

City of Winsted  
City Council Meeting  
City Hall . Council Chambers  
Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Steve Stotko  
Council Member Patty Fitzgerald  
Council Member Tom Ollig  
Council Member Bonita Quast  
Council Member George Schulenberg

Staff Present: Mr. Dan Tienter, City Administrator  
Ms. Amanda Zeidler, Utility Billing & Payroll Clerk  
Mr. Justin Heldt, Winsted Police Chief

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

**a) The Pledge of Allegiance was taken.**

**2) Consent Agenda**

Mayor Stotko read the Consent Agenda.

**a) Computer Replacements**

Approved a quote for \$3,573.78 from Winsted Computer Technologies for the replacement of computers for the City Administrator and Utility Billing and Payroll Clerk according to the City's computer replacement schedule.

**b) Security Bank & Trust Company – Pledged Securities**

Approved the Pledged Securities that Security Bank & Trust Company has purchased for the City of Winsted for the month of February, 2016.

**c) February, 2016 Building Permit Report**

Approved the February, 2016 Building Permit Report.

**d) Claims**

Approved the claims list for March 15, 2016.

**Council Member Quast motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3) No Public Hearings.**

**4) No Old Business.**

**5) New Business**

**a) Internship – Winsted Police Department**

Mr. Tienter stated that the Winsted Police Department was contacted by Josiah Rehmann in February of 2016, in regards to completing an internship as part of his post-secondary education. Mr. Rehmann is currently enrolled at the University of Northwestern, St. Paul, Minnesota, and is majoring in Criminal Justice.

Mr. Tienter stated that Mr. Rehmann would like to complete the internship during the 2016 spring semester and will be available mostly on weekends. As part of his internship, Mr. Rehmann would conduct ride-alongs with uniformed officers during their shifts, assist with various community events, and complete projects assigned to him by the Police Department. Mr. Rehmann is required to complete approximately 270 hours of service during the internship to receive college credit. Mr. Rehmann is expected to begin the internship on March 19, 2016.

Mr. Tienter added that during the internship, Mr. Rehmann will gain a better understanding of policing and community interaction in the City of Winsted. Mr. Rehmann will also see first-hand the intricate details of the profession and how the Police Department functions during day-to-day operations. This internship will help Mr. Rehmann in accomplishing his goal of obtaining a degree in Criminal Justice.

Mr. Tienter stated that Mr. Rehmann has informed City Staff that he will be compensated for the internship by the University of Northwestern, so there is no cost incurred by the City of Winsted. At the conclusion of the internship, City Staff will meet with Mr. Rehmann and the University of Northwestern Internship Staff to discuss the details and outcome of the internship.

Mr. Tienter stated that typical to anyone who participates in a ride-along with the Winsted Police Department, Mr. Rehmann will be asked to sign a waiver.

Council Member Ollig asked if Mr. Rehmann is from Winsted. Mr. Justin Heldt, Winsted Police Chief, stated that Mr. Rehmann was born and raised in Winsted, and is the son of Scott and Katie Rehmann.

Mr. Stotko stated that if there are any other colleges or community colleges that offer similar internship programs, it is a good idea to contact them to solicit students for internships in the City of Winsted. Mr. Tienter added that as part of the 2016 budget, the City Council approved an internship for the City Administrator, and City staff will be contacting local colleges to obtain more information.

**Council Member Fitzgerald motioned to approve the Winsted Police Department Internship with Josiah Rehmann. Council Member Schulenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

## 6) Organization Report

### a) Winsted Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Jeff Campbell, Winsted Area Chamber of Commerce President, reported on the following:

- Reviewed a schedule of events that are held throughout the year.
- The Chamber is in the process of launching a new website. The website is geared up for visitors with a list of parks, places to eat, and more. The new website is mobile-friendly.
- Civic Event Calendars are produced quarterly and distributed to public places and local businesses to promote local events and activities.
- A monthly radio show is aired on KDUZ, a local FM radio station. The half hour show is used to promote local businesses and events.
- There are approximately ninety (90) members currently supporting the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Campbell took a moment to thank the members and City of Winsted for supporting Chamber events and activities. The City Council thanked Mr. Campbell and the Chamber for the things they do throughout the year.

### 7) No Open Forum.

### 8) No Announcements.

### 9) Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

*Steve Stotko*

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Mayor  
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

*Amanda Zeidler*

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Utility Billing & Payroll Clerk  
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