

IX Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, April 23, 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, Police Chief Rick Hiebert and Tracy Friesen

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

INVOCATION

Invoc. 197. Councillor Ken J. Wiebe read a portion from Winning with People by John C. Maxwell. Having the right attitude is better than winning the argument. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 198. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of April 23, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

Apr 9 Min. 199. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 9, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCE

Accounts 200. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$458,263.49 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Salary 201. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a salary increase for Anna Fehr, Administration Custodian, from Level 1 Step 2 to Level 1 Step 3 effective April 26, 2013 after completing 2080 regular hours.

CARRIED

Salary 202. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a salary increase for Eduard Kuhn, maintenance worker, from Level 3 Step 1 to Level 3 Step 2 effective April 10, 2013.

CARRIED

203. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Financials BE IT RESOLVED THAT Interim Financial Statements to March 31st, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

POLICE & FIRE

204. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
Police Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2013 First Quarter Report of the Winkler Police Service be received as information.

CARRIED

Police Chief Rick Hiebert reported on this quarter's numbers.

- 45% decrease in crime from last year's number in criminal code.
- Mayor Harder passed on compliments to the Police Dept staff on behalf of council.
- It was asked if there was a growing concern for the number of domestic cases involving kids. There is a concern but the domestic issues are mostly a reoccurrence of one person.
- There has been a steady increase in hit and run incidents and MPI's penalties have become harsher. What is the criterion for a hit and run? It is the fact that a person left the scene of the accident, not the dollar value of the damage.

205. Winkler Police Station Expansion Progress Report
Director of Engineering and Water Resources Johan Botha reported on the updated progress of the police station expansion.

- Could the completion date be pushed back even farther? It shouldn't be. Johan complimented Police Chief Rick Hiebert on his assistance in catching details and making his work easier.

206. Winkler Police Board Meeting dates
Public notice for the meeting dates was read aloud and will be posted in the paper.

PLANNING

207. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2096-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2096-13 to amend Section 47.0, Secondary Suites, of Zoning By-Law NO. 1938-08 be given first reading.

CARRIED

Allows a secondary suite in an owner occupied home, not intended for secondary suites to be added to rental properties.

The community enhancement fee will not be applied to these permits because of the square footage and for promotion of the idea.

208. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:
B/L 2077-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2077-12 to close a Municipal Road and authorize the sale of land be given first reading.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

209. Community Futures Heartland Presentation

Ken Reimer, General Manager

- Community Futures is a national program that is federally funded
- Each office runs as an independent non-profit organization.
- Objectives are to stimulate economic growth, assist and maintain employment, business and strategic planning and repayable business loans.
- Helped create 37 jobs in the last year
- Hold training seminars including a 3 day business start seminar in this region.
- Self employment program. If a person goes on EI, as soon as they start making money their EI is cut back. Under this program, CF helps with a business plan, cash flow and monitors the business for the year while EI benefits continue.

210. Don Friesen,

B/L 2093-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Zoning By-Law No. 2093-13 be now 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.

211. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:

B/L 2093-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zoning By-Law No. 2093-13 be read a second time.

CARRIED

212. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:

B/L 2093-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zoning By-Law No. 2093-13 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED

213. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Conditional use Application No. 1109-13 be closed.

CARRIED

Applicant Katherine Myer was present

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214. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

App 1109-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1109-13 be approved.

CARRIED

Councillor Don Friesen declared an interest and left the meeting.

215. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Conditional Use Application No. 1107-13 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.

216. Ken J. Wiebe, Herb Dick:

App 1107-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1107-13 be approved.

CARRIED

217. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Conditional Use Application No. 1101-13 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.

218. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:

App 1101-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1101-13 be approved.

CARRIED

219. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:

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

CARRIED

220. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1110-13 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.

Variation is for a sunroom in the back of the house.

Katherine Myer

- Does this set precedence for future variances? No, a decision is often based on opposition from neighboring residences.

Kelly Myer

- Thinks it is a great idea and will help save energy for the residents

221. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

App 1110-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1110-13 be approved.

CARRIED

