

VIII Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, April 9, 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, City Manager Dave Burgess, and Kathy Bueckert

Regrets: Councillor Marvin Plett

Media: Chris Sumner – CFAM/CKMW
Allison Friesen – Winkler/Morden Voice

INVOCATION

Invoc. 182. Mayor Martin Harder read the invocation from Proverbs 25:1-15. The Wisdom of Solomon and how it reminds us that we are servants and have an obligation to make wise decisions.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 183. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of April 9, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

Mar. 26 Min. 184. Ken Wiebe, Herb Dick:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 26, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCE

Accounts 185. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$594,833.23 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Impact Study 186. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler enter into an agreement with MNP LLP for consulting services on the impact study for the proposed multi-use exhibition hall and multi-turf arena.

Submission quotes received after contacting six companies to solicit interest:

MPN LLP – Professional fees - \$19,000 plus expenses and applicable taxes. Expenses include administrative expenses at 5% of total professional fees.

Stantec – Professional fees - \$34,524 plus expenses of \$3,452.40 for an overall project cost of \$37,976.40 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

These quotes were based on the same information and services. Dave contacted 7 companies and did not receive submissions from all of them. This is very specific work and many companies aren't able to do it. Dave has firsthand knowledge of MNP LLP previous work and in his experience they are very thorough.

187. Henry Siemens, Ken Wiebe:
Tax Levy BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tax Levy 2095-13 be read a third & final time.
CARRIED

188. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
New Hire BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler hire James Wiebe for the permanent full time position of Public Works Operator I, effective May 1, 2013, salary at Level 3 Step 2.

POLICE & FIRE

189. Ken Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
Fire Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winkler Fire Department report of March 2013 be received as information.
CARRIED

It's been a very quiet year for the fire department, despite the cold winter.

A letter complimenting the Department was received from the owner of the apartment complex next door after the fire on 2nd street several weeks ago.

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

190. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
Waterworks BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SWAMP Meeting minutes of March 20, 2013 be received for information.
CARRIED

SWAMP is looking into new ways to help businesses recycle more.

PLANNING

191. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
Plan. Min. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Committee Minutes of April 4, 2013 be adopted.
CARRIED

192. Henry Siemens, Ken Wiebe:
Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Building Permit Report ending March 31, 2013 be received as information.
CARRIED

193. Ken Wiebe, Don Friesen
Subdivision BE IT RESOLVED THAT proposed subdivision 4463-12-7048 be approved.

194. Henry Siemens, Ken Wiebe
Subdivision BE IT RESOLVED THAT proposed subdivision 4463-12-5848 be approved.
CARRIED

RECREATION & CULTURE

195. Herb Dick, Ken Wiebe
Lib. Fin. Stmt BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2012 South Central Regional Library Financial Statements be received for information.

CARRIED

Herb mentioned that the Chair of the Board is still ill after quite some time. Library is currently operating at a deficit. Herb Dick will look into this and get an answer for the next Council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Allison Friesen asked for the final cost of the Impact Study.
Chris Sumner shared a story of the Winkler Police Department's quick response time to a call regarding some suspicious activity at a construction site that neighbours his property. He expressed his appreciation for the quick attention paid to the matter.

ADJOURN

196. Don Friesen, Herb Dick:
Adjourn BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.
7:00 pm CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess