson, Karen Johnson and Mark Santelman were also present.

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - a. Motion Dietz, and a second by Machaiek to add Army Reserve Center and sale of city owned portable bar and approve the current agenda. Passed on a voice vote.

- IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Motion Dietz, and a second by Wiborg to approve the consent agenda as presented. Passed on a voice vote.

- V. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **City Cat Situation** – Winthrop resident Joey Honl had asked to be on the agenda to discuss the feral cat situation in town but was not present.
 - b. **Resolution Ordering preparation of report on street improvement** – Motion Machaiek, second Dietz to approve the resolution ordering preparation of a report on street improvements. Passed on a voice vote.
 - c. **Certify 2014 Levy** – Motion Machaiek, second Dietz to approve resolution 20130903-2 certifying the 2014 levy to the state. Passed on a voice vote. Motion Dietz, second Wiborg to set the Truth in Taxation Hearing for Monday, December 2nd prior to the regular city council meeting. Passed on a voice vote.
 - d. **Sale of Portable Bar** – Erickson said the portable bar on the second floor of city hall was no longer used or needed and his recommendation was to sell it at public bids. Motion Muth, second Wiborg to declare the portable bar excess property and sell it to the highest bidder. Passed on a voice vote.

- e. **Improvements to Softball Field** – Erickson presented the council with two bids for the fence work at the softball field. One bid was from Century Fence in the amount of \$20,770. The second bid was from Valley Fence in the amount of \$16,872. Motion Machaiek, second Muth to approve \$18,000 for the fence work at the second softball field and additional agri lime. Passed on a voice vote.
- f. **Historical Society Budget Request** – Erickson summarized the historical society’s request for funds and their interest in the former army reserve center. Diane Fredin asked the council to consider a budget request for the society and support the city getting the army reserve center. Motion Machaiek, second Muth to provide \$6,000 this year and \$5,000 a year for the next five years to the historical society. Wiborg said she thought the citizens has already spoken by not supporting the society financially and suggested the city support them in non-monetary ways. Motion passed 3-1 with Wiborg voting no. Dietz asked if their portion of the reserve center maintenance (if the city gets the reserve center) would be taken from their budget. Erickson answered that he thought it would. Dietz asked if the funds would be used to increase awareness for the group and Fredin said it would. Motion Dietz, second Muth to put together a plan to gain ownership of the army reserve center. Passed on a 3-1 voice vote with Wiborg voting no.
- g. **Certify Past Due Utility Bills to Taxes** – Lannoye said he received a request Friday to offer an opinion on the matter which didn’t leave him enough time to get it done before the council meeting. He suggested the council could have a special meeting to listen to his opinion and discuss the matter. The council agreed to have a special meeting on Monday, September 9th at 6 p.m. to hear his opinion and discuss the matter, along with a discussion on tree bids.
- h. **SEDCO Seminar Sept. 17th** - Erickson reminded the council of the SEDCO “Growing Sibley County” seminar in Arlington on Tuesday, September 17th. Dietz said would attend.
Fire Department Jaws of Life - Lannoye said the fire department got the grant for the new jaws of life. The department had to put in a 5% match and is currently trying out different jaws of life. The new signs at the old fire hall should be in place soon.
- i. **City Hall Front Entry Way Design** – Bob Bussler talked about the different designs of the entry way. The new structure would need little maintenance and would include a gutter and heater. The door on the south would protect the front door from the W/NW winds. Machaiek asked if a handicapped power door was needed. Motion Machaiek, second Muth to accept the project as presented with the outside entry way being rebuilt. There was a 2-2 tie on the motion. Mayor Trebelhorn voted yes and the motion passed.

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. CABLE COMMISSION

Erickson said the commission approved a grant for Arlington and received payment from Mediacom on disputed franchise payments but Mediacom reserved the right to rescind the payment through November 9th.

b. MISCELLANEOUS

Trebelhorn said he stopped at the LeSueur bio plant and urged everyone to attend the open house for the facility. Erickson read a thank you from the Sibley County Food Shelf for the funds for a new freezer. The funds were taken from the city's CIP allotment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk-Administrator