

XX Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, October 25th, 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, Police Chief Rick Hiebert and Tracy Friesen.

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

INVOCATION

Invoc. 534. Councillor Henry Siemens read a story called "The Sound of the Forrest". Hearing the unheard is a sign of a good leader. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 535. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of October 25, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

Oct 11 min. 536. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 11, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCE

Accounts 537. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$961,716.85 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Financials 538. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statements to the end of September 30, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

B/L 2051-11 539. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Local Improvement District By-Law No. 2051-11 be read a first time.

CARRIED

Audit Report 540. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council table the auditor's report for 2010 to be brought forward for the November 8, 2011 meeting.

CARRIED

541. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Salary BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a salary increase for Jen Thiessen, Planning Department Administrative Assistant/By-Law Enforcement Officer, from Level 10 Step 2 to Level 11 Step 3 effective October 15, 2011.
CARRIED

542. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Road Costs WHEREAS, the budget approved for expenditures from Industrial Land Reserve in 2011 is \$180,000;

AND WHEREAS, total costs of construction on Embassy Drive and Roblin Blvd. East exceed the budgeted amount by approximately \$50,000;

AND WHEREAS, land sales revenue exceeds the budgeted amount by approximately \$156,000;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve payment of Invoice #9230 in the amount of \$48,671.95 to Maple Leaf Construction Ltd., for "A" Base, from Industrial Land Reserve and offset by land sale revenues.
CARRIED

543. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Policy BE IT RESOLVED THAT Policy Manual Page A-25, GIS Data Fees, be added as attached.
CARRIED

544. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Arrears BE IT RESOLVED THAT water and sewer arrears be added to the 2011 tax roll as per attached list.
CARRIED

545. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Cancel Tax BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2011 Business Tax be cancelled as per attached listing.
CARRIED

546. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Funds Trsf BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$33,144 be transferred from the General Fund 2010 accumulated surplus to the General Reserve Fund.
CARRIED

POLICE & FIRE

547. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:
Police Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT Police Committee minutes of October 18, 2011 be adopted.
CARRIED

548. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:
Police Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winkler Police Service 2011 Third Quarter Report be received as information.

CARRIED

- Mayor Harder commented on 113 highway traffic act offenses - what is the percentage that stays with the City versus what goes to the Province? Around 45-50%. A lot of overtime hours for officers are related to traffic court. Can the ratio be looked at again? It's very expensive to follow up on traffic violations.
- Councillor Dick asked about the number of cell phone tickets given out. More people tend to use cell phones on the highway so officers set up on Hwy 14 one afternoon. They wrote 11 tickets but not one was for cell phones.

549. Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen:
Fire Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT Fire Committee minutes for October 12, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

- Forrest fire update - do we know if the province reimburses us for participation? Our guys were asked to volunteer and they stepped up to the plate. They are used for tough situations because of the training that they have. Mayor Harder recommended that the City write a letter of appreciation to those that responded.

PLANNING

550. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
Permits BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2011 Building Permit Report for January 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011 be received as information.

CARRIED

551. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2053-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Plan No. 45959 MLTO on By-Law No. 2053-11 be corrected to read Plan No. 45989 MLTO.

CARRIED

552. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Subdivision BE IT RESOLVED THAT Subdivision No. 4463-11-5738 by Garry W. & Patricia M Suderman/Benjamin & Elisa Wiens on Pt. Lot 10 & Lot 11, Block C, Plan 147 in SE ¼ 4-3-4W in the City of Winkler be approved with the condition that each site created shall be for one attached single-family dwelling unit only.

CARRIED

RECREATION & CULTURE

553. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:
Conc. Hall BE IT RESOLVED THAT Concert Hall/Promotions Committee minutes of October 17, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

554. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:
Convene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the regular Council meeting convene into Variation Board.

CARRIED

555. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Variation Application No 1050-11 be now closed.

CARRIED

556. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
App. 1050-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1050-11 be approved.

CARRIED

557. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Variation Application No. 1053-11 be now closed.

CARRIED

- Applicants David & Elizabeth Hoepfner and their neighbor were present.
- The house is at an angle so only one corner is not a 25 ft setback.
- They have talked to all their neighbors and there were no objections.
- Councillor Siemens commended them on talking to their neighbors first.

558. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
App. 1053-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1053-11 be approved.

CARRIED

559. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
Reconvene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the Variation Board and reconvene into regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURN

560. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
Adjourn BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council be adjourned.

7:10pm

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess