

VI Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 commencing at 6:30 P.M. in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Deputy Mayor Marvin Plett, Councillors Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens, Don Friesen, Ken Wiebe, City Manager Dave Burgess, Asst. Administrator Barb Dyck and Kathy Bueckert.

Media: Cori Bezan - Winkler/Morden Voice  
Chris Sumner - Goldenwest Radio  
Steve Sukkau - Winkler Times

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**INVOCATION**

Invoc. 117. The invocation was read by Ron Neisteter. Titled the Trapeeze artist. It spoke about how sometimes we have to let go of things for our own good and how anything worthwhile involves risk. He then led in prayer.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Agenda 118. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of March 25, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

Mar.11 min. 119. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 11, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Corres. 120. Received for Information  
GVSD Special Levy 2014  
Minister of Municipal Government letter - subdivision review process  
Minister of Municipal Government letter - Municipal Improvement  
Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation - waste water Treatment Facility & Anticipated funding

**FINANCE**

Accounts 121. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$848,766.04 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

122. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:  
Financials BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Interim Financials ending February 28, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

**POLICE & FIRE**

123. Henry Siemens, Ken Wiebe:  
Pol. Min BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winkler Police Board minutes of March 12, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED

**TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES**

124. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:  
Trans & Util BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Transportation & Utilities Meeting minutes of March 5, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

There have only been 7 frozen pipes in Winkler this winter, with only one still frozen. There is no one without water within the City due to frozen lines. It was felt that publicity on how to prevent frozen lines by leaving taps dripping has been very helpful in preventing this.

125. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:  
Wat. Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Waterworks Report ending March 15, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

**WASTE & RECYCLING**

126. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:  
SWAMP BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SWAMP meeting minutes of March 19, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED

**PLANNING**

127. Henry Siemens, Ken Wiebe:  
Bldg Perm. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2014 Building Permit Report ending February 28, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED

Mayor Harder reported that the Buhler Active Living Centre financing has now confirmed and they are hoping to confirm the contractor next week.

**RECREATION**

128. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:  
Rec Min BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Recreation & Tourism Committee Minutes of March 14, 2014 be adopted.  
CARRIED

129. Don Friesen, Ken Wiebe:  
Golf Club BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Golf Course Board Meeting minutes of February 21, 2014 be received for information.  
CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

130. Ken Wiebe, Henry Siemens:  
Fin. Plan BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the 2014 Financial Plan and capital budget be closed.  
CARRIED

Neil Reimer - received clarification on the Cities contribution to the Buhler Active Living Centre. A similar amount was donated to the Crocus Village and Cedar Estates at the time they were being built.

The Buhler Active Living Centre is a community owned project and taxes will be phased in over 7 years after the occupancy date.

Clarification was given on Fiscal Services and Reserves and that the general reserve can never be less than 20% of the previous year's budget.

Bill Zacharias received clarification on Police & Fire costs and how Winkler compares to other communities of similar size. Total costs for both services are lower than the average.

Henry Siemens stated that an \$80,000/yr federal grant to cover one officer's wages for the past 3 years was not renewed. This shows in the 2014 budget.

131. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen:  
App. Budget BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Plan and capital budget for 2014 be approved.  
CARRIED

132. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:  
Tax Levy BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2121-14 providing for the 2014 Tax Levy be read a first time.

CARRIED

133. Marvin Plett, Ken Wiebe:  
Tax Levy BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2121-14 providing for the 2014 Tax Levy be read a second time.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

134. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:  
B/L 2120-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2120-14, a by-law to regulate business licenses in the City of Winkler, be read a second time.

CARRIED

135. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:  
B/L 2120-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Business Licence By-Law 2120-14 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS**

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC**

**ADJOURN**

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

7:46 pm

CARRIED

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Mayor Martin Harder

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City Manager Dave Burgess