

City of Winsted  
City Council Work Session  
Lewis Room  
January 4, 2011  
5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Steve Stotko  
Council Member Tom Ollig  
Council Member Bonnie Quast  
Council Member Dave Mochinski  
Council Member George Schulenberg

Staff Present: Andrew Elbert, City Administrator  
Deb Boelter, City Clerk-Treasurer  
Chad Engel, Winsted Volunteer Fire Department Chief

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Stotko called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**II. Downtown Beautification Program Application Process**

Elbert presented a grant application for the Downtown Beautification Program from a downtown property owner. Elbert stated that the application will be evaluated and presented at a future City Council meeting.

**III. Fire Department Door Security System Information – Fire Chief Chad Engel**

Elbert presented the proposal for a door security system at the Winsted Volunteer Fire Department.

Engel presented the details of the door security system and how it works.

Mayor Stotko asked if there is any other equipment that the Fire Department may want in place of the \$5,000 door security system.

Mochinski asked Engel what the time length of the warranty is on the system. Quast stated that she would like to know what areas of the door security system the warranty covers. Engel stated that he would obtain the warranty information and forward it to the City Council.

Mochinski asked if all the firefighters will receive an access card. Engel stated that he has not determined if every firefighter will have an access card. Each firefighter, and the paramedics who use the Winsted Fire Department, will have a four-digit code to get in but may not have an access card.

**IV. 2011 Goal Setting and Action Plan**

Elbert asked the City Council if they would like to do a goal setting retreat in 2011. The City Council discussed and agreed that they would like to do a retreat.

Mayor Stotko asked if the goal setting retreat would be held at Winsted City Hall. Elbert stated yes.

The City Council directed Elbert to identify a facilitator and plan for a goal setting retreat.

**V. General Updates**

**a) Five Star Direct – Dick Borrell**

Elbert stated that the City of Winsted has received notification that Dick Borrell, Five Star Direct, has filed for bankruptcy.

The City Council asked Elbert to have the City Attorney, Fran Eggert, give an update to the City Council at their next Work Session on what this means for the City.

**b) Firefighter Applicants**

Ollig asked if the Winsted Volunteer Fire Department has a full roster.

Engel stated that there will be twenty-seven (27) members if the two (2) new members are approved on the Consent Agenda at the January 4, 2011 Regular City Council meeting. Engel stated that a full roster includes thirty (30) firefighters.

**c) Winsted Volunteer Fire Department – Capital Equipment Plan**

Elbert stated that he and Engel are meeting with Shannon Sweeney, David Drown and Associates, to discuss the preparation of a Capital Equipment Plan for the Winsted Volunteer Fire Department.

Engel presented some equipment and/or vehicles that he would like to include in the Capital Equipment Plan.

**VI. Adjourn**

**Mochinski motioned to adjourn. Quast seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Deborah R. Boelter*

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