

City of Winsted
City Council Work Session
Conference Room – Lewis Room
June 2, 2009
5:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Brent Mareck, City Administrator
Deb Boelter, City Clerk-Treasurer

I. **Call To Order**

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

II. **2010 Budget**

Mareck presented information on employee wages and benefits for the City Council to consider during the 2010 Budget planning process.

III. **Administrative Fines**

Mareck presented an article written by Anne Finn, League of Minnesota Cities, regarding the Administrative Fines Authorization Bill, which has been passed by the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives and is waiting for Governor Pawlenty's approval. The Bill limits the number of traffic offenses that a city's Police Department is allowed to issue an administrative fine for; therefore, reducing the city's revenue.

Mareck also presented a draft copy detailing the administrative fines proposed changes.

IV. **Ochu Property**

Mareck gave the City Council an update on the clean-up of the Ochu property. Mareck stated that the Ochus have been given until June 21, 2009 to clean-up the property. If the clean-up is not completed by this date, Mareck is going to forward the matter to the Jody Winters, the City's attorney.

V. **Updates**

a) **Street Dance – Winsted Summer Festival – Keg's Bar and Papa Tom's Bar and Grill**

Mareck presented a proposal from Keg's Bar, 121-1st Street North and Papa Tom's Bar and Grill, 111-1st Street North to have a street dance behind their establishments in the Lakefront Promenade area on Friday, August 7, 2009. The street dance would be after the "Brat Busters" event held in Mill Reserve Park during the Winsted Summer Festival. The City Council discussed and directed Mareck to assist Keg's Bar and Papa Tom's Bar and Grill to plan for the street dance.

b) **Concrete Replacement – City Hall and Lakefront Promenade**

Mareck presented the concrete replacement projects that are being done at City Hall and the Lakefront Promenade.

c) **Well Repair – Mill Reserve Park**

Wiemiller stated that he has received a request from Greg Gehrman, Winsted Hardware, to repair the well at Mill Reserve Park so it can be used to water the grass in the park.

The City Council discussed and decided that repair to the well is not feasible at this time due to the cost.

d) Winsted Arts Council – “Art in the Park” – June 5, 2009

Mareck presented information on the Winsted Art Council’s “Art in the Park” event being held in Mill Reserve Park on Friday, June 5, 2009.

e) Monthly City Hall Utilities – 2009

Mareck presented information detailing the monthly utility expenses for City Hall in 2009.

f) 140 Sherman Avenue East Property

Mayor Stotko asked for an update on the clean-up of the 140 Sherman Avenue East property. Mareck gave an update.

g) Downtown Dumpster Screening

Quast recommended that the City require downtown businesses to screen their dumpsters.

Mareck presented the City Council with options to consider for requiring downtown businesses to screen their dumpsters.

The City Council asked Mareck to bring the proposal to the Planning Commission.

VI. Adjourn

Quast motioned to adjourn. Ollig seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah R. Boelter
City Clerk-Treasurer