

City of Winsted
City Council Work Session
Conference Room – Lewis Room
July 21, 2009
4:30 p.m.

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

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

I. Call To Order

Mayor Stotko called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in Mill Reserve Park.

II. Mill Reserve Park Portable Toilet

Richard and Joan Genty, 130-1st Street South, were in attendance at the meeting. The Gentys asked the City Council to consider relocating the portable toilet in Mill Reserve Park. They stated that the new location obstructs the view of Winsted Lake from their home.

Mareck presented the proposed new location for the portable toilet.

The City Council discussed the proposed new location and a majority agreed that it was the best option for the portable toilet. Quast stated that she was not in favor of the new location. She believes that it is too close to the Park's amphitheater.

Mareck stated that the majority of the Park Commission members liked the proposed new location for the portable toilet. They would like to have a bicycle rack installed on the concrete slab that was poured for the original location of the portable toilet.

Mochinski recommended that Mareck mark the area for the new location of the portable toilet and have Mini Biff bring their equipment to determine if their hoses will reach.

Wiemiller asked if the relocation project would be completed before the Winsted Summer Festival. Mareck stated no, the portable toilet will remain in its current location until after the Festival.

III. Fire Department Personnel Policy

Mareck presented the proposed Fire Department Personnel Policy.

IV. Sky Diving Operation – Winsted Municipal Airport

Mareck presented a proposal from Joe Johnson to operate a Sky Diving Operation from the Winsted Municipal Airport.

Mareck stated that the Airport Commission was split on their decision on whether to allow the business to operate from the Winsted Municipal Airport.

Mareck stated that Johnson is preparing a written proposal and will present it to all Winsted Municipal Airport hangar owners at an Open Meeting on Friday, July 31, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Airport Administration building.

Mochinski shared some of the comments received from the Airport Commission members at their July 14, 2009 meeting regarding the proposed Sky Diving Operation.

Ollig asked who would be responsible for determining if Johnson has the proper insurance. Mareck stated that the City would enter into an agreement with Johnson and the agreement would specify the insurance requirements. Mareck also stated that he has contacted Flagship Insurance and they working with the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) to determine what insurance would be required of Johnson.

V. Updates

a) Winsted Lake Watershed Association

Mareck stated that the Winsted Lake Watershed Association (WLWA) wants the City to be more aggressive in maintaining the Rain Gardens in the Lakefront Promenade.

Mochinski stated that the WLWA is going to prepare a plan for maintaining the Rain Gardens and present it to the City Council.

b) Rental Housing Permit – 121 Main Avenue West

Mareck stated that the property owner of 121 Main Avenue West has not completed the required improvements to his building that need to be done to obtain a Rental Housing Permit. Mareck stated that if the property owner does not do the required improvements, the building will be classified as “Uninhabitable” and the current tenant will be required to move out.

c) Luce Line Trail – Property Negotiations

Mareck stated that dialogue has been started with the property owner located southwest of the City to connect the Luce Line Trail through his property.

d) Budget Workshop – August 4, 2009 City Council Work Session

Mareck stated that the first Budget Workshop will take place at the August 4, 2009 City Council Work Session.

e) A T & T Antenna – Water Tower

Mareck stated that a property owner has contacted the City regarding the flashing light on the A T & T Antenna on the top of the water tower. The light is flashing into their bedroom at their home and disturbs their sleep. Mareck stated that the light is required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Mareck is working to remedy the situation.

VI. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah R. Boelter
City Clerk-Treasurer