

X Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe, Herb Dick, Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen

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

INVOCATION

Invoc. 229. City Manager Dave Burgess read a few inspirational quotes by Edmund Burke. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 230. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of May 22, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

May 8 min. 231. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 8, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 232. Received for Information.
Letter from Central KidSport Committee
Age Friendly Committee meeting notes and report

FINANCE

Accounts 233. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$740,874.12 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Arena 234. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$25,000 be approved for the purchase and installation of skate-tough flooring at the Winkler Arena at 600 Park Street.

CARRIED

Tax Sale 235. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT supplementary Real Property Tax assessments be added to the 2012 tax roll, as per attached list.

CARRIED

236. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Tax Reduct. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Real Property assessment reductions be approved as per attached list.

CARRIED

237. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Added tax BE IT RESOLVED THAT supplementary Business Tax assessments be added to the 2012 Business Tax roll, as per attached list.

CARRIED

238. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Tax Reduct. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Business Tax assessment reductions be approved as per attached list.

CARRIED

239. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
Hire BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mark Wiebe be hired as seasonal maintenance help for the City of Winkler effective May 1, 2012 at Category I + 2 years with a condition that he report to Director of Works Ed Rempel or Recreation Director Hank Hildebrand.

TABLED

Decision will be deferred until the next council meeting June 10, 2012. It is recommended that he be assigned to a different department.

240. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:
Policy BE IT RESOLVED THAT amended Salary Schedule, Policy Manual Page B-30 be adopted to reflect the addition of Level 4.1 for Operator III with Class III Water Treatment Certificate and Class II Wastewater Treatment Certificate.

CARRIED

241. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Financials BE IT RESOLVED THAT the interim financial statements to April 30, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

242. Don Friesen Henry Siemens:
Salary BE IT RESOLVED THAT a salary increase for Kathy Bueckert, Administrative Assistant I, be approved, from Level 10 Step 4 to Level 10 Step 5, effective June 11, 2012.

CARRIED

243. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens
Salary WHEREAS, Tracy Friesen has completed the Public Administration Professionalism course through the University of Alberta;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a salary increase for Tracy Friesen, Administrative Assistant II, be approved, from Level 11 Step 3 to Level 11 Step 5, effective June 3, 2012.

CARRIED

POLICE & FIRE

244. Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen:

Fire Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Committee minutes for May 16, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

WASTE & RECYCLING

245. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:

SWAMP BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SWAMP committee minutes for April 18, 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

Grand opening will be June 13th. Councillor Plett commented that he is excited about the improvements and how it's working.

PLANNING

246. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:

Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Building Permit report to April 30, 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

247. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Zoning application No. 2068-12 be now closed.

CARRIED

Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. A petition opposed to the Zoning application was received by the Administration Office and some objectors were presents.

Applicant Jake Wiebe was present.

- He would like to withdraw the application and proposed project. He has received a lot of complaints and does not want to have any enemies.
- Mr. Wiebe would like to be able to develop a multi family unit on the property (143 3rd St S) and would like to hear what the residents would not be opposed to.

Questions from Council:

- What are the restrictions on a duplex? It would still need to come to council because of rezoning.
- Mayor Harder has appreciated Jake coming in and he is not someone who wants to do something that doesn't fit the neighborhood or upset anyone. Bill Kehler - Royal Cres.
- Voiced his concerns about moving into a quiet neighborhood. He thinks with a multi family dwelling the noise level would be higher and busier. A tall

building would provide too much shade. He thinks 3rd Street isn't prepared to have a heavy traffic load and he would not be for a multi family unit behind their property.

- The proposed project was a 3 storey building, would Mr. Kehler be opposed to any kind of multi family unit such as a duplex or 4-plex? If it's similar to what has already been built in that area such as 55+ or something with less traffic, but he hasn't given that much thought.

248. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT public hearing for Conditional Use application No. 1074-12 be now closed.

CARRIED

Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. No objectors were present. No objections were received by the Administration Office.

Applicant Jacob Giesbrecht was present.

- Mr. Giesbrecht asked for clarification on why this is needed. City Manager Dave Burgess responded that the area is zoned RMA and legally as a residential single family house, there needs to be a conditional use to continue on with more investment.

249.

App 1074-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use application No. 1074-12 be approved.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

250. PVDC Update – Councillor Herb Dick

PVDC has been an organization for 50 years and they have passed a resolution to disband the organization as of June 30, 2012. The Mayor of Emerson stated that he would miss PVDC because it was the only opportunity that they had as a small community to stay in touch with everyone else. The way the organization was dissolved, the 2 people that were working for them should receive a severance. The two individuals will have no problem finding jobs; their skills are being sought after. Mayor Harder thanked Herb Dick on behalf of council for serving on the board and representing this council. The board took pride in how the organization had turned around in the past while and the good things that were happening.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Chris Sumner asked if the June 4th minister meeting is still happening? There could be about 8 people attending. The Fire Agreement for the aerial truck now includes Carman, is that only the Town of Carman, not RM of Dufferin? Yes. Is Carman now part of the mutual aid? Just for the aerial ladder.

ADJOURN

251. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:

Adjourn
7:20pm

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

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess