

City of Winsted  
City Council Meeting  
Council Chambers  
Tuesday, October 6, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Mr. Dan Tienter, City Administer  
Ms. Deborah R. Boelter, City Clerk-Treasurer  
Mr. Justin Heldt, Winsted Police Department Chief  
Mr. Tyler Bruns, Winsted Police Department Officer  
Mr. Jake Saulsbury, City Engineer

**1) Mayor Stotko called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**

**a) The Pledge of Allegiance was taken.**

**2) Consent Agenda**

Mayor Stotko read the Consent Agenda.

**a) Minutes – City Council – Work Session – September 15, 2015**

Accepted the minutes of the September 15, 2015 City Council Work Session.

**b) Minutes – City Council – Regular Meeting – September 15, 2015**

Accepted the minutes of the September 15, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting.

**c) Hay Ride Permit – Winsted Holding Activities that Unite People (WHAT UP)**

Granted a hay ride permit to WHAT UP for Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 1:00 pm with the designated route as submitted to the Winsted Police Department.

**d) Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo – Winsted Lions**

Approved an Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo submitted by the Winsted Lions on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the Blue Note Restaurant, 320 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South, Winsted, Minnesota, contingent upon the Winsted Lions providing all necessary documentation to the State of Minnesota Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division.

**e) Meeting Reschedule –City Council Work Session – March 2, 2016**

Authorized the City Council Work Session, scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. to be rescheduled to Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., due to Precinct Caucuses occurring on March 1, 2016.

**f) Meeting Reschedule – Regular City Council Meeting – March 2, 2016**

Authorized the Regular City Council Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. to be rescheduled to Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., due to Precinct Caucuses occurring on March 1, 2016.

**g) Resolution R-15-37 – Master Subscriber Agreement for Minnesota Court Data Services for Governmental Agencies**

Adopted Resolution R-15-37 to approve a Master Subscriber Agreement for Minnesota Court Data Services for Governmental Agencies contingent upon approval by the City Attorney.

**h) Resolution R-15-38 – Donation – Winsted Area Chamber of Commerce**

Adopted Resolution R-15-38 to accept a \$200 donation from the Winsted Area Chamber of Commerce to be dedicated to the Luce Line State Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that was held on September 26, 2015.

**i) Resolution R-15-39 – Donation – Mr. Harold Guggemos**

Adopted Resolution R-15-39 to accept a wildlife print valued at approximately \$150 from Mr. Harold Guggemos to be displayed in City Hall. The print was painted by Mr. Gary Guggemos.

**j) Ordinance O-15-07 - Amended Tetra Pak Annexation Ordinance**

Adopted Ordinance O-15-07 amending Ordinance O-15-06 to include the reimbursement provisions with Winsted Township pursuant to M.S. 414.036 and adding the designation of said annexed land as being zoned as I-1 Industrial.

**k) Surplus Property – Police Department**

Approved a contract between the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration; the United States General Services Administration; and the City of Winsted in regards to surplus property that may be received by the City of Winsted.

**l) Environmental Assessment – Winsted Municipal Airport \***

Authorized a cost participation increase not to exceed \$9,500 of local funding for the City Engineer, Bolton and Menk, Incorporated, to complete the Environmental Assessment for the paving of the Winsted Municipal Airport.

**m) Claims**

Approved the Claims List for October 6, 2015.

**Council Member Ollig motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Schulenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3) Public Hearings**

**a) Resolution R-15-40 – Kingsley Street Area Improvements Project**

Mr. Tienter stated the purpose of tonight's hearing is to obtain comments from the public regarding the proposed improvement project.

Mr. Saulsbury, City Engineer, stated the project area was selected to address issues identified in several previous planning documents. The Pavement Management Plan had portions of this project included in the recommended projects for 2014 and 2015. The Council decided to combine those into one project and complete it in 2016. In addition, the Wastewater Facilities Plan addresses the sanitary sewer portion of the project that is included as part of this project and the Trail Management Plan addresses the trail portion of the project that is to be located on the east side of the roadway.

Mr. Saulsbury stated the key issues identified include the roadway being over 45 years old; poor connectivity for pedestrians; water main breaks on the southeast portion of the City; the undersized pipes; the poor condition of the sanitary sewer manholes; and the lift station forcemain.

As it relates to the roadway, it is a 32-foot wide street, with 8-foot parking on the west side, and 24 feet of travel lanes and shoulder. There would continue to be no parking on the east side following completion of the project. Curb and gutter will be installed on both sides of the roadway and a trail being constructed on the east side of the roadway. The existing sidewalk and a number of trees will be removed on the west side. The west curb location would be roughly half a foot to a foot beyond the edge of the existing sidewalk. The footprint of the road would be shifted slightly to the west to approximately where the current sidewalk sits.

In regards to the wastewater system improvements, the Kingsley Street lift station forcemain will be replaced due to several breaks in the line. A portion of the line was previously replaced in 2011. A number of manholes will also be replaced as part of the project to help address I&I issues. The sewer line will be lined via a trenchless system separate from this project.

It is being recommended as part of this project to replace the water lines due to limited capacity. The lines will be replaced up to the property line or curb stop. Storm sewer improvements include replacement of the entire storm sewer in this area. There is the option to install a treatment structure. Efforts to secure a grant to cover the costs of that portion of the project were not successful and so the recommendation is to remove that option from the project.

Mr. Saulsbury reviewed the City's assessment policy. The assessment policy is 25 percent of street costs and water main costs per unit. It is estimated that the per front foot cost of street improvements will be \$50.42 and the per unit cost of water main improvements will be \$3,383.54. Mr. Saulsbury displayed a map illustrating the assessment area. There are 24 private properties included in the assessment area as well as two city-owned parcels.

The financing for the project was discussed with the City's financial consultant and it is recommended the project be funded through the sale of a combined Chapter 429 Improvement Bond, which is basically an assessment bond, and a Chapter 444 General Obligation Bond. The total cost of the project is \$1,584,755. A grant was obtained for the trail. Following removal of the water main treatment structure, the total cost of the project is reduced to approximately \$1.45 million. Of that, \$179,000 is the estimated assessable portion, which is approximately 10 percent of the total project cost. The City's ultimate share of the costs would be \$1.17 million.

Mr. Saulsbury stated the estimated bond interest rate is 3.5 percent. The City's policy has been to assess one percent point over that number, which would be 4.5 percent. The actual assessment amounts would be based on the final costs of the project.

Mr. Saulsbury indicated he has met with the Staff and Council on several occasions to discuss the project. The final feasibility study was completed in August of 2015. At that point the City Council approved the study, requested an open house be held, and

ordered a public hearing. The open house was held in September and a number of positive and negative comments were received. Concerns were raised about the street lighting, shoreline stabilization, parking, the trail and trail signage, and tree preservation/replacement.

Mr. Saulsbury stated in order to assess the property owners, certain steps need to be followed by the City, including tonight's public hearing. Once the improvements are ordered, utility locates would be completed, a final design would be completed sometime between January and March of 2016, bids would be opened in April, the Council would then consider awarding the project, and, if approved, the work would be started later that summer. Following completion of the work, another public hearing would be held regarding the assessment. Property owners would have the opportunity to appeal that assessment amount at that time.

Mr. Saulsbury recommended the City Council hold the public hearing, obtain comments, and then either vote or table action on this item to a future Council meeting. Mr. Saulsbury noted if the Council votes to proceed forward with the preparation of plans, it does not mean the project will definitely be undertaken. The Council would first have to approve the plans and authorize the advertisement of bids, the bid would need to be awarded, and financing would need to be arranged. The assessment hearing would be approximately one year from today's date.

Mr. Saulsbury noted there are some payment options for the property owners. The assessment can either be paid in full with no interest or a partial payment can be made. The rest of the assessment would then go on the property owner's tax statement. The proposed time period for the assessment is 15 years and would not appear on a person's tax statement until 2017 if the project is approved. The property owner also has the option to pay off the assessment at any point.

Mayor Stotko reviewed the City's public hearing process and then asked for public comment.

Kyle Grandahl, 420 Kingsley Street South, stated their property is located south of the lift station. Mr. Grandahl stated he and his wife are against the proposed Kingsley Street improvement project as it was presented at the open house. Mr. Grandahl stated they agree Kingsley Street is in need of repair but that in their view the people of the town are being held hostage with only one option being offered. Mr. Grandahl stated they have been told that if they want their road improved, they have to have a bike trail and there have been no options presented that do not include a bike trail.

Mr. Grandahl stated they are opposed to the project for a number of reasons. From a business standpoint, a person never spends money without having a good reason. For every dollar spent, there should be a calculated risk of return. At the open house, no concrete facts were presented about the return on the taxpayer invested dollars or what the return was estimated to be. The most common benefit of the trail that was brought up at the open house was the increase in out-of-town bicyclists that would help revitalize the downtown area.

Mr. Grandahl stated he would like to know specifically how a bicycle trail that does not connect to the downtown area would help revitalize the downtown area. Mr. Grandahl asked what studies were used to determine that and if there are other towns who have built similar trails who have documented economic improvement. Mr. Grandahl stated he has yet to find a study that proves bicyclists are a guaranteed source of income.

Mr. Grandahl asked what other alternative options have been explored to bring business into Winsted. Mr. Grandahl stated he would venture to guess that snowmobilers would likely bring in more money than bicyclists. In the absence of a defined return, he would say that this is a bad investment of the taxpayers' money.

From a design standpoint, the proposed improvements also stop short of connecting the bicycle trail to the actual downtown area. It also does not connect it to the lake park. Mr. Grandahl stated creating a trail that forces people to turn around or going on city streets to connect to the Luce Line Trail does not seem to make a lot of sense.

Mr. Grandahl stated from a property owner's standpoint, he cannot imagine what it would look like if 30 mature trees were removed and 10 more feet of tar was added and moved further west into their yards. The proposal also does not cover any of the lakeshore erosion problems along Kingsley that exist south of the lift station. In some areas, more than two feet of the lakeshore has collapsed in the last three years. There are spots where the current road is less than seven feet from the drop-off and more of the shoreline is showing signs of giving way soon. The shore is also littered with old culverts, chunks of concrete and other items that have been dumped there over the years. Mr. Grandahl stated the City should figure out how to stabilize the shoreline and clean it up before any effort is made to add a trail next to it.

Mr. Grandahl stated scheduling the final assessment hearing after the majority of the construction work has been completed is opening the taxpayers and City in general to additional financial liability when the assessments are challenged in District Court. While the bicycle trail is not listed as part of the assessment, several challenges brought to Minnesota courts have allowed the underlying cause and effect to be considered. While the argument can be made that someone's estimated market value is increased by the improvements, the impact on property values may actually be negatively impacted by construction requirements of the bicycle trail that move the road 10 feet closer to the houses on Kingsley.

Mr. Grandahl stated he would also question whether the needs and wants of the citizens have been taken into consideration. The Winsted mission statement says, "The City of Winsted shall provide services and resources for its citizens and businesses that promote opportunities for a high-quality life while sustaining a hometown atmosphere." Mr. Grandahl asked how many residents of Winsted would rather see their tax money spent on community-based projects like park improvements, walking trails, or other infrastructure needs, or even just having a little extra money in the General Fund for the future and not spent on recreational facilities for out-of-town bicyclists.

Mr. Grandahl requested the City Council take his comments into consideration and to not adopt a resolution ordering improvement and preparation of plans at this time.

Sheila Maresh - 152 McLeod Avenue East, stated even though she and her husband have no property along Kingsley Street, they would be affected because the project is going to continue around the curve onto McLeod Avenue to a yet-to-be-determined point. Ms. Maresh stated they know it is going to continue up to the existing fire hydrant that will be replaced.

Ms. Maresh stated a trail can be a good asset to a community or a region when it is placed in an area that makes perfect sense, such as the Luce Line Trail, where it is utilizing the former railroad grade or when it is included in advance of the planning stages of proposed new development or vacant area. Ms. Maresh stated this is not the situation in this case and it appears the City is trying to drop a trail down into an older residential section of Winsted that was platted and developed decades ago. The platting of this area had no provision for the adding of a trail and there is currently no room to accommodate one without making drastic changes to the street affecting the property of five blocks of homeowners that live along Kingsley as well as McLeod Avenue.

Ms. Maresh indicated she has been corresponding with the City Engineer as well as with City Staff and that one of her questions was whether they could provide clarification as to how far south from the top of their driveway the trail exit will be located. Ms. Maresh

stated they do not expect the access or safety of our driveway access to be affected in any way. The City Engineer's answer was that they will need to take a harder look at this during the final design after topographical information is obtained. The trail will need to exit onto the existing roadway and so it is anticipated that possibly some signage will be added to assist with this. Ms. Maresh stated as of today, they still do not know where the trail will exit or how they will be affected.

Ms. Maresh stated another concern she expressed to the City Engineer was the elevated curve near the trail and that the trail exit is not far enough south. Ms. Maresh stated she does not expect the snow plow will be able to clear the snow at the top of their driveway area as they are currently able to do. Ms. Maresh stated she does not want piles of snow remaining at the top of their driveway in the event the plow is not able to do a good job around the corner due to the location of the trail. The answer received was that the City Engineer will need to discuss this with the Public Works Staff but efforts are made to not dump extra snow onto private driveways.

Ms. Maresh stated their existing driveway is located along the eastern edge of McLeod Avenue. With the trail being placed on the east side of Kingsley leading onto McLeod Avenue and the actual street being moved eight to ten feet to the west, that will definitely change the lay of the land. Ms. Maresh stated she has a hard time seeing how this will not affect the use of their driveway and that are expecting that there be no change to their existing driveway and snow removal.

Ms. Maresh stated they have also expressed their concerns at the open house regarding the bikers continuing on the trail past their driveway. Ms. Maresh indicated she has not received any firm solution to this other than a sign could be erected. Ms. Maresh repeated that Kingsley was not designed to have a trail added along it and that the property owners will be adversely affected by it.

Dave Mochinski . 310 Kingsley Street South, stated he agrees with everything the first two speakers have said. Mochinski asked how and where the planned trail will finish in the future.

Mr. Saulsbury stated the ultimate plan would be to get it to the promenade area.

Mr. Mochinski asked when that is anticipated to occur.

Mr. Saulsbury stated there are no improvements planned for McLeod at this time.

Mayor Stotko stated they would need to look at the Pavement Improvement Plan.

Mr. Mochinski stated in his view this is premature and that there should be a finished plan in place before removing all the mature trees along Kingsley Street. Mr. Mochinski stated the neighbors agree the road and drainage system need to be replaced but that they are not in favor of the trees being removed so a bike trail can be constructed. Mr. Mochinski stated the assessments are fairly reasonable but that curb and gutter is unnecessary on the east side.

Mr. Saulsbury stated parking on the street could be eliminated, which would narrow the width of the street. Mr. Saulsbury noted that the action by the Council is merely approving the preparation of plans and specifications and that some or all of the comments heard tonight could be incorporated into the plan.

Mayor Stotko stated there was an issue with the street and one option was to reconstruct the street to 26 feet, which the Council did not believe was a viable option.

Mr. Mochinski asked what this bike trail is going to do.

Council Member Ollig stated the bike trail is part of an overall vision for the City and that there are a number of residents who are in favor of it.

Mayor Stotko noted approximately 90 percent of the people who walk down by the lake use Kingsley and that currently there is no path from Southview Park to Rosalee, which brings up questions regarding safety.

Mr. Mochinski stated the bike trail is not going to revitalize the downtown area and that the main reason the bikers go into town is to use the restroom.

Mr. Saulsbury stated the biggest benefit to the trail is to get people off the road for safety issues since Kingsley is a highly traveled road.

Police Chief Heldt concurred that getting people off the street would be better from a safety standpoint.

Phyllis Kasper, 220 Kingsley Street South, expressed concerns about the amount of money she would need to pay for the improvements and that she hasn't finished paying for the sidewalks. Ms. Kasper stated the people could walk on the sidewalks and that there are no speed limit signs along the roadway. Ms. Kasper asked why the residents of Kingsley are being assessed if it is a public road.

Mr. Saulsbury noted the majority of the costs are being paid for by the City.

Ms. Kasper stated the residents do not see this as an improvement and that the embankment should be maintained better so you can at least see the lake. Ms. Kasper stated the bike trail will not bring any business to the downtown area and that the money would be better spent elsewhere.

Kristen Vaughan, 210 Kingsley Street South, stated she has concerns about the project since she lives on the corner. Ms. Vaughan stated she has questions about the retaining wall, the two trees in her yard, as well as her shrubs.

Mr. Saulsbury noted the retaining wall would be replaced and that the shrubs would likely have to either be removed and replanted or replaced. The trees would probably need to be removed.

Ms. Vaughan stated she agrees with everything the other people have said tonight and that she does not see how the bike trail will help revitalize the downtown area.

Gary Baum, 440 Kingsley Street South, stated in his view this project is a big waste of time and money and that it would be heart-breaking to see the trees removed. Mr. Baum stated he does not see the point of the trail and that he agrees with everything the other people have said. Mr. Baum stated if the police would sit on Kingsley periodically, that would slow traffic down and that there have been no accidents on Kingsley. Mr. Baum commented they are creating a problem that does not exist.

Kyle Grandahl, 420 Kingsley Street, noted concerns were raised earlier about the plowing, and asked whether the City is equipped to plow the bike trail and whether they have the money.

Mr. Tienter stated the Public Works Department does have the equipment to plow the trail and at this point in time the City is planning on assuming all costs of the maintenance of the trail out of the Park Fund.

Mr. Grandahl noted he has had to call the police in the past on snowmobilers going through his yard and that he has concerns the snowmobile traffic will increase once the trail is constructed. Mr. Grandahl asked how the City intends to enforce snowmobilers.

Mayor Stotko stated if the trail is cleaned off, there would be no snow for the snowmobilers.

Mr. Grandahl asked if there will be another public hearing before the City approves the project.

Mr. Saulsbury stated another public hearing is not required but that he usually recommends an open house be held once draft plans are completed.

Mayor Stotko stated the City Council would definitely do that.

Mr. Grandahl asked if a traffic study for cars or bicyclists has been done on Kingsley.

Mr. Saulsbury indicated a traffic study has not been completed and that it is based on what people's observations. Mr. Saulsbury stated the City knows it is a heavily-traveled roadway for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Peggy Lenz, 392 Southshore Drive, stated she has walked the street a lot and that there is a lot of traffic. Ms. Lenz stated she would not want to see the trees removed and that the shoreline needs to be stabilized. Ms. Lenz stated she would like to see some type of trail but that she does not want to see the homeowners losing their land. Ms. Lenz stated in her view the plan needs to be refined so it does not impact the homeowners so much but that she is in favor of some type of trail in this area.

Jeff Campbell, Winsted Area Chamber of Commerce President, commended the City Council on trying to bring others to the downtown area via a trail. Mr. Campbell stated getting more people into the downtown area is important and that the trail going through St. Bonifacious and other communities has resulted in more businesses being opened.

Mr. Campbell stated he does not want to be the first person to be hit by a car, and that if the trail is the right thing to make it safer for pedestrians, the City should do that.

Jack Littfin, 508 Ponto Point and owner of Littfin Lumber, stated he lives on the east side of the lake but that he is in favor of the trail because there are usually a number of people walking around the lake. Mr. Littfin stated in his view the trail would be an asset to the City. Mr. Littfin noted there is a trail on the west side of Winsted Lake currently and that he can envision a trail around the lake at some time in the future.

Steve Laxen, 312 Southshore Drive, stated he owns a home on Kingsley Street and that he and his wife walk every night. Mr. Laxen stated last night as they turned off of Southshore Drive, they were within six inches of getting run over by an SUV. Mr. Laxen stated that is not the first time that they have come close to getting hit.

Sarah Fasching, 302 Southshore Drive and Winsted Area Chamber of Commerce Vice-President, stated anything to help create new businesses in town would be a plus and would also help with safety for the pedestrians. Ms. Fasching noted a comment was raised earlier about getting a return on investment for the trail and that in her view it would be for the well-being of the community and would help get more people into the City.

Police Chief Heldt noted a concern was raised about there being no speed limit sign on Kingsley and the amount of traffic. Police Chief Heldt stated there is no sign on the main portion but that there is a 30 miles per hour sign on the south portion. Police Chief Heldt stated in his eight years of being with the Police Department, he has only issued a speeding ticket a handful of times on that portion of the road after the bend. Police Chief Heldt stated given the way the road is set up after the bend, traffic might appear to be going faster than what it really is. From a public safety standpoint, people do tend to cut

the corner, and if there is any way for people to not be on the street, that would be the best from a public safety standpoint.

Kristen Vaughan, 210 Kingsley Street South, stated the issue might not be the trail itself but rather the fact that they would be removing the trees, the boulevard, the sidewalk, and impacting the properties on the west side of the street. Ms. Vaughan stated one option would be to eliminate the parking, which would preserve all of that.

Council Member Ollig stated narrowing the road and eliminating the parking on the west side is an option that they will be looking at.

**Council Member Quast motioned to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Ollig seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Council Member Ollig motioned to adopt Resolution R-15-40 ordering improvement and preparation of plans on the proposed improvement project on Kingsley Street from Baker Avenue to McLeod Avenue. Council Member Quast seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Council Member Fasching abstained.**

Council Member Fasching stated he abstained from the motion due to the concerns raised by the various property owners.

**4) No Old Business.**

**5) New Business**

**a) Resolution R-15-41 - Business Development Infrastructure Application**

Mr. Tienter noted the City Council previously authorized the preparation of a grant application to the Greater Minnesota Public Infrastructure Program for the purpose of funding public improvements for the industrial park expansion. As part of the application process, the City is being asked to approve a resolution providing assurances that the City intends to complete the project and provide matching funds.

The cost of the Phase I improvements are presently estimate to be \$320,000. The grant request is for 50 percent of the estimated project cost or \$160,000. Mr. Tienter noted the \$160,000 from the City would be obtained from the sale of property to an interested business owner. In order to move forward with the grant application, the City Council should adopt the resolution.

Council Member Quast asked if this business would be starting in the spring.

Mr. Tienter stated if the City can obtain the grant and make the necessary improvements to the property, the business owner would begin construction early next year.

**Council Member Quast motioned to adopt Resolution R-15-41 approving a Greater Minnesota Public Infrastructure Program Grant Application. Council Member Fasching seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**b) Sewer Televising and Lining Project**

Mr. Tienter stated included in the Council's packet tonight is a memorandum from Bolton and Menk regarding the sewer televising and lining project proposed for Kingsley Street. Bids were opened on September 29 and the low bidder was Hydro-Klean at \$83,008.00, which is significantly under the City Engineer's estimate.

Based on that competitive bid, the City Engineer is recommending that two segments of pipe be added to the project by change order. Change Order No. 1 would include a

segment of 12-inch sewer on Sherman Avenue and a segment of 8-inch sewer on the alley between Third Street and Second Street. These two pipe segments were previously part of the proposed 2016-2017 project. Based on bid prices from the low bidder, the two additional segments will cost \$14,468.30.

Mr. Tienter recommended the City Council award the project as bid plus Change Order No. 1 for a total cost of \$97,476.30. The project would be completed by the end of June, 2016.

Council Member Ollig asked how much money the City would save by lining the pipes versus replacing them.

Mr. Saulsbury indicated the replacement costs would be significantly higher than the lining project and would likely be more than \$100,000.

**Council Member Ollig motioned to approve an initial bid of \$83,008.00, plus a change order of \$14,468.30, for a total bid of \$97,476.30 from Hydro-Klean, LLC, for the sanitary sewer cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining project that includes two added segments of pipe to the original scope of the project. Council Member Fasching seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

## 6) Department Report

### a) **Winsted Holding Activities That Unite People (WHAT UP)**

Mr. Jeff Campbell and Mr. Tyler Bruns, WHAT UP Committee Members, reported on the following:

#### ➤ **Committee Members:**

- ❖ Ms. Rose Heimerl
- ❖ Mr. Mike Henrich
- ❖ Ms. Amanda Zeidler

#### ➤ **History of the Establishment of WHAT UP**

- ❖ In 2008, the Blandin Leadership Program was created
- ❖ Determined there was a need for more community events
- ❖ The WHAT UP group was then created to host more free family and community events.

#### ➤ **Purpose of WHAT UP**

- ❖ To bring the community together through various free events

#### ➤ **Activities and/or Events Offered Throughout the Year**

- ❖ A sledding and skating event is hosted in February. Hot beverages and cookies are provided
- ❖ A game day is hosted in March with prizes being awarded
- ❖ A scavenger hunt is hosted in April and local businesses are incorporated in the scavenger hunt
- ❖ Movie season runs in May, June, July and August. Free movies and ice cream are offered in the park and at the Winsted Fire Hall. At times music is offered before the movie starts.
- ❖ A Punt, Pass & Kick event is held in September
- ❖ A Halloween Bash is held in October, with free pumpkins being given out, painting stations, and a hay ride

➤ **Funding Sources**

- ❖ Currently have a budget of approximately \$1,200 which is raised through business sponsorships and \$300 from the City of Winsted

Mr. Bruns stated the activities and/or events are attended by individuals of all ages. Mr. Bruns thanked the City for their participation in the WHAT UP program.

Mayor Stotko stated due to the success of the City of Winsted's WHAT UP program, several other cities are also offering movies in the Park.

Council Member Ollig commented the events are well attended and help make Winsted a great place to live.

7) **No Open Forum.**

8) **No Announcements.**

9) **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

*Steve Stotko*

Steve Stotko  
Mayor  
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

*Deborah R. Boelter*

Deborah R. Boelter, CMC  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Winsted