

City of Winsted
City Council Emergency Meeting
Lewis Room
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
12:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Max Fasching

Staff Present: Mr. Dan Tienter, City Administrator
Ms. Deborah R. Boelter, City Clerk-Treasurer

1) Mayor Stotko called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2) Consent Agenda

Mayor Stotko read the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Tienter stated that per the City's Year 2015 Fee Schedule (Ordinance No. O. 15. 01), the fee for a Special City Council Meeting is \$400. As this burn will benefit the City of Winsted both as a training exercise for the Fire Department and the removal of a dilapidated structure, City staff recommend this fee be waived.

a) Special City Council Meeting Fee

Waived the fee of \$400 for the emergency meeting of the City Council scheduled and held on October 14, 2015.

Council Member Ollig motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Schulenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3) Public Hearings

None.

4) Old Business

a) Controlled Burn of House – 340 McLeod Avenue West

Mr. Tienter thanked the City Council for making accommodations to attend the Emergency City Council Meeting today, October 14, 2015.

Mr. Tienter stated that on September 15, 2015, the City Council (Council) authorized the Winsted Volunteer Fire Department (Fire Department) to conduct a live or controlled burn exercise, in cooperation with area fire agencies, at 340 McLeod Avenue on October 10, 2015. The Council also authorized the closure of the streets and a portion of Hainlin Park surrounding the controlled burn location.

Mr. Tienter stated that he spoke with the Fire Department Chief, Mr. Chad Engel, and he stated that the Fire Department was planning to conduct the controlled burn exercise this evening, October 14, 2015 due to favorably weather conditions.

Mr. Tienter stated that due to weather conditions; however, the Fire Department was unable to burn the structure to the ground and proposes to conduct the final burn on or around October 15, 2015. Since the Council only authorized the controlled burn for a date certain, October 10, 2015, any change in

the controlled burn dates requires Council approval. City staff recommend the Council approve a range of dates from October 14, 2015 to October 17, 2015 and provide the City Administrator the authority to select a date outside of this range if weather does not allow for the final, controlled burn.

Mr. Tienter stated that additionally, given that there are no City Council Regular Meetings scheduled before the proposed, additional controlled burn date, City staff recommended a City Council Emergency Meeting on October 14, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. to consider a motion to change the controlled burn date(s). City staff recommend this meeting in order to remove the dilapidated structure as soon as possible and eliminate any public safety concerns.

Council Member Schulenberg asked if a Winsted Police Department Officer would be on location during the controlled burn. Mr. Tienter stated that he would be working with the Winsted Police Department Chief, Mr. Justin Heldt, to ensure that a Police Officer will be on location at the controlled burn.

Council Member Schulenberg shared his concerns about spectators going near the burning house.

Council Member Ollig motioned to approve the controlled burn of the house at 340 McLeod Avenue West between October 14 and October 17, 2015 by the Winsted Volunteer Fire Department and delegate to the City Administrator the authority to approve additional controlled burn dates if weather does not permit the controlled burn to proceed during the aforementioned dates, contingent upon receipt of appropriate documentation as determined by the City Administrator, and waive the Special City Council Fee as listed in the 2015 Fee Schedule. Council Member Quast seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Council Member Ollig motioned to approve the closure of the public areas, including City parks and streets, surrounding 340 McLeod Avenue West between October 14 and October 17, 2015 as designated and approved by the Winsted Police Chief, and allow such closures during any additional dates approved by the City Administrator. Council Member Quast seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5) New Business

None.

6) Department Report

None.

7) Open Forum

None.

8) Announcements

None.

9) Adjournment

Council Member Quast motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Stotko seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Steve Stotko

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Mayor
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

Deborah R. Boelter

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City Clerk-Treasurer
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