

IX Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, May 8th, 2012, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe, Herb Dick, Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen

Media: Chris Sumner - CFAM/CKMW
Allison Friesen - Winkler/Morden Voice
Don Radford - Winkler Times

INVOCATION

Invoc. 201. Councillor Don Friesen read from One Minute Devotion called Thoughts on Turning 60 giving advice on living life for Jesus. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 202. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of May 8, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

Apr 24 min. 203. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 24, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 204. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the petition for special provisions of designated swimming times for females only be received as information and referred to the Recreation Committee.

CARRIED

The petition was well presented to the City Manager. Recommendation will come from the Recreation Committee.

FINANCE

Accounts 205. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$593,427.54 as approved by the Finance Committee as approved for payment.

CARRIED

Hire 206. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler hire seasonal employees as per list attached.

CARRIED

207. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Added tax BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2012 added business tax fees be approved as per attached list.

CARRIED

208. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Cancel tax BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2012 Business Tax cancellations be approved as per attached list.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

209. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
Minutes BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Transportation and Utilities Committee minutes for May 2, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

Utilities shop addition update - is it coming along on budget, size, etc? Did we originally have an office area slated? No, that will have to be brought to council.

210. Herb Dick, Marvin Plett:
PVWC BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Board minutes for April 27, 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

211. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
MB Hydro BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following street lighting projects to be installed by Manitoba Hydro:

Orion Lane, between lots 6 & 7, 14 & public walkway, Block 2
Escalade Cres, between lots 7 & 8, 10 & 11, 13, & 14, NE corner of lot 8, Block 2
Chevy Drive, across from lot 37, Block 1, Escalade Crescent
Gemstone Dr, 4 lights along N side of lot 4, 1 light along N side of lot 2, Block 1
Pearl Street, between lots 4 & 5, 8 & 9, Block 3
Opal Street, between lots 12 & 13, 16 & 17, Block 3
Commander Drive, 4 lights, 1 light at SW corner of Roblin Blvd E intersection
Roblin Blvd E, 5 lights.

CARRIED

HEALTH & WELFARE

212. Herb Dick, Ron Neisteter:
Morden Vet BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Morden Veterinary Services District Board minutes for April 16, 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

- Total budget for the year is less than \$60,000 and \$4,000 of that are audit fees. The Secretary Treasurer is trying to find out if an audit is necessary every year.
- Special equipment grant for the vet board is going to be discontinued.

PLANNING

213. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
MSTW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MSTW Planning District Building Development Report to March 31, 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

214. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Plan. Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Committee minutes for May 3, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

215. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2069-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zoning By-Law No. 2069-12 be read a first time.

CARRIED

RECREATION & CULTURE

216. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
Golf Course BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Golf Course Board minutes for April 26, 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

217. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
Skate Park WHEREAS, the Council has approved \$250,000 to construct a skate park with the intention of the Winkler Skate Lot Committee fundraising matching funds;

AND WHEREAS the Winkler Skate Lot Committee is continuing to generate strong support through fundraising efforts in the community;

AND WHEREAS Council is satisfied that fundraising efforts by the Winkler Skate Lot Committee continues to generate a significant contribution to the project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler approve the expenditure of \$250,000 from General Reserve for skate park construction, as approved in the 2012 Financial Plan, in addition to donations received from Winkler Skate Lot Committee fundraising and remove the condition of matching funds to initiate the project.

CARRIED

Eric Dueck & Phil Tripp were present.

Mayor Harder commented that \$250,000 plus the land is a significant contribution from the City and the committees fundraising efforts are not going unnoticed. \$100,000 is being contributed from Triple E and Pineridge Estates. The new name will be Pineridge Sports Fields and Pineridge Skate Park. Construction will start in spring of 2013. Today over \$400,000 has been committed to the project thus far.

Eric Dueck thanked everyone who has supported the project from the start with ideas, financial contributions, time and effort. The major donation gives them the

ability to start the design process and construction. They will continue fundraising to meet the goal and are very pleased with the news.

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

218. Chamber of Commerce Strategic Plan Budget

- Chamber president Kenton Doerksen presented on the past year in review.
- Treasurer Ryan Hildebrand presented the budget for the Chamber.
- Brenda Storey outlined some key result areas of the strategic plan.
 - Affinity Program
 - 69 businesses enrolled in group insurance.
 - Mentor Students – youth on executive. The Chamber has had Co-op Ed students for the last 5 years.
 - Courses available to fill the needs of various businesses.
- In the future the Chamber wants to provide value in membership. They are looking at adding a marketing type person to take on that role.
- Kenton announced the retirement of Brenda Storey in November. They are looking at revisiting the roles at the Chamber and for opportunities to serve and support the business community.
- Mayor Harder asked if they would be in favor of a brainstorming session with council to come up with a game plan together. The Chamber will initiate the meeting.
- Mayor Harder thanked the Chamber on behalf of council for presenting and the contribution they make to the city.

219. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Conditional Use Application No. 1071-12 be now closed.

CARRIED

220. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

App. 1071-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1071-12 be approved.

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.

221. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:

Convene BE IT RESOVLED THAT Council adjourn the regular Council meeting and convene into Variation Board.

CARRIED

222. Herb Dick, Henry Siemens:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Variation Application No. 1072-12 be now closed.

CARRIED

223. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
App. 1072-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1072-12 be approved.

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.

224. Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe:
Reconvene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the Variation Board and reconvene into regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

225. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
App. 1069-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1069-12 be approved.

CARRIED

Public hearing was held on April 24, 2012.

ADDITIONS

226. PVDC Update

- Councillor Dick received from a letter from the General Manager regarding the future of PVDC. Total funding is \$66,000 which is half the corporation's budget. PVDC is unable to maintain staffing and services.
- PVDC supports small business, business planning resources, regional investment portal website, creation of regional publication, etc.
- They require funding to continue and a few options were presented.
- Would council consider making a onetime contribution and increase the contribution annually? Do you see a future for PVDC?
- The letter will be received as information for now and council will generate ideas.
- The City office has received calls from the Premier's office who is suggesting PVDC's function is being taken care of through MAFRI.
- PVDC is run by local reps of council and the focus is internal. It's too late to wait until the Central AMM meetings to deal with the issue so it will be up to the communities to come up with a structure for a central organization.
- CDC is a contributing program to the benefit of Manitobans and the province is cutting it off. Councillor Dick commented that the letter was only received a week ago after 4 months into the season and it would have been nice to be aware of this in November so they could have prepared.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Chris Sumner asked about the Manitoba road project. What is the project being delayed to 2013? The road blew out last year but that didn't happen this year so it's postponed.

ADJOURN

227. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:

Adjourn
7:52pm

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA

228. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:

Personnel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Personnel Committee minutes for May 2, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess