

XVI Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, August 23rd, 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, Assistant Administrator Barb Dyck and Tracy Friesen.

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

INVOCATION

Invoc. 414. Councillor Don Friesen read from The Prayer of Jabez based on 1 Chronicles 4 and also read a passage from a devotional entitled Holy Askers. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 415. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of August 23, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

Aug 9 min. 416. Don Friesen, Herb Dick:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 9, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 417. Received for information.
Letter from Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives
2011 General Assistance Grant - second installment

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

Convene 418. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the regular Council meeting and convene into Variation Board.

CARRIED

Pub. Hearing 419. Ken J. Wiebe, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Variation Application No. 1042-11 be now closed.

CARRIED

App. 1042-11 420. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1042-11 on SE ¼ 9-3-4 WPM (785 Boundary Trail) be approved.

CARRIED

Public notice has been circulated as required under The Planning Act. No objections have been received by the Administration Office. No objectors were present.

A new lot is being created so there needs to be a variation. The area is going to grow into residential or commercial at some point and won't be staying farmland in the long run anyway.

421. Don Friesen, Herb Dick:
Reconvene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the Variation Board and reconvene into regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

422. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
Trans Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of August 16, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

423. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
Utilities Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Utilities Committee meeting of August 16, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

WASTE & RECYCLING

424. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:
SWAMP BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the SWAMP meeting of July 18, 2011 be received as information.

CARRIED

PLANNING

425. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Subdiv. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Subdivision No. 4463-11-5719 for SE ¼ 9-3-4W (785 Boundary Trail) be approved.

CARRIED

The reason for the subdivision is a designation to leave the rest of the land as farm land and subdivide these 2 acres.

426. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
Permit BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve granting permission to issue a relocation/building permit for a 13' x 16' shed from Pembina to 1040 Prairieview Drive.

CARRIED

Will a variation be needed when it is relocated onto Prairieview Dr? Not according to the drawings.

427. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
B/L 2047-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2047-11 providing for the sale of land to Ironmen Industries be read a second time.

CARRIED

428. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
B/L 2047-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2047-11 providing for the sale of land to Ironmen Industries be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

429. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2048-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2048-11 providing for the sale of land to John Giesbrecht, Henry Wall and Pete Dyck be read a second time.

CARRIED

430. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
B/L 2048-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2048-11 providing for the sale of land to John Giesbrecht, Henry Wall and Pete Dyck be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

431. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2043-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT municipal road opening By-Law No. 2043-11 be read a first time.

CARRIED

432. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Plan. Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amended minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of August 16, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

FINANCE

433. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Accounts BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$337,468.90 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

434. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Financials BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Financial Statements of July 31, 2011.

CARRIED

Assistant Administrator Barb Dyck commented that property taxes are coming in steadily and Utilities is in a surplus.

Councillor Plett asked about the low added tax amount. The rest of the added taxes are expected between September 12-15th.

435. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
Salary BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler approve a salary increase for Phil Dueck, Fire Inspector/Public Education Officer, from Level 5 Step 4 to Level 5 Step 5 effective August 16, 2011.

CARRIED

436. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
Salary BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a salary increase for Barb Dyck, Assistant Administrator, from Level 15 Step 4 to Level 16 Step 1 effective September 1, 2011.

CARRIED

Mayor Harder thanked Barb for the wonderful job she has done and helping everything move along smoothly.

437. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Cancel Tax BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2011 Business Tax cancellations be approved as per list attached.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

438. Dates to Remember

Sept. 12 – Master Plan Review at the Fire Hall
Sept. 6-12 – Marvin Plett will be away
Aug. 26-Sept 2 – Ken J. Wiebe will be away
Sept. 18 – 1:45pm – Legion Cenotaph re-dedication
Sept 25 – Cairn dedication for conscientious objectors

439. Proclamation for “Right to Know Week”

Mayor Martin Harder read the proclamation declaring September 26-30, 2011 as “Right to Know Week.”

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Chris Sumner asked if the Sept. 12 Master Plan review includes a public session? The Planning Department will get that information to the media.
The building permit by-law will be coming to council to vote on? Yes.
Is there an anniversary for the Fire Dept. coming up? Yes there will be a public event on Sept. 10th celebrating 105 years.

440. Marvin Plett – Ukraine Delegation

Councillor Plett explained that 4 Economic Planning delegates were visiting from the Ukraine wanting to learn about successes that we have had in Canada. The delegates were given a presentation on FICE and tourism. They seemed interested in the presentations and thought there were a lot of ideas that they can use back in the Ukraine. They have no property taxes in the Ukraine so it’s hard for them to raise money to do things.

Highlights for the delegates:

- Different initiatives that were presented to them.
- Impressed by the number of people that speak Russian in this community.
- They were taken to Elias Woodwork and the whole tour was done in Russian for them.
- George Klassen gave a tour of the Incubator Mall and 2 mechanics spoke Russian as well and interpreted to the English speaking people.

Marvin feels it is a very worthwhile program.

Mayor Harder commented that WSED works together with surrounding municipalities and that is a foreign concept to them.

One of the delegates figured out that Winkler's income base per capita is about \$1000. He told them that his access to funds was \$10 per capita for running a city of about 1 million people. He was awe struck on what Winkler could accomplish such as the Fire Hall, library, etc.

ADJOURN

441. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:

Adjourn
7:20pm

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

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

Asst. Administrator Barb Dyck