

City of Winsted
City Council Work Session
Conference Room – Lewis Room
September 15, 2009
5:00 p.m.

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

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. Boulevard Tree Policy

Mareck presented the draft Boulevard Tree Policy.

III. Luce Line Trail

Mareck stated that he met with representatives from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) regarding the connection of the Luce Line Trail.

Mareck presented a map detailing the proposed connection.

Mareck stated that he has taken steps to enter into negotiations with the property owner.

IV. Updates

a) Waste Water Treatment Facility – Plant Manager

Mareck stated that he is researching the possibility of contracting with the Plant Manager of the Watertown, Minnesota Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) to manage the City of Winsted's WWTF.

Mareck asked Mayor Stotko and Council Member Ollig to meet with the Plant Manager to discuss the proposed contract. They directed Mareck to schedule a meeting.

b) Fall, 2009 Water and Sewer Rate Study

Mareck presented the Fall, 2009 Water and Sewer Rate Study.

Mareck stated that to accommodate the 2010 Water and Sewer Expenditure Budgets the City Council may have to consider increasing the 2010 Water and Sewer rates.

The City Council discussed and directed Mareck to work with the Public Works Department to determine what project(s) may need to be completed in 2010 and what the approximate cost of the project(s) would be. They asked Mareck to prepare a proposed increase to water and sewer rates according to the cost of the proposed 2010 projects.

c) Projects Completed By The City

The City Council discussed the possibility of the City staff completing projects with their own equipment instead of contracting with another company.

d) Winsted Municipal Airport – Capital Improvement Plan

Mareck presented a draft copy of the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Winsted Municipal Airport.

e) McLeod County Road 1 – Speed Limit Decrease and Crosswalk

Mareck stated that he discussed the issues of decreasing the speed limit on McLeod County Road 1, and whether the crosswalk is working properly at the intersection of McLeod County Road 1 and Main Avenue West, with John Brunkhorst, McLeod County Highway Engineer. Mareck stated that Brunkhorst is preparing a letter to the City of Winsted addressing the aforementioned issues.

f) Ochu Property – 130-6th Street South

Mareck gave an update on the clean-up of the Ochu Property, 130-6th Street South.

V. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah R. Boelter
City Clerk-Treasurer