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# CITY OF WINOOSKI

## CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILOR ERIK HEIKEL  
COUNCILOR JODI HARRINGTON  
COUNCILOR SALLY TIPSON

### AGENDA

Monday, June 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.  
Claire Burke Chamber

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|-------------|--|-------------------------|
| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance</b>                            |                         |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Important Announcements and Good News</b>                             | <b>Action Required.</b> |
|             | a. Community Center Grant  |                         |
|             | b. Justice Recovery Grant - \$84,209                                     |                         |
|             | c. Council Rules & Procedures  |                         |
|             | d. Rte 15 Paving   |                         |
|             | e. Other   |                         |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Public comment Period – Non agenda items ( 3 minute limit please)</b> |                         |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>Consent Agenda:</b>   |                         |
|             | Minutes of June 1, 2009  |                         |
|             | Accounts Payable Warrant as Closed June 11, 2009                         |                         |
| <b>V.</b>   | <b>Action Agenda:</b>  |                         |
|             | a. Public Comment Justice Assistance Grant – S McQueen                   | Public Notification     |
|             | b. Board Appointments  |                         |
|             | • WHA – Bernie Roy   |                         |
|             | • Housing Improvement Program & CD Loan Funds                            | I move to accept        |
|             | Comm. – Ashley Saint Gelais, Chris “Kiki” Leech and                      |                         |
|             | Michael Mahoney  |                         |
|             | c. Renewal note for the backhoe from TD Banknorth – P Schmoll            | I move to accept        |
|             | d. Request for block party – C. Resmer                                   | I move to approve       |
|             | e. MOU with School District – G. Cross                                   |                         |
| <b>VI.</b>  | <b>Discussion Agenda</b>   |                         |
|             | a. Summer Food Service Program – B. DiMasi                               |                         |
|             | b. Swim Team - C. Robare/G. Cross (see memo)                             | Discussion              |
|             | c. City Finances – G. Cross  |                         |

**VII. City Manager Update**

**VIII. Executive Session if posted**

**IX. Adjourn**

Meeting called to order by the Mayor at 6:05 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Mayor Michael O'Brien

Council Members: Michael Mahoney, Erik Heikel , Jodi Harrington, Sally Tipson

**Officers Present:**

George C. Cross, City Manager; Carol J. Barrett, Asst. City Clerk; J. Ladd, CD Director; Stephen McQueen, Police Chief.

**Others Present:**

Chris "Kiki" Leach, David Bowers, Ashley St. Gelais, Kathy Decarreau, Tammy Cusson, Cathy Resmer, Cindy Robare.

Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements – Good News**

- Mr. Cross said the Community Center received a grant from Peter Welch in the amount of \$114,000. This money will be put towards the roof insulation and installation of the roof.
- We received a Justice Recovery Grant in the amount of \$84,209.00 and part of this money would be put towards a new cruiser for next year.
- Council Rules & Procedures.
- Rte 15 Paving has begun and the Police Dept. is aware of the project.
- Other – None

**Public Comment – None**

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:**

**MOTION** by Councilor Harrington seconded by Councilor Mahoney to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

**Action Agenda**

Chief McQueen has requested that the attached application be provided to the City Council. The applicants must also provide an opportunity for public comment on their Recovery JAG application 30 days prior to submitting the application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Chief McQueen said the best use of this grant would be for training. This is a 2 year draw down of funds. Mr. Cross said that some of this money would also go towards a main server for the City of Winooski.

### **Board Appointments:**

**MOTION** by Councilor Mahoney seconded by Councilor Tipson to appoint Bernie Roy to the WHA Board. Voted and passed 4-0. Mr. Roy is replacing Charles Crowley.

Mr. Ladd gave a brief description of the Housing Improvement Program & CD Loan Funds. Committee.

**MOTION** by Councilor Harrington seconded by Councilor Heikel to appoint Chris “Kiki” Leech and Ashley Saint Gelais and Michael Mahoney to the HIP & CD Loan Funds Committee and to also appoint the City Manager as alternate. Voted and passed 3-0-1. Mr. Mahoney abstained.

**MOTION** by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Mahoney to renew the Note for the Backhoe in the amount of \$32,069.12 with TD Banknorth as presented. Voted and passed. 4-0. See attached note.

Cathy Resmer has requested an event permit for a block party on North St. from Leclair Ave to W. Spring St. She said it would be their neighbors and the Mayor and Council are invited. She has notified other residents of the block party. She would also like to place a dunk tank. The Mayor and Council said as long as it's to the side of the road and not the middle it would not be a problem. Mr. Cross said that each Dept Head has approved this permit.

**MOTION** by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the Event application “Block Party” on lower North St. to be held on Saturday July 11 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

Mr. Cross said that two council members and two school board members have been meeting and discussing a Memorandum of Understanding. See attached MOU between City of Winooski and Winooski Incorporated School District

**MOTION** by Councilor Mahoney seconded by Councilor Tipson to approve the MOU as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

### **Discussion Agenda**

Mr. Cross said we have received money for the Summer Food Program and is running at Landry Park. In climate weather will be at the O'Brien Community Center.

Mr. Cross said the Winooski Swim Team is planning for a large swim meet on July 24 and 25. As a by-product of the conversations around this event we have determined that the swim team has been operating under the idea that they are covered by the city's insurance. This has not been the case. The good news no major issue has erupted over the years. The bad news is that this risk is not good for either the swim team or the city. He said we need to bring the swim team in as part of city government. They would be within the recreation dept. There

will be a line item that says swim team. This protects volunteers, coaches, and also the City. Coaches would be paid through the City.

**MOTION** by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to authorize the City Manager to work out the details of bringing the swim team under the auspices of the city government. Voted and passed 4-0.

Mr. Cross presented a Review of the City of Winooski Financial Situation. See attached Review. There was some discussion concerning the Finances. He said there are three ways to erase the deficit.

1. FY010 continue deficit and budget for it.
2. Separate Warrant Article to the Voters
3. 1% option tax. This would raise ¼ million dollars.

Mr. Heikel suggested that we have our regular council meeting the first of the month and the second meeting should be devoted to finances.

**MOTION** by Councilor Mahoney seconded by Councilor Tipson to reimburse the Winooski School District \$10,000 that they had expended in legal fees. Voted and passed 4-0.

### **City Manager Update**

- Mr. Cross said we are trying to bring businesses into Winooski. Physicians Computer is expanding their business and has recently taken out a building permit.
- We are settling up with Hall/Keen
- Riverwalk fesitival is being organized by Michelle Blais and the farmers market has opened.
- We have received inquiries on other properties for development.
- When Mr. Bissonnette was acting City Manager a project was put in for safe routes to schools. Our notion was that we did not have to match monies. The match is for \$120,000, we do not have that match. Come January we will be able to apply for other grants. Instead of matching money we could use our services.

**MOTION** by Councilor Harrington seconded by Councilor Tipson to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:33 p.m. Voted and Passed 4-0.

The Mayor and Council thanked George for a job well done.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. City Clerk