

**Minutes for a Special Meeting
Of the Winthrop City Council
Monday, September 19, 2016**

A special meeting of the Winthrop City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 19, 2016, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall for the purposes of conducting business of the city.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Machaiek at 7:00 p.m.

- II. **ROLL CALL** Council members present Bob Rickheim, Julie Trebelhorn, Pete Machaiek, and Lyle Muth. Staff Present: City Attorney Don Lannoye, City Administrator Jenny Hazelton, and Street & Electric Superintendent Gordy Grack. Audience: Mike Mattison (Winthrop News), Kevin Lauwage, Dave Trebelhorn, Phil Keithan and Ruth Bauer (all from the RS Fiber Cooperative Board), and Shannon Sweeney.

Acting Mayor Machaiek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda items:

- **RS Fiber Funding** – Shannon Sweeney presented to the council a resolution asking for permission of the RS Fiber Cooperative Board to borrow additional funding. Due to the language in the bond agreement if the Cooperative Board exceeds a certain amount of funding the request has to be approved by the Joint Powers Board as well as the City of Winthrop. The JP Board unanimously approved the additional funding on Thursday September 15th. This additional funding is to replace some funding that is currently being held up in the federal government. Councilor Trebelhorn, who attended the JP Board meeting, stated that this funding does not put the city in any way responsible for paying back the funding. This funding will allow the project to continue construction. Sweeney stated that this funding will have superiority over the cities loans when paid back. Sweeney also stated that the project was currently on budget. Motion Trebelhorn, second Muth to approve Resolution R2016-18 to amend the loan agreement and expand the cap to allow additional funding. Passed Voice Vote.

- **Variance Requests 2016-04 Mike & Sue Anderson and 2016-05 Missy O’Fallon** – Planning Commission met and held public hearings at 5:00pm, September 19th, on the two variance requests. There were no members of the public present at the hearing. There was some discussion on the living quarters on the O’Fallon variance. Rickheim explained that the Commission discussed these issues and because the garage is attached to the home and the living quarters were for personal use that the commission felt appropriate to recommend approval. Motion Rickheim, second Muth to approve variance requests 2016-04 and 2016-05 with the stipulation that the living quarters are for personal use only. Passed voice vote.

- **Closed Session to Discuss Purchase of a Building-** Hazelton stated that the auction of the Army Reserve building has been pushed back to the end of October now, so the closed session discussion will be added to the October regular meeting. Hazelton did state, however, that the realtor for the building contacted her to inquire if the City was interested in taking ownership of the monument at the building. If so, they would have the land divided up and the portion with the monument deeded to the City. Hazelton stated that her and Grack have also discussed having the monument moved to the park by the veteran's memorial by the tank. Grack stated that he had talked to Ron Trebelhorn with the Honor Guard about it and he was going to talk to some other members and get back to the city. The council agreed that they would take ownership of the monument but would prefer to move it to the park. Hazelton said she would contact the realtor and see if that would be acceptable to them. Motion Trebelhorn, second Rickheim to maintain the monument. Passed voice vote.

Motion Trebelhorn, second Rickheim to adjourn, Passed Voice Vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator