

II Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 commencing at 6:30 P.M. in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens, Herb Dick, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen

Media: Steve Sukkau - Winkler Times  
Chris Sumner - CKMW/CFAM

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**INVOCATION**

Invoc. 43. Councilor Herb Dick read a column entitled "Enthusiasm, a Key to Success." He then led in prayer.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Agenda 44. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of January 28, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

Jan. 14 min. 45. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 14, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

**FINANCE**

Accounts 46. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$763,427.25 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

B/L 2115-13 47. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2115-13, being a by-law to extend Local Improvement District No. 2 be read a second time.

CARRIED

B/L 2115-13 48. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2115-13 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

Offer 49. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Offer to Purchase Lot 1 Block 4 Plan 43825 for \$79,500.00 plus GST from Faith Mission be accepted.

CARRIED

Faith Mission was operating on Cargill Rd before, the organization is independent of churches. Their main efforts are to gather and ship clothing to the former Soviet Union countries.

50. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:  
Hire BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler hire Lisa Fehr as Police Department Custodian, effective December 9, 2013 at salary Level 1 Step 1.

CARRIED

51. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:  
Asphalt BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Asphalt Overlay of Main Street (Pembina to Stanley Avenue) for an estimated \$102,050.00, pending Grant-In-Aid funding.

CARRIED

Dave will look into the cost of putting an overlay on the City Hall parking lot at the same time.

**POLICE & FIRE**

52. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:  
Dog Licence BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following amendments to Animal Control By-Law 1859-05, Section II, Licences and Licence Tags be approved effective January 29, 2014.

e) The license fee charged for various kinds, species, or breeds, of dogs, owned, possessed or harboured by any person while resident in the City of Winkler, excepting seeing eye and/or companion dogs and any dogs used for police work, shall be: \$35.00/lifetime of the dog.

f) The licence fee hereby imposed shall be due and payable within 30 days of the owner obtaining the dog.

CARRIED

**TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES**

53. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:  
School Zone BE IT RESOLVED THAT school zone speed limits of 30 kilometers per hour be implemented as listed, from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday, and from September 1 to June 30, annually, with a commencement date of May 1, 2014.

Nova Drive to Chevy Drive (Emerado School on Prairieview Dr)  
Alder Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street South (JR Walkof School on Southview Dr)  
Mountain Avenue from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Winkler Elementary School)  
9<sup>th</sup> Street - ½ way down the block from Mountain Ave (WES)  
8<sup>th</sup> Street - ½ way down the block from Mountain Ave (WES)  
Roblin Boulevard from Main Street to Parkland Crescent (G.V. Collegiate and Parkland Elementary)  
Northlands Parkway from PTH 428 to the east of the Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

\*\*The intent is to maintain the 50 km/hr from north of NPC through to the rest of the City.

CARRIED

- Has been great cooperation from the GVSD.
- Councillor Plett commented that he feels very good about the decision to enforce the speed limit during school hours.

54. Herb Dick, Ron Neisteter:

Water Rates WHEREAS, Public Utilities Board has approved a rate increase as applied for by the Pembina Valley Water Co-operative, of \$.68/1000 gallons, effective March 1, 2014;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Winkler purchases approximately 37% of its water from the Pembina Valley Water Co-operative;

AND WHEREAS, the rate increase results in a "pass through" rate increase of \$.25/1000 gallons of water for Winkler consumers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2117-14, being a by-law to provide for establishing water & sewer rates, be read a first time.

CARRIED

55. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:

Arrears BE IT RESOLVED THAT Water & Sewer Arrears be added to the 2014 Tax Roll as per list attached.

CARRIED

#### **RECREATION & CULTURE**

56. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:

Financials BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winkler Centennial Golf Club Unaudited Financial Statements to October 31, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED

- Mayor Harder commented that the Golf Club has been very cognizant of their revenues and expenses despite a 6 week delay with opening last year.
- Corporate contributions increased in 2013.
- The Golf Club expressed their appreciation at the annual meeting for the City's contribution.
- A couple issues they might face: 5 holes left that need renewed greens at \$80,000 per green and new clubhouse discussion.

#### **DELEGATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

57. FCM Report - Marvin Plett

Councillor Plett presented on the 2013 Advocacy Days and Meeting of the Board of Directors.

- Board Representation Nationally - each province has representatives in proportion to population

- Manitoba Members - Don Forfar - Mayor of St. Andrews, Jenny Gerbasi - Councillor from Winnipeg, Marvin Plett - Deputy Mayor Winkler, Erin Hogan - Councillor in Thompson, Doug Dobrowolski - President of AMM.
- Advocacy Days - met with 141 MPs and Senators
- FMC Priorities - Housing, renewing infrastructure fund, railway safety.
- Prairies and Territories Caucus discussions: Pipelines and railways for transportation of resources, Disaster Management, Housing, Wastewater Infrastructure
- Rural Forum discussions: broadband report awaited to support growing user needs in rural communities, housing needs are important, Rail safety for emergency planning and response.
- International Relations - Marvin was appointed to be a governance rep. for Latin America.

**ADJOURN**

58. Herb Dick, Ron Neisteter:

Adjourn  
7:20pm

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

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Mayor Martin Harder

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City Manager Dave Burgess