

XIV Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, July 9th, 2013 commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen, Herb Dick, Marvin Plett, City Manager Dave Burgess and Kathy Bueckert

Media: Allison Friesen – Winkler/Morden Voice

INVOCATION

Invoc. 320. Councillor Ron Neisteter read the invocation titled Accepting Our Flat Sides. It spoke about the different types of people, introverts and extroverts and how knowing our strengths and weaknesses can help us to function effectively with others.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 321. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of July 9, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

ADOPT MINUTES

June 25 Min. 322. Marvin Plett, Ken Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 25, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 323. Received for Information
Minister of Local Government – Response to PST Inquiry
City of Morden - Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility
AMM – Thank you letter for hosting June District Meeting

FINANCE

Accounts 324. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$704,687.91 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Seasonal 325. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following seasonal employees be hired:

Brad Hamm	Public Works	July 2/13	Category I
Cassidy Wall	Public Works	July 2/13	Category I
Kevin Neufeld	Public Works	July 4/13	Category II + 3 yrs

CARRIED

326. Ron Neisteter, Ken Wiebe:
New Hire BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sherisa Dyck be hired as seasonal help for the Water Treatment Plant effective July 2, 2013 at Category I + I yr.

Sherisa worked for the Water Treatment plant last year and they are excited to have her back.

327. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Sub. Assess. BE IT RESOLVED THAT supplementary assessments be added to the 2013 tax roll as per attached list.

CARRIED

328. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Canc. Taxes BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2013 Cancelled assessment/taxes be approved as per attached list.

CARRIED

329. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
RBC C.Card BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve an increase in credit limit on the City of Winkler RBC Visa Avion Credit Card from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

CARRIED

POLICE & FIRE

330. Ken Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
Fire Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT June 2013 Winkler Fire Report be received for information.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

331. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:
PVWC BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Meeting Minutes of June 28th, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED

Projected minimum increase of 10% for next year was noted.

Some concerns were discussed about the lack of a reserve fund for the water co-op. Johan sent a letter to the PVWC inquiring after the future rates. No answer has yet been received but is expected in July. Johan has been in contact with other organizations such as MB Water Stewardship and is being told another model may need to be done on the aquifer. A consultant would need to be hired to do this.

Mayor Harder expressed his appreciation for all the work that has gone into this already.

WASTE & RECYCLING

332. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
SWAMP BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SWAMP meeting minutes of June 12, 2013 be received for information.
CARRIED
Ron commented that things are going smoothly.

HEALTHY & WELFARE

333. Ken Wiebe, Don Friesen:
Health Board BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winkler & District Health Care Board Inc. Meeting minutes of June 20, 2013 be received for information.
CARRIED
More doctors are on the way. 4 exam rooms are being remodeled into offices.

PLANNING

Don Friesen declared an interest and left the Meeting for the following resolution.
334. Ken Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
BL 2101-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zoning By-Law 2101-13 be given a First Reading.
CARRIED

335. Ken Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Plan. Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Minutes of July 4, 2013 be adopted.
CARRIED

336. Ken Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
App. 2102-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2102-13 to close Public Reserve Land part of Public Reserve A, Lot 1, Plan 43825 be read a first time.
CARRIED

Property line was determined in such a way that property will be available on both sides of the drainage ditch. There is a company interested in it for corporate offices and it will either be put to a price sale or opened up for proposals.

RECREATION & CULTURE

337. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
Rec Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Recreation and Tourism Meeting minutes of June 14th, 2013 be adopted.
CARRIED
The piano hammers are being replaced over the summer.

338. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
W.A.C BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Councillor Don Friesen to serve as Council representative on the Winkler Arts & Culture Centre Board for the initial term of one year to expire October 31, 2014.

CARRIED

The City of Winkler will be doing receipting for fundraising donations and needs to appoint a City Representative in order to do so.

339. Don Friesen, Herb Dick:
W.A.C BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre project transforming the former water tower and water treatment building on Park Street into a modern art gallery and cultural centre.
AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the provision of a letter of support from the City of Winkler for this project and provide the service of receiving and receipting donations for the project with funds to be held in reserve for the W.A.C.

CARRIED

Discussion took place on whether this is premature.

In order for WAC to apply for funding they must have a letter of support from the City. If there is not money in the bank, we have not given away our right to reclaim.

Pledges will be taken at this time but funds will only be accepted once the project is confirmed.

This is different than the Skatepark as a stay of execution was given for that, not letter of support.

There is always some risk involved with pledges as people can always back out.

DELEGATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

340. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Conditional Use Application No. 1121-13 be closed.

CARRIED

Change in zoning is from MG to construct industrial planned unit development.

341. Ken Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
App 1121-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1121-13 be approved.
CARRIED

The plan is to construct several units. This was not possible in the other zoning.
A Development Agreement will be drawn up by the Planning Department.

342. Don Friesen, Ken Wiebe:
Pub Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Conditional Use Application No.
1120-13 be closed.
CARRIED

343. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:
App. 1120-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1120-13 be approved.
CARRIED

344. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
Var. Board BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the regular Council meeting and
convene into Variation Board.
CARRIED

345. Ken Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1124-13
be closed.
CARRIED

346. Henry Siemens, Ken Wiebe:
App. 1124-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1124-13 be approved.
CARRIED
This is a duplex property. No complaints or inquiries have been received.

347. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1119-13
be closed.
CARRIED
This variation is consistent with others that have been approved.

348. Henry Siemens, Ken Wiebe:
App. 1119-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1119-13 be approved.
CARRIED

349. Ken Wiebe, Don Friesen:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1123-13
be closed.
CARRIED

350. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:
App. 1123-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1123-13 be approved.
CARRIED

This is for offices and will not be an intrusion to surrounding businesses. No calls or inquiries have been received.

351. Ken Wiebe, Ron Neisteter:
Adj. Var. Brd. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the Variation Board and reconvene into regular Council Meeting.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA

Dave advised Council that Golden West Radio sent an email apologizing for not being able to send a representative to tonight's meeting.

ADJOURN

352. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
Adjourn 7:25 pm BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess