

City of Winsted
City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
October 20, 2009
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Tom Ollig

Staff Present: Brent Mareck, City Administrator
Deb Boelter, City Clerk-Treasurer
Fran Eggert, City Attorney
Dave Meyer, Maintenance Lead
Jamie Stotko, Maintenance Lead

1) Mayor Stotko called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

a) The Pledge of Allegiance was taken.

2) Consent Agenda

Quast motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mochinski seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

a) Minutes - City Council – Work Session – October 6, 2009

Accepted the minutes of the City Council Work Session of October 6, 2009.

b) Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting – October 6, 2009

Accepted the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 6, 2009.

c) Reschedule City Council Meeting – November 4, 2009

Rescheduled the Tuesday, November 3, 2009 City Council meeting for Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. due to the local election for the Howard Lake, Waverly and Winsted (HLWW) School District referendum.

d) September, 2009 Financial Report

Approved the September, 2009 Financial Report as presented.

e) September, 2009 Building Permit Report

Approved the September, 2009 Building Permit Report as presented.

f) Claims

Approved the Claims List for October 20, 2009 in the amount of \$60,658.50, check numbers 858E-864E, 7950-7958, 500401E and 15841-15869.

3) No Public Hearings.

4) No Old Business.

5) New Business

a) Lake Treatment – Winsted Lake Watershed Association

Bev Schmitz addressed the City Council on behalf of the Winsted Lake Watershed Association (WLWA). Schmitz requested \$6,000 from the City for the treatment of curly-leaf pondweed in Winsted Lake to be done in May, 2010.

Quast asked if there was funding in the 2010 Budget for the \$6,000. Mareck stated that there is approximately \$6,000 in the Winsted Lake Fund.

Schmitz stated that the past treatment of curly-leaf pondweed in Winsted Lake has proved to be successful.

Mochinski stated that he believes that the City should contribute the \$6,000. He stated that the \$6,000 is the amount needed to treat the areas of the lake that are City property.

Quast motioned to budget \$6,000 in the year 2010 to treat the curly-leaf pondweed in Winsted Lake in the areas that are City property. Wiemiller seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

b) Conditional Use Permit – Adult Training and Habilitation Center (ATHC)

Mareck stated that the Adult Training & Habilitation Center (ATHC), 311 Fairlawn Avenue West, is requesting a “conditional use permit” (CUP) to operate a Thrift Store at their facility. The property is currently zoned as R2, which is high density residential. The existing operations at the ATHC are permitted as a “conditional use” under:

“clinics and other buildings for the treatment of human beings contingent upon adequate parking being provided.”

Mareck stated that the Planning Commission and City Council required that the ATHC submit an application for a CUP to allow for the Thrift Store operations.

Mareck stated that the Planning Commission reviewed the CUP request from the ATHC and recommended unanimously that the CUP be granted with the following conditions:

1. No illuminated signs on the property.
2. No operation of the Thrift Store after 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after 12:00 noon on Saturday, and no operations on Sunday.
3. No outdoor storage of goods or other business related equipment.
4. One (1) year review of the CUP.

Jason Telander, Executive Director of the ATHC, was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions.

Mochinski asked Telander if the ATHC had any issues and/or concerns with the recommendations made by the Planning Commission. Telander stated no.

Wiemiller asked if there was any opposition received from the general public at the Planning Commission meeting.

Boelter stated that Terry Ohm, 460-4th Street North, asked if the ATHC would be adding on to the existing building to accommodate the Thrift Store because she was concerned about additional water coming off the building during inclement weather. She stated that there are drainage issues near her property on 4th Street North and she did not want additional water entering the storm sewer. Telander and Boelter confirmed that the ATHC was not adding on to the existing building.

Quast motioned to grant a Conditional Use Permit to the Adult Training and Habilitation Center, at 311 Fairlawn Avenue West, to operate a Thrift Store. Mochinski seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

c) Dump Truck Repair

Meyer presented a proposal to replace the dump box on the City's dump truck.

Mayor Stotko explained to the public that the repair was added to tonight's meeting agenda because it will take approximately five (5) weeks to replace the dump box and the City Council would like the replacement done before there is a need to use it for snow removal.

Mochinski motioned to replace the dump box on the City's dump truck at a cost not to exceed \$18,697.14. Quast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

6) Department Report

a) Public Works Department

Jamie Stotko, Public Works Department Maintenance Lead, reported on the following:

- Trimmed trees in the area of Arthur Avenue and Ponto Point and miscellaneous locations around the City of Winsted.
- Built a box for the Sterling truck to aid in wood chipping.
- Winterized the City's parks and park buildings.
- Removed the fencing at the Basketball Court, cut the concrete and removed the cut concrete to prepare for the relocation of the fence and the installation of the future trail.
- Continue to sweep the streets to remove the leaves.
- Assisted with the installation of the sidewalk on 1st Street North and Linden Avenue.
- Painted the street crosswalks and parking stripes. Also painted the curbs to indicate no parking near fire hydrants and other no parking areas.
- Assisted with the preparations and clean-up of the Winsted Summer Festival.
- Assisted the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) with repairs and improvements to the dock in Mill Reserve Park.
- Installed wood mulch in the playground area in Mill Reserve Park.
- Sewer jetting.
- Fire hydrant flushing.
- Removed the flower boxes from the downtown area and put them into storage.
- Attended several meetings regarding the 2009 Winsted Municipal Airport Improvement project.

7) Open Forum

a) Brad Sellner – Howard Lake Waverly Winsted School District

Brad Sellner, Howard Lake Waverly Winsted (HLWW) School District Superintendent, addressed the City Council and presented information on the 2009 Fall Levy to be conducted on November 3, 2009.

b) Mark and Patti Heller - 408 Westgate Drive

Mark Heller, 408 Westgate Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the condition of the houses at 404 Westgate Drive and 320 Westgate Circle.

Mareck stated that the City is working with the owners of both aforementioned houses to abate the blighting conditions of their house and/or property.

8) Announcements

a) "WHAT UP" – Winsted Holding Activities That Unite People

Mayor Stotko complimented the members of "WHAT UP" for the activities they have been providing for young children and families in the Winsted area.

9) **Adjournment**

Quast motioned to adjourn. Wiemiller seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah R. Boelter
City Clerk-Treasurer