

XXII Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick, Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen.

Media: Chris Sumner - CFAM/CKMW  
Peter Cantelon - Morden/Winkler Voice  
Don Radford - Winkler Times

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### INVOCATION

Invoc. 589. Councillor Herb Dick read about important values that we learn over the years. He then led in prayer.

### ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 590. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of November 16, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

Nov 8 min. 591. Ken J. Wiebe, Ron Neisteter:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 8, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

### CORRESPONDENCE

592. Mayor Harder - Ukraine presentation  
The Mayor shared his experience in the Ukraine as part of the FCM program

- Kiev is running into problems being so close to the Russian border, remnants of Russia are still prominent there.
- They want to get the municipalities together and look at the practices that we have used in order to achieve the economic development that is going on in our community and to look at our government process.
- A development permit can take 2 years to process in the Ukraine but if you have enough cash it can be reduced to 3-5 months.
- Taxation is based on income taxes and businesses taxes. Central government distributes the funds to the Oblast and they decide which communities to distribute to. In the end, a municipality will get about 25% of their revenue back.
- Novyj Rozdil is a community of 29,000 people but once had 35,000 residents. The town was set up specifically to mine sulfur in the Soviet era. There was enough sulfur to be extracted for 100 years, they ran out in 40 and left the community with nothing.
- Since the town was established 59 years ago, there has been almost no money spent to improve it.

- Mayor Harder was the first foreign dignitary to visit Novyj Rozdil in 14 years and their Mayor, staff and school did a great job of welcoming him.
- What do they diversify with? Without mining what do they do for work? There are some jobs outside of the community. They survive on very little. The average salary is 3000 hryvnia = \$375 CAD.
- This drives Ukrainians to do business under the table and because of that, municipalities don't have funds to improve the infrastructure.

### FINANCE

593. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
- Accounts BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$311,693.55 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.  
CARRIED
594. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
- Financials BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statements to the end of October 31, 2011 be adopted.  
CARRIED
595. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
- Bonus BE IT RESOLVED THAT employee Christmas bonuses be approved as per list attached.  
CARRIED
596. Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen:
- Hire BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the hiring of Richard Paetzold to the position of Fire Chief effective January 3, 2012 at Level 14 Step 3.  
CARRIED

### TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

597. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
- B/L 2034-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2034-11, as amended, be read a second time.  
CARRIED
598. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
- B/L 2034-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2034-11 be read a third time and finally passed.  
CARRIED
599. Don Friesen, Herb Dick:
- B/L 2035-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2035-11, as amended, be read a second time.  
CARRIED

600. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:  
B/L 2035-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2035-11 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

601. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:  
B/L 2036-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2036-11, as amended, be read a second time.

CARRIED

602. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:  
B/L 2036-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2036-11 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

603. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:  
B/L 2037-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2037-11, as amended, be read a second time.

CARRIED

604. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:  
B/L 2037-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2037-11 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

605. Don Friesen, Herb Dick:  
B/L -2038-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2038-11, as amended, be read a second time.

CARRIED

606. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:  
B/L -2038-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2038-11 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

### PLANNING

607. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:  
Land Sale BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the sale of 530 Embassy Drive to Protec Plumbing and Heating Ltd. for the sum of \$44,000.00 with the GST to be self assessed.

CARRIED

- Protec will build a building within a 2 year period.
- Do you know the square footage of the building he's in right now? Around 6000 sq ft with 10 employees and growing. They need parking space, space for materials and another building.

- Are we asking to amalgamate the properties? It would be an abnormal shaped lot.
- Can he resell the property? After 1 year with a building he can, if he doesn't build within 2 years the city has the right to the property.

**RECREATION & CULTURE**

608. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:

Concert Hall BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports an application to the Cultural Spaces Fund for \$10,000 towards an acoustical upgrade at the PW Enns Centennial Concert Hall with Deb Penner to be the signing authority on the application.

CARRIED

- This is to approve sending the application for the grant.
- There is a lot of support for acoustic upgrades.
- An expert was brought in to give advice on the acoustics. The initial thought was that it would cost a lot for the upgrades but it will be quite a bit less than we thought.
- If the \$10,000 grant is approved, that will pay for most of it.
- Councillor Dick added that the Pride and Prejudice play averaged over 250 people per performance, it was well done.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

609. Dates to Remember

610. Proclamation for Christmas Cheerboard Days

**ADJOURN**

611. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:

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

7:12pm

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA**

612. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:

Committee BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

613. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:

Reg. Council BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the Committee of the Whole and reconvene into regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

614. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:  
Compost BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve Penner Waste Inc to process compost for the City of Winkler at a cost of \$20,000 plus annual cost-of-living increases. We also approve the 3 year extension allowed in the present contract, add another optional 3 years and drop the dumpster tipping fees he has been collecting on behalf of the City of Winkler.

CARRIED

615. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:  
Adjourn BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

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Mayor Martin Harder

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City Manager Dave Burgess