

**Minutes for a Special Meeting  
Of the Winthrop City Council  
Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

A special meeting of the Winthrop City Council was called to order at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Mayor Trebelhorn at 5:30 p.m.
  
- II. **ROLL CALL** Council members Dave Trebelhorn, Colleen Dietz, Rob Edwards, Ed Pelletier, Lyle Muth and Pete Machaiek were present. City Administrator Jenny Hazelton, City Attorney Don Lannoye, WEDA Director Mark Erickson, City Clerk Barb Ahlbrecht, Utility Billing Clerk Melissa Lorenz, Kelly Pierson, Bob Rickhiem, Mike Mattison, Julie Trebelhorn, Bryan Marozik, Karen Johnson, Melissa Holmquist, Mr. & Mrs. Guillermo Colin were also present.

The purpose of this Special Meeting of the City Council discuss the RS Fiber Joint Powers/Cooperative meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, to have discussion on the Hanson Drug/Tom Miller property, and to hold hearings on three utility billing customers.

The Council discussed the RS Fiber meeting that was held out at the Berdan Center on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Winthrop portion of the bonding is \$1.2 million over 20 years or about \$60,000 per year.

Mark Erickson discussed the non-binding resolution that all the cities and townships are being asked to pass by January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The council considered passing but thought it would be better to give the process some time. The council decided to hold a special meeting on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 pm, to vote on the Resolution. Rob Edwards gave an overview of the Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, meeting.

Discussion on the Hanson Drug/Tom Miller building was that the Economic Development Authority held a special meeting to put together an offer to the RS Fiber Cooperative for the purposes of considering that building for their headquarters. The WEDA purchased the building with their own funds but the building is currently in the City's name so the proper channels need to be followed. WEDA offered the Cooperative the building for \$100,000 with payments of \$20,000 each year for five years. If, after three years if the RS Fiber Cooperative has created 5 FTEs (Full-Time Equivalent) positions the balance of the payments would be forgiven. RS Fiber Cooperative would own the building not the Joint Powers Board.

Motion was then made by Edwards, second Dietz to close the special meeting for the purpose of holding hearings for three utility billing customers. Passed Voice Vote.  
Meeting was closed at 6:30 pm.

Motion Dietz, second Edwards to re-open the meeting, Passed Voice Vote.

Meeting was re-opened at 7:00 pm.

Motion Dietz, second Pelletier to adjourn, Passed Voice Vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator