

I am exercising the veto authority granted to the Mayor under Section 2.07 of the City of Windom Charter and returning this matter to the City Council for further review.

I believe the Council is split because there are still significant questions, the information has changed, and this decision is permanent. When reasonable people looking at the same information are reaching very different conclusions about a multimillion-dollar asset, that is exactly when I believe we should slow down, not speed up.

My objections are:

Insufficient and inconsistent information: I do not believe we currently have enough consistent, reliable information to make a permanent decision of this magnitude. Additional due diligence is needed regarding both the current telecom system and its financial condition, as well as the details contained in the proposed sale.

Significant changes and unanswered questions: Information regarding both the existing system and the proposed transaction have continued to change. Before making a final decision, I believe we need greater clarity and a shared understanding of the facts, financials, and long term implications.

Lack of sufficient consensus: This is a multimillion-dollar decision involving a significant city asset, and the Council vote was 3-2. The community is also deeply divided. While I do not believe every Council decision should be determined by public consensus, I believe a decision of this magnitude warrants a stronger level of confidence and consensus before it becomes permanent.

This veto is intended to allow further consideration- not to make the decision myself. I am not using the veto to declare that the telecom system must or must not be sold, and am not against a sale altogether- someday. Just not now under the circumstances we are facing.

I am using the authority provided to me to ensure that we have the opportunity to further examine the information, resolve outstanding questions, and make the best informed decision possible for the long-term interests of Windom.

For these reasons, I am vetoing the action and returning it to the City Council for further review and discussion.



WINDOM MAYOR