

City of Winsted
City Council Work Session
Lewis Room
May 18, 2010
5:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Deb Boelter, City Clerk-Treasurer

I. Call to Order

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

II. Montgomery Business Park

Mayor Stotko presented Clay Montgomery's Industrial Park site plan and proposal.

The City Council discussed and recommended that the City pursue the purchase of the property.

Mayor Stotko stated that he would contact Montgomery to discuss the possibility of the City purchasing the property.

III. McLeod County Road 116 Turnback Project – Open House – Thursday, May 20th, 2010

Mayor Stotko stated that he has forwarded the questions he has received from residents regarding the McLeod County Road 116 Turnback Project to the City's engineer, Jake Saulsbury, Bolton and Menk, Incorporated, so he can address them at the Open House.

a) City Council Volunteers

Mayor Stotko asked the City Council members to attend one (1) of the Open House sessions on May 20, 2010.

Quast and Mochinski stated that they would be attending the 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. session.

Mayor Stotko, Ollig and Wiemiller stated that they would be attending the 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. session.

b) Information on the Website

Mayor Stotko stated that the information about the McLeod County Road 116 Turnback project has been on the City's website for two (2) weeks and will be updated as the project proceeds.

c) General Information

Mayor Stotko presented some issues that the Public Works Department will be discussing with Saulsbury regarding the project.

Mayor Stotko presented questions and concerns that he has received from property owners who will be affected by the McLeod County Road 116 Turnback project.

IV. Future Work Sessions

a) Department Heads and City Council

Mayor Stotko asked the City Council if they would like to have the Department Heads at the Work Sessions to be available to answer any questions the Council may have.

The City Council discussed and agreed that if there is an agenda item pertinent to them, they should be present at the Work Session.

V. Other

a) Status of Applications – City Administrator Job

Mayor Stotko stated that Sweeney will be in attendance at the City Council meeting tonight to give the City Council an update on the applications received and the next steps in the hiring process.

Mayor Stotko reviewed the list of the members on the interviewing committee.

b) Ochu Property

Mayor Stotko stated that McLeod County had given the Ochus until May 15, 2010 to remove the vehicles from the property.

c) 2010 Election Filing Period for City Offices

Boelter distributed a calendar that details the filing period for the city offices of Mayor and Council Member for the 2010 Election. The filing period is Tuesday, August 3, 2010 to Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

d) Letter from Werner Nieder - Selling of Winstock Country Music Festival Tickets

Boelter presented a letter the City received from Werner Nieder regarding the City's ordinance that prohibits the selling of Winstock Country Music Festival tickets within the corporate limits of the City of Winsted. Nieder does not agree with the restrictions of the ordinance and asked for a response from the City. Boelter stated that she forwarded the letter to the City Attorney and asked him to respond to Nieder.

e) Tom and Brenda Sudheimer – Papa Tom's Bar and Grill

Boelter presented a letter from the City Attorney, Fran Eggert, addressing the issue of whether the City can still pursue Papa Tom's Bar and Grill's liquor license violation since they no longer own the business. Eggert's letter recommends that the City not incur the cost of the legal fees to obtain the \$1,000 fine.

Quast stated that she believes that Sudheimers should be required to pay the \$1,000.

Boelter presented an e-mail that she received from Tom and Brenda Sudheimer asking the City Council for a refund of their liquor license fee for the months of May, 2010 and June, 2010. The City Council discussed and directed Eggert to prepare and send a letter to Sudheimers stating that the City Council is not going to refund their liquor license fee.

f) McLeod County Sheriff's Department – Law Enforcement Services

Ollig stated that he discussed with Police Chief Henrich the City Council's proposal to evaluate the option of hiring McLeod County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services in the City of Winsted.

Ollig stated that he told Henrich that he will be included in all future discussions regarding the evaluation of hiring McLeod County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services in the City of Winsted.

g) Liquor License Violations

Ollig stated that he discussed the liquor license violations, which will be presented to the City Council at their regular meeting tonight, with two (2) of the liquor licensees. They asked the City Council to consider having them close their business another day and not on Saturday because of the large volume of business they conduct on Saturdays.

h) McLeod For Tomorrow – Elected Officials Forum - Thursday, June 3, 2010

Mayor Stotko invited the City Council to attend the McLeod For Tomorrow's Elected Officials Forum being held on Thursday, June 3, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Boardroom at the McLeod County Courthouse.

VI. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah R. Boelter
City Clerk-Treasurer