

VII Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, March 26th, 2013 commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen, Herb Dick, City Manager Dave Burgess, Assistant Administrator Barb Dyck and Tracy Friesen

Media: Chris Sumner - CFAM/CKMW
Allison Friesen - Winkler/Morden Voice
Steve Sukkau - Winkler Times

INVOCATION

Invoc. 138. Councillor Henry Siemens read a story about an old farmer who handled circumstances with equanimity. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 139. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of March 26, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

Mar 12 min. 140. Don Friesen, Herb Dick:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 12, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 141. Received for information.
MB Conservation & Water Stewardship Letter
Minister of Local Government - Municipality Amalgamations
MB Hydro - George Avenue

FINANCE

Accounts 142. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$426,320.23 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Grant 143. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve a grant of \$5000 to cover the cost of organized events at Bethel Heritage Park for 2013, and that funds be used to help pay for the P.A. System and a portion of the performers.

CARRIED

Grant is up to \$5000. The budget has increased to \$12,000 this year from \$10,000 last year.

144. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
Credit Card BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the application for an RBC Visa Avion credit card, with a credit limit of \$25,000, annual fee of \$120, under the name of City of Winkler, Dave Burgess, for the purpose of covering monthly fuel charges, travel accommodation charges, and conference registrations.

CARRIED

145. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Transfer BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$640,135.00 be transferred from the General Fund 2012 accumulated surplus to the General Reserve fund, and \$18,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund 2012 accumulated surplus to the Recreation Equipment Reserve.

CARRIED

146. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
Transfer BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$568,543.00 be transferred from the Utility Fund 2012 accumulated surplus to the Utility Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

147. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
B/L 2094-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Borrowing By-Law No. 2094-13, being a municipal borrowing by-law for current (2013) expenses, be read a second time.

CARRIED

148. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
B/L 2094-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipal Borrowing By-Law No. 2094-13 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

POLICE & FIRE

149. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
Police Board BE IT RESOLVED THAT Henry Siemens be appointed as Chairman of the Winkler Police Board for the period ending October 27, 2014.

CARRIED

150. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
Police Board BE IT RESOLVED THAT Don Kuhl be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Winkler Police Board for the period ending October 27, 2014.

CARRIED

151. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
Remuneration BE IT RESOLVED THAT remuneration from the City of Winkler for members serving on the Winkler Police Board, excluding City Council members or City staff, be set at the following:

- Travel expense coverage for outside of Winkler at \$.42 per kilometer
- \$40 per meeting of approximately two hours or less
- \$100 for meetings of approximately four hours or less
- \$200 for a full day

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

152. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:

Waterworks BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler Waterworks Report for quarter ending March 15, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

HEALTH & WELFARE

153. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen:

H&S BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Health & Safety Committee minutes of March 13, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

PLANNING

154. Ken J. Wiebe, Herb Dick:

Fee BE IT RESOLVED THAT a "Community Enhancement Fee" of \$500.00 for each new dwelling unit be levied by way of a charge on building permits for new construction effective April 15, 2013.

CARRIED

It will be designated in a separate line and will be for specific projects as community enhancement dictates.

155. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:

Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Building Permit Report to February 28, 2013 be received as information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

156. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the 2013 Financial Plan and capital budget be closed.

CARRIED

MLA Cameron Friesen was in attendance

Curt Reimer:

- Asked if the consulting fees for \$280,000 are something we can do in house. When applying for grants, a proposal for a strictly in house development would not be accepted. The vast majority is done in house; with the RO plant as an example. To have the staff on hand with the expertise would cost a lot more than paying a consultant.
- Asked for clarification on the micro surfacing for Mountain Ave. The cost for 15th and Mountain was \$229,000 and extends the life of the pavement by 10 years.
- Clarification regarding the safety reasons for the wider sidewalks on Pembina Ave was given.

Mayor Harder stated that the City could have proposed a zero increase or a decrease but a small increase allows for capital projects in the near future. Due diligence has been done and he thanked council for their participation and cooperation in this being done.

157. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Budget BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Plan and capital budget for 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

158. Herb Dick, Henry Siemens:
B/L 2095-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2095-13 providing for the 2013 Financial Plan be read a first time.

CARRIED

159. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
B/L 2095-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2095-13 providing for the 2013 Financial Plan be read a second time.

CARRIED

160. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for By-Law No. 2090-13 be closed.

CARRIED

Neil Reimer:

- Clarification was given regarding the wording of the by-law. The by-law is in place to protect the streets that are not built to withstand substantial weight and to save taxpayer dollars on fixing the streets. Truck routes are in place for that reason; it is standard practice across the country.

The by-law is changing from 4,500 kg which was too restrictive to 6,804 kg.

161. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
B/L 2090-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2090-13 to amend Traffic & Parking By-Law 1938-08 be read a second time.

CARRIED

162. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2090-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2090-13 to amend Traffic & Parking By-Law 1938-08 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED

Councillor Henry Siemens declared an interest and left the meeting.

163. Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Hearing for By-Law 2091-13 be closed.

CARRIED

Section 33.3 (9j) added "without a definitive reason the time frame will be 12 months."

Dave Loewen, Impact Signs:

- Is happy with the proposed amendment, makes sense to have a Designated Officer to remove signs for safety reasons.

The City does not want to stand in the way of businesses being able to advertise but we also want to ensure order and safety.

164. Herb Dick, Ron Neisteter:
B/L 2091-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2091-13 be read a second time.
CARRIED

165. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2091-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2091-13 be read a third & final time.
CARRIED

166. Herb Dick, Ken J. Wiebe:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Zoning By-Law No. 2092-13 be now closed.
CARRIED

167. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
B/L 2092-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zoning By-Law No. 2092-13 be read a second time.
CARRIED

168. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
B/L 2092-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zoning By-Law No. 2092-13 be read a third and final time.
CARRIED

169. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Conditional Use Application No. 1103-13 be closed.
CARRIED

Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. No objectors were present. No objections were received by the Administration Office.

Applicant Gareth Simons was present

- Proposed dwelling will be at the location of the existing senior center.
- Proposing a new 8 storey mixed use concept with ground floor leasable space, senior activity center, gathering space, restaurant, 2nd floor with supportive living units and underground parking.
- Supportive housing will be two parts of 12 units each for people who need assistance in daily life.
- Floors 3 to 8 will be Manitoba housing and market rate units.

Dave Loewen:

- Asked about a time line for the project. August start date is targeted with completion in about 2 years.

Council has put a lot of energy into where it is today and look forward to the project.

170. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
App 1103-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1103-13 be approved.
CARRIED
Board members of the senior center were acknowledged by council for their hard work and leadership.

171. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:
Convene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the regular Council meeting and convene into Variation Board.
CARRIED
Councillor Henry Siemens declared an interest and left the meeting.

172. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1102-13 be closed.
CARRIED
Applicant Dave Loewen was present
Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. No objectors were present. No objections were received by the Administration Office.

173. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
App 1102-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1102-13 be approved
CARRIED

174. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1104-13 be closed.
CARRIED

175. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
App 1104-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1104-13 be approved.
CARRIED

176. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1105-13 be closed.
CARRIED
Applicant Ben Krahn was present.
Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. No objectors were present. No objections were received by the Administration Office.

177. Herb Dick, Ken J. Wiebe:
App 1105-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1105-13 be approved.
CARRIED

178. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
Reconvene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the Variation Board and reconvene into regular council meeting.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

179. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
FCM WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS FCM's 75th Annual Conference and Trade Show will take place May 31 to June 3, 2013, during which time the Annual General Meeting will be held and followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Winkler endorse Councillor Marvin Plett to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the 2013 - 2014 term.

CARRIED

ADDITIONS

180. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens;
Benefit Plan BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Group Benefit Plan with Western Financial Group Insurance Solutions (GIS) be approved as per AMM Employee Benefit Proposal dated March 25, 2013 effective May 1, 2013.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Chris Sumner asked about the letter from the province. It is in regards to a new subdivision. Clarification regarding the new Community Enhancement fee was given. The fee is per dwelling unit and is applied to the building permit. The reason is to reinvest in the community because of the increase population and make sure the existing population does not have to subsidize growth.

ADJOURN

181. Ken J. Wiebe, Ron Neisteter:
Adjourn BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

8:20pm

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess