

City of Winsted
City Council Work Session
Vollmer Room
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
5:15 p.m.

Present: Mayor George Schulenberg
Council Member Mike Henrich
Council Member Tom Ollig
Council Member Bonnie Quast
Council Member Steve Stotko

Staff Present: Mr. Adam Birkholz, City Administrator
Ms. Raquel Kirchoff, City Clerk-Treasurer

I. Call to Order

Mayor Schulenberg called the Work Session to order at 5:15 p.m.

II. Annexation Procedures for Parcels Considered for Annexation

Mr. Adam Birkholz, City Administrator, stated that at the September 20, 2022 City Council Work Session, Mr. John Anderson, Municipal Development Group, was present and reviewed a list of approximately thirty-one (31) properties that could be candidates for annexation into the City of Winsted. At that work session, Mr. Anderson reviewed property locations and information on how the annexation process works depending upon the property. Mr. Birkholz reviewed that the reason the City is reviewing properties for annexation is due to the lack of zoning control of properties adjacent to the City of Winsted, when considering the City's future growth and Comprehensive Plan.

The City Council Members discussed the properties and stated that the City Administrator and two (2) City Council Members should meet with Winsted Township to discuss property annexation.

III. Winsted Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) – Amended Activity Point System

Mr. Birkholz stated that the WVFD recently reviewed the point system that was first administered in 2019, since the new year for points begins soon on December 1st and runs through November 30th. Amendments to omit the following are recommended.

- "Trainings" category. Mr. Birkholz stated that the WVFD members are already required to complete trainings for licensing.
- "Winsted Night Out" category
- "Movie at the Station" category

By removing these categories, the points will be more valuable in other areas. Mr. Birkholz explained these other areas, for example, calls during the middle of the night, calls on Saturdays, and participation during the Winstock Country Music Festival.

Mr. Birkholz stated that the amended point system is included on the City Council Consent Agenda for approval. He continued by stating that the proposed budget for points is increasing by \$3,000 to budget at \$1,000 per member. The WVFD is anticipating a roster of thirty (30) members in the near future; the implementation of the point system could be a contributing factor to increased membership.

IV. Other

Mr. Birkholz reviewed the following items with the City Council Members.


- The Boy Scouts are seeking permission to use the lot adjacent to Denis M. Campbell Field to sell Christmas trees from November 19, 2022 through December 17, 2022 or until all product is sold. The City Council Members approved; however, stated they should be informed that the City will not provide snow removal if it snows. Mr. Birkholz stated that the City would draft a \$1.00 lease agreement where the Boy Scouts would assume all liability for the lot during the lease.

- The Consent Agenda includes the renewal of health, dental and ancillary insurance benefits to meet renewal deadlines and begin the open enrollment process.

V. Adjourn

Council Member Quast motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Henrich seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Work Session adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



George Schulenberg
Mayor
City of Winsted

ATTEST:



Raquel Kirchoff, CMC
City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Winsted