

City of Winsted  
City Council Work Session  
Lewis Room  
Tuesday, July 21, 2015  
5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Steve Stotko . *Temporary Acting City Administrator*  
Council Member Bonita Quast  
Council Member Max Fasching  
Council Member George Schulenberg

Absent: Council Member Tom Ollig

Staff Present: Ms. Deborah R. Boelter, City Clerk-Treasurer  
Mr. Fran Eggert, City Attorney  
Mr. Dave Meyer, Public Works Department Maintenance Supervisor

## **I. Call to Order**

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

## **II. Liquor Ordinance Amendments – Mr. Fran Eggert**

Mr. Fran Eggert noted the MN Legislature made a number of changes in the liquor statute and that the City of Winsted tends to copy what is included in the statute to a certain extent. For example, liquor stores in Winsted are allowed to be open from 11 a.m. to midnight on Sundays but state statute now allows liquor stores to be open from 8 a.m. until 1 a.m. Mr. Eggert stated if the City wished to change the hours of Sunday liquor sales, it likely will be necessary to hold a referendum on the matter.

Eggert stated amendments to the state's liquor statute include:

- ✓ 8:00 a.m. Sunday starting time
- ✓ Brew Pubs
- ✓ Micro-distilleries and sample rooms or cocktail rooms
- ✓ Selling growlers on Sunday

Mr. Eggert noted that brew pubs could hold one or more retail on sale licenses and that restaurants could still sell liquor on Sundays. Mr. Eggert stated it is likely someone will someday approach the City and ask to be allowed to open a brew pub or a micro-distillery. Currently the City does not have any ordinances regulating those.

The City Council discussed the changes and whether Winsted's Liquor Ordinance should be amended. The City Council agreed that if the City decides to change the hours and a referendum is required to be held, it should be held in 2016 in conjunction with general elections. The City Council directed the City Attorney to proceed forward with a draft ordinance covering brew pubs, micro-distilleries, and selling growlers on Sunday.

### **III. Mediacom and TDS Ordinances – Mr. Fran Eggert**

Mr. Fran Eggert stated TDS requested a copy of the City's agreement with Mediacom, which has been provided. Mr. Eggert stated the City would need to have an identical agreement with TDS and that he is in the process of updating the agreement with Mediacom.

The City Council discussed this item and directed the City Attorney to continue to update the agreement with Mediacom and to continue to work on a separate agreement with TDS.

Mayor Stotko noted TDS would like to be up and running by November and that TDS would like the agreement to be finalized by the end of September.

City Clerk Boelter noted a public hearing would be required with 30 days notice on the TDS agreement.

### **IV. Public Works Department – Street Sweeper**

Mayor Stotko noted the purchase of the street sweeper is listed on tonight's City Council's Consent Agenda and that the price of the sweeper has increased by approximately \$22,500. Mayor Stotko stated included on each proposal was a timeline for the price being quoted and that apparently the purchase agreement was not submitted within that timeline, which has resulted in the price increase.

Mr. Dave Meyer stated the sweeper was delivered last week, which was when he discovered the discrepancy in the price. Mr. Meyer stated the price increase is a result of meeting the Federal Government's Tier IV exhaust emissions. Mr. Meyer stated he was informed by the salesman that the price would be good for a year and that the salesman has now said that it is out of his hands and that the company has to follow the government mandates.

The City Council discussed this item and agreed that City Staff should search the City's e-mail records to see if the signed agreement was forwarded to the company within the required timeline. It was agreed that this item would be removed from tonight's Consent Agenda and placed on the August 4 City Council agenda.

Mr. Meyer noted the payment would need to be made by August 14.

### **V. Other**

#### **a) Part-time Seasonal Employee**

Mr. Dave Meyer reported the Public Works Department would like to hire a part-time employee for the remainder of the summer and that the item is on tonight's Consent Agenda.

### **VI. Adjourn**

**Council Member Fasching motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Schulenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

*Steve Stotko*

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Mayor and Temporary Acting City Administrator  
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

*Deborah R. Boelter*

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City Clerk-Treasurer  
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