

II Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, January 25th, 2011, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett, Herb Dick, Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen.

Media: Peter Cantelon - The Voice
Chris Sumner - CFAM/CKMW

INVOCATION

Invoc. 17. Councillor Don Friesen read a passage from Monday Manna about following Jesus even when we feel ridiculed. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 18. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting of Council be adopted.
CARRIED

Jan 11 min. 19. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 11, 2011 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 20. Received for information.
Chamber of Commerce - upcoming events - AGM Feb. 23rd

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

Chamber 21. Chamber of Commerce - Walter Siemens and Brenda Storey

- Brenda Storey and staff surveyed 100 local businesses
- Walter Siemens reported on the comments made by the businesses that were surveyed.
- Chamber of Commerce has the following recommendations based on the comments:
 - o 64/100 individuals commented on the need for a Multipurpose Center to hold trade shows, indoor pool, running track, banquet hall, etc. Would like to see it as a regional center.
 - o Hwy 32/traffic in general - concerns were the Tim Hortons parking lot, truck route to reduce the heavy truck traffic from using the regular streets, better turning lanes by Southland Mall, proper signage for no U-turns, more parking at the medical center.
 - o Shopping - more clothing & shoe stores, better sidewalks crossing Hwy 32 to the box stores, respect for handicap parking spaces, better

retail customer service, Southland Mall needs a wow factor, public transit system.

- Business growth and mentorship to businesses, airport location and size, larger or second arena.
- The City should set up a business recycling program & E-waste - it was noted that there is an E-waste drop off behind Staples, trade shows are needed, list of transportation facilities, necessary infrastructure to attract businesses, new food services for the industrial park, more training for businesses, more youth involvement in city planning events.
- Technology - slow internet service, more affordable housing, increase day care operations, better complex for seniors, more activities for youth, training in customer service ie. RRC needs to expand local programs, marketing & networking
- There is a need to educate local businesses on what the City is doing.
- Chamber will take recommendations and see what corrections can be made. Improvement suggestions have decreased since the last phase.
- Business leaders that were surveyed will have a debriefing and orientation next week.

POLICE & FIRE

22. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:

Police Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Police Committee minutes of January 18, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

23. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:

Police Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winkler Police Service report to December 31, 2010 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

- Police Chief Rick Hiebert reported on school presentations by Cst. Arnie Klassen and the Police Service Dog Tika showing the kids disciplinary tricks with the dog, talking about drugs and detection skills.
- Feb. 1/11 - Mayor & members of Council will meet with Minister Ron Lemieux regarding general funding for police & fire protective services.

24. Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen:

Fire Agree. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Protection Agreement with the RM of Stanley be approved and approve the City Manager & Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

CARRIED

#5a & b - Councillor Herb Dick asked about the building construction being amortized over 25 years. The new PSAAB accounting has a pre-determined depreciation but we are still able to pay it off as fast as we want. City Manager Dave Burgess added that if the funds are out of reserves, it is not borrowing funds and we will get credit for the same interest expense as anything that was borrowed.

WASTE & RECYCLING

25. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:
SWAMP BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the SWAMP Board meeting held December 15, 2010 be accepted as information.
CARRIED

PLANNING

26. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Purchase BE IT RESOLVED THAT the option to purchase Lot 8 Block 1 Plan 43825 as offered by 4608675 Manitoba Ltd. for \$37,000 plus GST be approved.
CARRIED

27. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
B/L 2023-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-11 providing for the sale of Lot 7 Block 1 Plan 43825 to 4608675 Manitoba Ltd. be read a first time (subject to the option to purchase Lot 8)
CARRIED

28. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2023-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-11 providing for the sale of Lot 7 Block 1 Plan 43825 to 4608675 Manitoba Ltd. be read a second time.
CARRIED

29. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Subdiv. BE IT RESOLVED THAT subdivision no. 4463-10-5666 by 2117983 Manitoba Ltd. on Pt. Lot 2, Plan 50399, Lot 3, Block 3 Plan 37790 in the City of Winkler be approved.
CARRIED

FINANCE

30. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Accounts BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$662,343.62 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.
CARRIED

31. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Policy Man. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Policy Manual Page B-17, Seasonal Wage Policy, be amended as attached.
CARRIED

32. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:
Hire BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following casual part-time employee be hired:
Elsie Rempel Concert Hall Ticket Sales \$12.00/hour
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

33. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:

Board of Rev. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Revision for the 2012 assessment consists of members of Council with the Mayor as Chairman and the City Manager as Secretary.

CARRIED

ADDITIONS

34. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:

WCF BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler approve the continuation of the Grant Agreement with the Winkler Community Foundation.

CARRIED

ADJOURN

35. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen:

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

7:40pm

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess