

II Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, January 24th, 2012, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick, Don Friesen, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen.

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

INVOCATION

Invoc. 29. Councillor Ron Neisteter read "Silent Sermon" about a minister who visited an absent member of the congregation. His silent presence was the sermon the man needed. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 30. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of January 24, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

Jan 10 min. 31. Herb Dick, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 10, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 32. Received for information.
Historic Award nominations
MB Water Stewardship - 2011 annual audit report
Manitoba Winter Games Bid Thank You Letter

FINANCE

Accounts 33. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$688,846.97 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

B/L 2055-12 34. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Borrowing By-Law #2055-12 be read a second time.

CARRIED

B/L 2055-12 35. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Borrowing By-Law #2055-12 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

36. Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter:
Offer BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the offer to purchase 530 Commander Drive by Johann Kraemer for the sum of \$47,200 plus GST.

CARRIED

37. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Arrears BE IT RESOLVED THAT water and sewer arrears be added to the 2012 tax roll as per attached list.

CARRIED

38. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:
Grant Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2011 Year End Grant Report be received as information.

CARRIED

39. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Tax Sale BE IT RESOLVED THAT we set 2011 as the designated year for which properties in tax arrears will be offered for sale by tax sale auction.

CARRIED

The designated year has to be set as 2011 so anything owing since 2010 will be in arrears. Are there any? A short list and small amounts.

40. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
Sale BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the sale of 560 Embassy Drive to Mr. Bill Peters for the sum of \$53,069 plus GST.

CARRIED

41. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Hire BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jacob Wiens be hired as Maintenance I Utility Worker, effective January 3, 2012, with six months probation and salary Level 3 Step 2.

CARRIED

42. Herb Dick, Henry Siemens:
License fee BE IT RESOLVED THAT the license fee for a home based business be set at \$75.00 per year effective February 1, 2012.

CARRIED

Comparisons were done across the province and our fee is very low, common fees are over \$100.

43. Herb Dick, Ron Neisteter:
License fee BE IT RESOLVED THAT the license fee for a non-resident business license be set at \$300.00 per year effective February 1, 2012.

CARRIED

Mayor Harder declared an interest and left the meeting during the following 2 resolutions. Deputy Mayor Henry Siemens chaired.

44. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:

Rescind BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motion E-6 of January 10, 2012 be rescinded.
CARRIED
The wording was incorrect; it should have said expense instead of allowance.
The amounts have not changed.

45. Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter:
Claims BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor of the City of Winkler is authorized to submit monthly expense claims for vehicle expenses and a communications device up to a maximum of \$150 and \$100 respectively.
CARRIED
Mayor Harder returned to the meeting.

POLICE & FIRE

46. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
Fire Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Committee minutes for January 18, 2012 be adopted.
CARRIED

47. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:
Police Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Police Committee minutes for January 17, 2012 be adopted.
CARRIED

48. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
Winkler Fire BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the November 28, 2011 revised General Operating Guidelines Manual for the Winkler Fire Rescue.
CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

49. Herb Dick, Ron Neisteter:
B/L 2054-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Water & Sewer Rate By-Law No. 2054-12 be read a second time.
CARRIED
Councillor Dick mentioned that there is a resident who has talked to staff and councilors regarding an excessive water bill because a tap was left on. If we were to discount everything above our cost, there wouldn't be much to give back.

50. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
B/L 2054-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Water and Sewer Rate By-Law No. 2054-12 be read a third and final time.
CARRIED

51. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
Mountain Av BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve micro-surfacing Mountain Ave from 1st Street to 15th Street for an estimated \$260,000, in 2012, pending Grant-In-Aid funding.
CARRIED

PLANNING

52. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Plan. Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Committee minutes for January 11, 2012 be adopted.
CARRIED

RECREATION & CULTURE

53. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
Bethel Park BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bethel Heritage Park Committee minutes of November 3, 2011 be received as information.
CARRIED
Councillor Siemens commented on sending a Thank You letter from the Mayor to the individuals of the committee.

54. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:
Conc. Hall BE IT RESOLVED THAT Concert Hall/Promotions Committee minutes of November 3, 2011 be adopted.
CARRIED
- Harvest Festival – the rodeo will be replaced by something different but very enjoyable, due to circumstances in the rodeo circuit.
- Rankin Family concert was a success.

55. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
Golf Course BE IT RESOLVED THAT Golf Course Board minutes of December 29, 2011 be received as information.
CARRIED

56. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
Rec Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT Recreation Committee minutes for January 20, 2012 be adopted.
CARRIED
The dog park will not be in the budget for 2012 partly because there are only 60 licensed dogs in the community, which is very low.

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

Mayor Harder declared an interest and left the meeting during the following 4 resolutions. Deputy Mayor Henry Siemens chaired.

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

58. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Variation Application No. 1060-11 be now closed.
CARRIED

- John Schmidt & business partner were present
- Variation is for a 110 ft tower, maximum is 75 feet. Wish to put 4 turbines on the tower to produce power for the plant.
- What is the diameter? Each turbine will be 9 feet in diameter.
- Dennis Funk of Realstone Masonry was present, he is the land neighbor. He asked if the turbines will make a lot of noise. There is very little noise from vertical turbines; the ones east of town are horizontal. V-bines turbines are low RPM so the noise is very minimal. They have a noise study available.

59. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:

App. 1060-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1060-11 be approved.

CARRIED

Public Notice has been advertised and circulated as required under The Planning Act. No objections have been received by the Administration office and no objectors were present.

60. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:

Reconvene BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn the Variation Board and reconvene into regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

61. Lymphedema Awareness Day Proclamation -
March 6th of every year

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Chris Sumner asked how much a dog license is? \$25 per year.
Chris also asked if the \$260,000 Grant-in-Aid is the total cost of the project? Grant-in-Aid is up to 50% but it hasn't gone over \$100,000. Are there any other Grant-in-Aid applications in the works? This is the only one.

ADJOURN

62. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:

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

7:23pm

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess