

**Minutes for a Special Meeting
Of the Winthrop City Council
Thursday, November 19, 2015**

A special meeting of the Winthrop City Council was called to order at 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 19, 2015, in the City Council Chambers of Winthrop 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 5:00 p.m.

- II. **ROLL CALL** Council members present Kelly Pierson, Dale Malheim, Pete Machaiek, Bob Rickheim and Lyle Muth. Councilor Julie Trebelhorn was absent. Staff present: City Administrator Jenny Hazelton, and City Attorney Don Lannoye. Audience: Ben Brown (Heartland Corn Products), Joe Kuphal (Alfsborg Township), Mike Mattison (Winthrop News).

The meeting was call for the purpose of holding an annexation hearing for Heartland Corn Products, 1st reading of the annexation ordinance, and presenting a preliminary tax abatement proposal.

- a. **Public Hearing for Heartland Corn Products** Attorney Lannoye explained the annexation process to the council and audience. Heartland Corn Products petitioned the City to annex 40 acres of land in Alfsborg Township to the city. Mayor Pierson opened the public hearing at 5:04 pm. Joe Kuphal spoke on behalf of Alfsborg Township with a couple questions on revenue they would be losing. Ben Brown explained the project to the council and audience. Being no other questions or comments Mayor Pierson closed the hearing at 5:10 pm.
- b. **1st Reading of Ordinance 2015-107** Lannoye presented the council with an ordinance for annexation. Motion Machaiek, second Rickheim to approve 2015-107. Passed voice vote.
- c. **Proposed Abatement Information** Brown explained to the council along with a letter from Shannon Sweeney about the abatement they are requesting. This was only for informational purposes. Action will come later in 2016.

Motion Rickehim, second Malheim to adjourn, Passed Voice Vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator