

City of Winsted  
City Council Work Session  
Lewis Room  
Tuesday, July 2, 2013  
5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Steve Stotko  
Council Member Tom Ollig  
Council Member Bonnie Quast  
Council Member George Schulenberg  
Council Member Max Fasching

Staff Present: Brad Martens, City Administrator  
Raquel Kirchoff, Administrative Assistant

## **I. Call to Order**

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

## **II. Yard Waste Funding Agreement**

Mr. Martens stated that on June 18<sup>th</sup> McLeod County approved a Yard Waste Funding Agreement. The County has requested the City of Winsted approve entering into the agreement as soon as possible. Mr. Martens stated that he included his concerns regarding the agreement in the City Council packet which are as follow:

- It covers 50% of costs incurred by the operation of the brush site.
- No feedback was requested or allowed from cities before approval.
- The agreement requires cities to use McLeod County recycling services.
- The agreement requires the City to assist in the promotion of County Solid Waste programs.
- There is no assurance that the City will actually receive the funding.

Mr. Martens stated that he attended the McLeod County Board meeting this morning, July 2, 2013 and stated his concerns during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. He requested that the McLeod County Board review the agreement again and consider guaranteed funding for a period of time, for example two (2) or three (3) years. Mr. Martens stated that the McLeod County Board's response was that they would review the agreement again. Mr. Martens recommended that the City should watch for the item to be discussed during a future McLeod County Board meeting and have City staff or a Council Member attend the meeting.

Council Member Quast asked if McLeod County funds the site for the year 2013 and decides to stop the funding for the year 2014, can the City renegotiate the agreement. Mr. Martens stated no, that the City would be locked to the agreement terms.

Mr. Martens stated that the brush sites are not funded with McLeod County recycling services funds, so the stipulation to require cities to use McLeod County recycling services should not be included within the agreement.

Council Member Quast asked what the cost would be for the City to fund the brush site on its own and only serve City of Winsted residents with it. Mr. Martens stated the cost is \$6,000 per season.

Council Member Ollig suggested that if the City pays for the entire cost of the brush site in the future, Winsted Township residents could possibly be charged a fee to use the brush site.

The City Council discussed and agreed with Mr. Marten's recommendation to take no action until the agreement is revisited by McLeod County.

### **III. Sewer Back-up – Allen and Doreen Odenbrett**

Mr. Martens reviewed that several weeks ago the City Council discussed the request from Allen and Doreen Odenbrett to assist with paying for damages from a sewer back up. He continued by stating that a consensus is needed from the City Council regarding this request. Mr. Martens stated that whatever is decided for this case would set a precedent for other claimants.

The City Council discussed this request and stated that this claim has been reviewed twice by the City's insurance provider and the claim was denied. The City Council stated that they were sorry for what happened to the Odenbrett's; however, they agreed that, barring any new information regarding this claim, they will not consider the case any further.

Mr. Martens stated that now that the City is aware that backups have occurred in this sewer line, it will be placed on the schedule to sewer jet this line annually.

### **IV. Motor Vehicles, Parking and Traffic Ordinance – Recreational Vehicle Parking on City Streets**

Mr. Martens stated that the City's Intern, Meagan Donahue, had gathered information regarding the City's current ordinance regarding recreational vehicle parking in the City of Winsted, including what regulations surrounding cities have.

The City Council members discussed the information provided by Ms. Donahue and stated that it is difficult to please all residents regarding recreational vehicle parking. Council Member Ollig stated that the Planning Commission reviewed recreational vehicle parking several years ago and were very thoughtful to keep high traffic and narrow streets open. He continued by stating that the current ordinance that the Planning Commission developed works for Winsted. The City Council members agreed with Council Member Ollig and do not want to add further restrictions to recreational vehicle parking.

The City Council members thanked Ms. Donahue for the information she provided.

### **V. Skating Rink Update**

Mr. Martens stated that City Staff has had an initial meeting with a company in regards to the installation of a skating rink in Winsted, which would cost approximately \$100,000. He continued by describing what the rink would look like, explaining what materials it would be made of, and explaining what the \$100,000 would cover, stating that excavation, a cement pad to place the rink on, lights, or a warming house are not included in the \$100,000. Mr. Martens stated that the proposed rink would be a twenty (20) year amenity with low maintenance required. He continued by stating that since he has worked for Winsted, he has known that Winsted's way is to do a project right and the rink proposed would be this type of rink.

Mr. Martens stated that there is a partnership opportunity with the school district for other costs associated with the rink, to include excavating work and the cement pad that the rink will be placed on.

The City Council members discussed the proposed rink and all the different skating it could be used for to include hockey teams. They discussed that it would provide a place for families to use for entertainment. They also discussed the high cost of the proposed rink.

The City Council members directed City staff to provide another option to consider for approximately \$50,000. They directed City staff to provide two (2) specific options for a skating rink that included prices for everything needed to create the rink.

### **VI. Other**

#### **a) Storm Damage Dumpster**

Mr. Martens stated that a Winsted resident requested that a dumpster be available for residents to use to dispose of storm damaged materials. He continued by stating that the dumpster was placed at the Public Works building site, and that it was nearly full. He asked

the City Council members if they wanted it emptied and placed back at the Public Works building site. The City Council members stated that the dumpster should be removed when full and not replaced.

**b) Winsted Lake Aerator Running**

Mr. Martens stated that the aerator was running in Winsted Lake. He continued by stating that the resident that requested the aerator to be turned on, was directed to contact the Winsted Lake Association with her request.

**c) Steve Stotko – Temporary Acting City Administrator**

Mr. Martens stated that July 2, 2013 was his last City Council Work Session and City Council Meeting. He stated that Steve Stotko had been working with him in the office during the current week to take over the City Administrator position.

The City Council members thanked Mr. Martens for his service to Winsted and extended their regards to him.

**VII. Adjourn**

Council Member Ollig motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Schulenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

*Steve Stotko*

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Mayor  
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

*Raquel Kirchoff*

Raquel Kirchoff, MCMC  
Administrative Assistant  
City of Winsted