

City of Winsted  
City Council Work Session  
Lewis Room  
Tuesday, September 2, 2014  
5:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Mr. Clay Wilfahrt, City Administrator  
Ms. Deborah R. Boelter, City Clerk-Treasurer  
Mr. Justin Heldt, Winsted Police Department  
Ms. Lena Guggemos, Administration Intern

### **I. Call to Order**

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

### **II. Year 2014 Citizen Survey Results**

Ms. Lena Guggemos presented the results of the year 2014 Citizen Survey.

Mr. Wilfahrt stated that the next step will be to use the Survey results in a Strategic Goal Setting Retreat with the City Council and the City Department Head employees.

Mr. Wilfahrt stated that he will be establishing a date for the Strategic Goal Setting Retreat and has been obtaining quotes from consultants to facilitate the Retreat. He continued by stating that Mr. Shannon Sweeney of David Drown and Associates was the lowest quote and his experience with the City of Winsted would make him a good facilitator for the Retreat. The City Council discussed and agreed that Mr. Sweeney would be an appropriate facilitator for the Retreat.

Mayor Stotko asked when the anticipated date will be for the Retreat. Mr. Wilfahrt stated in late fall or early winter of the year 2014.

### **III. Rain Garden - Rocks**

Mr. Wilfahrt stated that over the past few years, the Winsted Public Works Department has been having some trouble with the Rain Garden located in the Lakefront Promenade. The hill that runs down Winsted Avenue West to Winsted Lake in the area of the Lakefront Promenade can make it difficult to plow snow, and if the road is slippery, it can make the situation hazardous. Snow plow drivers have had to jump out of a snow plow vehicle that was sliding toward the Lake because there was nothing to stop the vehicle from sliding into the Lake.

Mr. Wilfahrt stated that additionally, the Winsted Lake Watershed Association (WLWA) has expressed concern about the state of the Rain Garden. Snow is pushed down Winsted Avenue West and ends up on top of the Rain Garden, where the salt from the road ruins vegetation that is planted in the Garden. Additionally, when the snow plow vehicles slip down Winsted Avenue West, they end up on the Rain Garden, which can also damage the vegetation.

Mr. Wilfahrt stated that City staff has been working with Ms. Petie Littfin who is part of the WLWA, and City Council Member Mr. Schulenburg to find a solution to the issue. In early August of the year 2014, the aforementioned group and Public Works Department

Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Dave Meyer, visited Bryan Rock in Shakopee, Minnesota to look at rocks to put at the bottom of Winsted Avenue West and adjacent to the Rain Garden. Bryan Rock provides limestone rocks that are very similar in color to the stone that is used in the construction of the new City Hall. Mr. Wilfahrt presented pictures of the proposed rocks from Bryan Rock.

Mr. Wilfahrt stated that Bryan Rock is also able to provide long, flat rocks that would not only be big enough to stop a snow plow vehicle; but, double as benches where people could sit. They would also protect the Rain Garden from the vehicles and snow.

Mr. Wilfahrt presented a quote from Final Grade Incorporated in the amount of \$3,200 to purchase and install thirty-two (32) feet of limestone boulders that will be approximately twenty-four (24) inches in height.

The City Council discussed and directed Mr. Wilfahrt to have the Public Works Department Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Dave Meyer, attend a future City Council Work Session to answer some questions that the City Council has. They also directed Mr. Wilfahrt to bring more detailed plans of the proposed improvements to the Rain Garden to a future Work Session.

The City Council discussed the possibility of installing a fountain in Winsted Lake.

**IV. No Other.**

**V. Adjourn**

**Council Member Quast motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Fasching seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

*Steve Stotka*

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Mayor  
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

*Deborah R. Boelter*

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City Clerk-Treasurer  
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