

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WINTHROP CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 08, 2025

The Winthrop City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 08, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Dennie presiding. Council Members present: Brian Kelchen, Jim Loughren, and Lee White. Council members Melissa Hesner and Ann Myers were absent. Individuals Present: Gary McElroy, Nick Krum (PWD) and Mary Ryan (City Clerk). M/S/C= Motion, Second and Carried.

M/S/C Kelchen, Loughren to approve the Consent Agenda: prior meeting minutes (Dec. 04, 2024), current bills, current financial report, and new fireman (Dylan Happel). All Ayes:

Letter from Kay Matteson presented to City Council concerning splash pad and pool. Gary McElroy, representing Winthrop Development, offered funds to purchase pool volleyball nets, basketball hoops and funds for possible weekend activities. Council intends to keep existing pool operational as long as possible.

M/S/C Loughren, Kelchen to approve two locations for the placement of a memorial bench, in honor of Greg and Connie Fawcett. Funds generously provided by the Fawcett family.

Building permit guidelines discussed. Council will review special permit section next month. Discussing items: 1) variance requests for building a permanent structure, less than five feet from the lot line, will require the resident to have the property surveyed by a professionally licensed engineer, prior to requesting a variance. 2) corner lots, with no vacant plotted lots directly adjacent and behind the current property on the side corner; possibly lower front yard set back requirements.

M/S/C Kelchen, Loughren to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Thank you to the following vendors for their donation of office supplies and snacks: Fehr-Graham Engineering, Kluesner Sanitation, and Prairie Road Builders.

Deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Jim Burns, who passed away on December 12, 2024. Jim was a dedicated and valued Public Work's Director, for Winthrop, from 1979-2009. His workmanship, pride and dedication to plowing the city's streets was exemplary.