

City of Winsted
City Council Work Session
Conference Room – Lewis Room
May 19, 2009
5:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Brent Mareck, City Administrator
Deb Boelter, City Clerk-Treasurer

I. Call To Order

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

II. 2009/2010 Strategic Plan – Goal Setting Retreat

Mareck presented a draft copy of the 2009/2010 Strategic Plan from the 2009 City Council and Staff Goal Setting Retreat held on April 29, 2009. Mareck asked the City Council to review the plan and contact him with any comments.

III. Kingsley Trail Signage Proposal

Mareck presented a proposal from the Herald Journal for the Kingsley Trail signage.

Mareck stated that he did present the proposal to the Park Commission and they are going to review it and the signage designs. Mareck stated that the Park Commission will discuss the proposal at their next meeting.

Ollig recommended that Mareck present the proposal at a future Winsted Area Chamber of Commerce General meeting.

IV. Sewer Connection – 114 Linden Avenue East

Mareck presented the results of the meeting with the property owner at 114 Linden Avenue East regarding their connection to the City's sewer system.

V. Updates

a) 23972 – 240th Court – Request From Vern and Connie Thiemann

Mareck presented a request from Vern and Connie Thiemann, 23972 – 240th Court, to reassess the vacant lot adjacent to their property to decrease the interest rate of the assessment. Mareck stated that he researched information on this type of request and he was unable to find any other cities who have reassessed a property to decrease the assessment interest rate.

Mareck asked the City Attorney, Fran Eggert, to give an opinion on the request and Eggert recommended that the City not do a reassessment. Eggert stated that the City would be setting a precedent and would have to reassess other properties.

b) 2009 Local Government Aid Unallotment

Mareck presented 2009 Local Government Aid (LGA) Unallotment options for the City Council to consider.

c) Administrative Fines

Mareck stated that there is a bill for Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty to sign that would reduce the amount of revenue that a city would obtain from any administrative fines issued by their Police Department.

d) Emerald Ash Bore

Mareck presented information on the Emerald Ash Bore and future issues that the City of Winsted may face regarding the number of ash trees located in the City.

e) Future Land Use Plan – Tetra Pak, CPS

Mareck stated that he spoke with Dan Green from Tetra Pak, CPS regarding the proposed Future Land Use Plan and informed him that the plan can be amended in the future if they would decide to purchase the adjoining property to expand their facility.

f) Hainlin Well House

Mareck presented a proposal to repair the damage to the Hainlin Well House due to the Xcel Energy power outage on May 13, 2009.

g) Small Cities Downtown Redevelopment Grant

Mareck stated that the City of Winsted did obtain the Small Cities Downtown Redevelopment Grant.

h) Sale of Airport Property

Mayor Stotko stated that he talked to one of the hangar owners at the Winsted Municipal Airport regarding the City's desire to sell the airport. Mayor Stotko summarized the conversation he had with the hangar owner.

Mayor Stotko stated that the hangar owner also discussed the proposal to use the airport property for a Parking Fundraiser, to benefit the airport, during Winstock Country Music Festival.

i) Limpert Environmental

Mareck stated that Limpert Environmental has moved to the City of Winsted and he had a meeting with one of the owners. Mareck stated that the Limpert Environmental owner had several requests from the City regarding a community garden, signage and other issues. Mareck stated that he is working with the business owner to accommodate his requests.

VI. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah R. Boelter
City Clerk-Treasurer