

City of Winsted
City Council Work Session
Lewis Room
March 2, 2010
5:00 p.m.

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

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. Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) – System Operation

Mareck presented the cost analysis of the proposals the City of Winsted received from Doug Kammerer and People Service, Incorporated to operate the City's WWTP.

Mareck gave a brief overview of his conversation with Steven Wallner, the City of Watertown's Clerk-Treasurer, regarding their position on having their Public Works Superintendent, Doug Kammerer operating the Winsted WWTP.

The City Council discussed the proposals from Kammerer and People Service, Incorporated.

III. Financial Strategy – Local Government Aid (LGA) Reduction

Mareck presented information for the City Council to consider regarding the proposed unallotment of a portion of the City of Winsted's 2010 LGA.

The City Council discussed and made recommendations regarding expenditures in the 2010 Budget that may be reduced and/or eliminated.

Mochinski recommended that the City Council and staff evaluate each line item in the 2010 General Fund Budget and make as many cuts to expenditures as possible.

Ollig asked if there is some type of consultant from the League of Minnesota Cities or some other organization that could evaluate the City's Budget and make recommendations. Mareck stated that he will research whether there is someone who could evaluate the City's Budget.

Ollig also stated that he would like the City to explore the possibility of sharing expenses, staff, operations, equipment and other services with area cities.

IV. City Council and Staff - Goal Setting Retreat

Mareck asked the City Council if they had any specific items they wanted addressed at the 2010 City Council and Staff - Goal Setting Retreat.

Ollig stated that if the City has a consultant evaluate the 2010 Budget, that they should make a presentation of their findings and recommendations at the Retreat.

Mareck stated that he is planning on two (2) half day sessions for the Retreat. The City Council discussed and agreed that the two (2) half day sessions was a good idea.

Ollig stated that the findings and recommendations presented in the 2010 Citizens Survey be a part of the Retreat.

Mareck will present possible dates of the Retreat for the City Council to consider at a future meeting.

V. No Updates.

VI. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah R. Boelter
City Clerk-Treasurer