City of Winsted
City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
July 5, 2011
6:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Brad Martens, City Administrator
Deborah R. Boelter, City Clerk-Treasurer

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

a) The Pledge of Allegiance was taken.

2) Consent Agenda

Council Member Mochinski motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Schulenberg seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

a) Minutes – City Council Work Session – June 21, 2011

Accepted the minutes of the City Council Work Session of June 21, 2011.

b) Minutes – City Council Regular Meeting – June 21, 2011

Accepted the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of June 21, 2011.

c) Ordinance O-11-07– Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Temporary Structures and Administrative Permits

Approved the proposed text amendments to the City of Winsted's Zoning Ordinance, Chapter Fifteen (15), regarding temporary structures and administrative permits as recommended for approval by the City of Winsted Planning Commission on June 22, 2011.

d) Winsted Municipal Airport Pavement Management Program

Approved a Professional Services Contract with Bolton and Menk, Incorporated for the engineering and planning services of a Pavement Management Program update for the Winsted Municipal Airport.

e) Resolution R-11-12 – Sanitary Sewer Connection - 114 Linden Avenue East

Adopted Resolution R-11-12 assessing the cost of sanitary sewer improvements to the property of 114 Linden Avenue East.

f) Flagship Bank of Winsted – Pledged Securities

Approved the Pledged Securities that Flagship Bank of Winsted has purchased for the City of Winsted for the month of June, 2011.

g) Claims

Approved the Claims List for July 5, 2011.

3) No Public Hearings.

4) No Old Business.

5) New Business

a) Camping Request – Westside Skydivers – Winsted Municipal Airport

Martens presented a request from Joe Johnson, Westside Skydivers, asking for authorization to allow camping at the Winsted Municipal Airport on the following evenings:
Friday, July 15, 2011
Saturday, July 16, 2011
Friday, July 29, 2011
Saturday, July 30, 2011

Martens stated that the camping requests relate to sky diving league events taking place at the Winsted Municipal Airport. According to Johnson, approximately one hundred (100) individuals will take part in these events with the potential to bring in spectators. It is estimated that one-quarter or one-third of the participants may wish to camp at the Winsted Municipal Airport.

Martens stated that the Winsted Municipal Airport Commission reviewed the request at their June 28, 2011 meeting and recommended approval of the camping with the following conditions:

1. The approval of camping on the above dates is on a trial basis and will be monitored in order to make future recommendations on camping requests.
2. Portable restroom facilities must be secured for the campers, the use of the Arrival/Departure (A/D) building is not allowed.
3. Camping is to take place on the grass area south of the airport and campers are to stay to the east side of the grass area.

Martens stated that staff did find the recommendations of the Airport Commission acceptable and would also like to add the following conditions:

1. Joe Johnson is required to make arrangements for the removal of any debris or litter left behind by the campers.
2. Portable restroom facilities must be removed by noon the day after camping has been completed.
3. Campers must abide by all of the City's ordinances.
4. A memorandum of understanding is signed between the City of Winsted and Joe Johnson stating the approved conditions and protecting the City from liability.

Martens recommended that the City Council approve the request including conditions given by both the Winsted Municipal Airport Commission and staff.

Mayor Stotko stated that the land Johnson will be using for camping is the same property that is rented by the Winstock Country Music Festival and the City charges them an annual fee of $1,000. Mayor Stotko stated that he would like to see Johnson pay some type of fee to cover the cost of the City's property and liability insurance deductible of $500 per occurrence.

Council Member Mochinski stated that the Winsted Municipal Airport Commission decided to waive any fees this summer and see how everything goes. If the camping continues, the Airport Commission would like to revisit the need for a fee in the future.

Council Member Quast motioned to approve a camping request from Westside Skydivers at the Winsted Municipal Airport on July 15th, July 16th, July 29th and July 30th, 2011 with the conditions of the Airport Commission and the City staff. Council Member Schulenberg seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b) Resolution R-11-13 – Blight – 230 Andy Avenue West

Martens stated that the City has been trying to rectify blighting conditions at 230 Andy Avenue West for a significant amount of blight for the last month and for a dilapidated boat since last summer. The house is empty and the City is free to enforce the blight ordinance, which allows for the City Council to certify the conditions and order their abatement (removal) from the property.

Martens continued by stating that due to the significant amount and the length of time the blighting conditions have existed on the property, the City Council is being asked to certify the blight and order its abatement pending the property owner meeting the deadline of July 15, 2011. If the property is in compliance by July 15, 2011, the City shall take no further action; however, if the items are not removed, the City can begin the abatement process on July 18, 2011.

Martens stated that the estimated cost for removal and disposal is $1,127. He also stated that the abatement of the blighting conditions appears to be the most efficient way to deal with this issue, considering that the property is now lender owned.

Council Member Ollig motioned to adopt Resolution R-11-13 certifying blighting conditions at 230 Andy Avenue West and ordering their abatement by means of contracted removal by the City of Winsted. Council Member Quast seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

c) Resolution R-11-14 – Luce Line Trail – Paving Project

Martens stated that in 2006 and 2009, the Winsted City Council adopted a Resolution of Support to pave the Luce Line State Trail from Winsted to Hutchinson, Minnesota and continued to Cedar Mills, through the use of Minnesota State Bond proceeds. The project had previously gained momentum in the area, but ultimately failed to be included in the State Bonding Bill.

Recently, Hutchinson, Minnesota Mayor Steve Cook resurrected support for the paving project by coordinating meetings with the City of Winsted, City of Silver Lake, McLeod County and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to discuss financing for the project through State Bond proceeds.

The paving and completion of the Luce Line State Trail would allow for multiple uses including hiking, biking, rollerblading, horseback riding, cross country skiing and snowmobiling as well as promote regional and local recreation and economic opportunities for Winsted citizens and businesses.

Council Member Mochinski motioned to adopt Resolution R-11-14 supporting the pavement of the Luce Line Trail from Winsted, Minnesota to Hutchinson, Minnesota. Council Member Schulenberfg seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

6) Department Report

a) People Service, Incorporated

Paul Christensen, People Service, Incorporated, reported on the following:

- In spring, 2011 wet conditions caused high flows to the Kingsley Lift Station and on one (1) occasion the valve had to be opened to by-pass 100,000 gallons to Winsted Lake. Paul reminded the public that the City does have a Sump Pump Ordinance and it clearly states that sump pumps should be emptied into the City's sanitary sewer system.
- The Sludge Storage Tanks again had some small leaks and People Service, Incorporated has contacted a contractor to repair the leaks.
- People Service, Incorporated has been contacted by Waste Management with a proposal to dispose of leachate from their landfill at the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). They would also remove the bio-solids from the City's

WWTP at no cost. They would haul them to their landfill and use them to make methane gas. The proposal would generate revenue for the City of Winsted and reduce costs that the City incurs to have the bio-solids removed and land applied.

Council Member Mochinski recommended that the phosphorus limits of the leachate be tested so the City does not incur additional expenses to treat the phosphorus limits. Christensen stated that he will verify the phosphorus limits in the leachate and present to the City Council at a future meeting.

The City Council discussed the proposal from Waste Management and directed People Service, Incorporated and City staff to continue to pursue.

7) No Open Forum.

8) No Announcements.

9) Adjournment

Council Member Quast motioned to adjourn. Council Member Mochinski seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Steve Stotko

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Mayor
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

Deborah R. Boelter

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City Clerk-Treasurer
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