

VI Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen.

Media: Chris Sumner - CFAM/CKMW
Don Radford - Winkler Times
Peter Cantelon - The Voice

INVOCATION

Invoc. 99. City Manager Dave Burgess read a story entitled "Rewards of Service Above Self" about a young boy who taught the world about unselfish service. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 100. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting of Council be adopted.
CARRIED

Mar. 8 min. 101. Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 8, 2011 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

Pub. Hearing 102. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the 2011 Financial Plan and capital budget be closed.
CARRIED

Questions from the public regarding the 2011 Financial Plan:

- Don Radford asked about the transfers to reserves and where the remainder is going to? Utilities.
- Kurt Reimer asked what the holdup is on Highway 32? The Minister and Department of Highways. According to MIT, it is not in the 5 year plan. Previous council was dealing with the Minister about this issue and the City has completed work such as off site drainage in preparation.
- What can citizens do to help enhance the City's lobbying to the province? They can call the Minister, lobby, and encourage council to keep talking to the Minister.
- What stops the City from putting lights up at Pembina and Hwy 32? The City looked at putting temporary lights there but because of the cost the province won't allow it.

- What is the \$2 million capital expenditure? Streets & roads, Parks & Rec - new spray park, police equipment, Heritage Park, new RO plan equipment, etc.
- How much money goes into the Police Department? About \$2 million. Does that go towards preventing crime? There will be a Community Resource Officer who will work with schools and seniors to address crime prevention. Other prevention initiatives include the COP program with about 20 to 30 citizens helping, Youth Justice Committee, good employment rate and a solid variety of recreation activities. Councillor Ron Neisteter commented that the best way to prevent crime is community involvement.
- Kurt Reimer asked what's included in the \$234,000 for the Heritage Park? That is interim financing, not expense to the City.

103. Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe:

Budget BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Plan and capital budget for 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

104. Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter:

Convene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the regular Council meeting and convene into Variation Board.

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder disclosed a personal interest and withdrew from the meeting during discussion and voting.

105. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for variation application No. 1027-11 be closed.

CARRIED

106. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:

App. 1027-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve variation application No. 1027-11.

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.

107. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for variation application No. 1028-11 be closed.

CARRIED

108. Ken J. Wiebe, Ron Neisteter:

App. 1028-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the variation application No. 1028-11.

CARRIED

Applicant Lena Wall was present.

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

109. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
Re-convene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the Variation Board meeting and reconvene into regular Council meeting.
CARRIED

WASTE & RECYCLING

110. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
SWAMP BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Solid Waste Management Project Board (SWAMP) meeting of Feb. 23, 2011 be received as information.
CARRIED

HEALTH & WELFARE

111. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen:
S&H BE IT RESOLVED THAT Safety & Health Committee minutes of March 16, 2011 be adopted.
CARRIED

PLANNING

112. Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen:
Employment BE IT RESOLVED THAT Stephanie Janz be appointed to fulltime status as Planning & Engineering Department Administrative Assistant, having successfully completed the probation period, effective March 20, 2011.
CARRIED

113. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen:
Salary BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler approve a salary increase for Duane Falk, Engineering Assistant II, from Level 7 Step 4 to Level 7 Step 5, effective March 31, 2011.
CARRIED

114. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
MSTW BE IT RESOLVED THAT MSTW request to allow the relocation of a 3200 s.f. commercial building from 265 Perry Street to 325 Kimberly Road (Lot 6, Block 1, Plan 2223) be approved.
CARRIED

115. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
MIT BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter of request be sent to Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation for a feasibility study for a controlled crosswalk across Main Street at the corner of South Railway in the City of Winkler.
CARRIED

RECREATION & CULTURE

116. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:

Hire BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hire Waldemar Becker as full-time Maintenance I (50% at Bethel Heritage Park, 50% to be split between City Hall, Library and Concert Hall) effective April 1, 2011, at salary Level 3 Step 1, with a 6 month probation.

CARRIED

FINANCE

117. Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe:

Accounts BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$489,071.34 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

118. Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter:

B/L 2026-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2026-11 providing for the 2011 Financial Plan be read a first time.

CARRIED

119. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:

B/L 2026-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2026-11 providing for the 2011 Financial Plan be read a second time.

CARRIED

120. Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe:

Fin. Stmt BE IT RESOLVED THAT Financial Statement to February 28, 2011 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

121. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:

B/L 2028-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2028-11 be read a first time.

CARRIED

122. Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe:

B/L 2028-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2028-11 be read a second time.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

123. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:

FCM WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS FCM's National Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of

support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS the 74th FCM Annual Conference is from June 3 to 6, 2011, during which the Annual General Meeting will be held and followed by the election of FCM's National Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Winkler endorse Councillor Marvin Plett to stand for election on FCM's National Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if elected, Council assume all costs associated with Councillor Marvin Plett attending FCM's National Board of Directors meetings.

CARRIED

B/L 2027-11 124. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2027-11 be read a first time.

CARRIED

ADDITIONS

FCM 125. Councillor Marvin Plett reported that the CAO of FCM outlined some positive things in our budget that were in line with FCM's such as quality infrastructure, program continuation, working together to plan long term investments and enshrine the gas tax fund. He appreciates the fact that FCM works with every party to do what's best for the municipality.

Library 126. Marvin Plett reported that Ted Klassen, board trustee of the South Central Regional Library, won a trustee of distinction award. The goal of the board is to improve libraries in the region. The public has appreciated the book rate that they offer where public can have books sent from library to library at a very low rate.

ADJOURN

Adjourn 127. Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter:
8:10pm BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA

Convene 128. Ken J. Wiebe, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

Adjourn 129. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the Committee of the Whole and convene into regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

130. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
Benefit Plan BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports renewing the City of Winkler employee benefit plan with Sirius through Heritage Insurance Agency Ltd. with the following amendments:
- Prescription Drug deductible at \$4.00
- Practitioner coverage maximum at \$350.00
- Basic Dental coverage at 90%

CARRIED

131. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
Adjourn BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess