

XVII Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, September 13th, 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, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen.

Media: Chris Sumner - CFAM/CKMW
Don Radford - Winkler Times

INVOCATION

Invoc. 442. City Manager Dave Burgess read a story about learning to enjoy life and making the best out of every situation. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 443. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of September 13, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

Aug 23 min. 444. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 23, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 445. Received for information.
Letter from Can. Breast Cancer Foundation
Letter from the Winkler Communities in Bloom Committee
Invitation letter from Southland Honda

FINANCE

Accounts 446. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$6,369,660.41 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Financials 447. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statements to the end of August 31, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

Add to Tax 448. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Account Receivables be added to the tax roll:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Inv #</u>	<u>Roll #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Loewen Derrek	234 9 th St Winkler, MB R6W 1R2	9312	320604	\$200.00
Heinrichs Darryl	1349 Mountain Ave Winkler, MB R6W 1S9	9338	39000	\$70.00

CARRIED

449. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
 Added Tax BE IT RESOLVED THAT supplementary assessments/taxes be added to the 2011 tax roll, as per attached list.

CARRIED

Are they portioned assessments? Yes, most are. Is this the last one we will receive this year? Most likely.

450. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
 Reductions BE IT RESOLVED THAT tax reductions be approved as per attached list.

CARRIED

451. Herb Dick, Marvin Plett:
 Housing WHEREAS the City of Winkler recognizes the need for an Affordable Seniors Housing and Activity Centre;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler support the development of a Senior Housing and Activity Centre for downtown Winkler, and approves in principal a municipal tax incentive plan as outlined in the attached letter.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

452. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
 Hwy Traffic BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Highway Traffic Count Report for the City of Winkler be received as information.

CARRIED

- Don Radford asked what the heading "24 Count - Various Count Year means? They are previous counts, the year is not specified.
- Hwy 32 & South Railway have over 17,000 counts per day. Hwy 32 is still not on the 5 year plan for the provincial government but there are people at the Highway's Dept. working to change that.

453. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
 Utilities Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT Utilities Committee minutes of September 7, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

454. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
Trans Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of September 7, 2011 be adopted.
CARRIED

PLANNING

455. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2048-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the registered name of the purchaser of industrial land within By-Law 2048-11 be changed to Stars Truck and Auto Repair Services Ltd.
CARRIED

456. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2051-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT land sale By-Law No. 2051-11 be read a first time.
CARRIED

457. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2050-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Building Permit By-Law No. 2050-11 be read a first time.
CARRIED

458. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
Plan. Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of September 8, 2011 be adopted.
CARRIED

459. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
Permit Rep. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Building Permit Report to August 31, 2011 be received as information.
CARRIED
Councillor Siemens reported that August was a very strong month for both MSTW and Winkler. Single family homes are at this time ahead of last year's numbers. Mayor Harder commented on the possibility of a 100,000 sq ft. addition in the industrial zone to be built in 2011.

460. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Subdiv. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve Subdivision Application 4463-11-5729 for the consolidation of two lots at the northwest corner of 15th Street and Pembina Avenue.
CARRIED

461. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
B/L 2053-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the street naming by-law 2053-11 be read a first time.
CARRIED

RECREATION & CULTURE

462. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
Golf Course BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Golf Course Board meeting of August 25, 2011 be received as information.

CARRIED

- A lot of golfers have complained that the course isn't open longer.
- The caretaker of the course strongly believes that in order to maintain the course and prepare it for winter, it is necessary to close when they do.
- Suggestion was to send an email out to the golfers letting them know why the course closes so early.

463. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
Rec. Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT Recreation Committee minutes of September 2nd, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

464. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:
Conc. Hall BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Concert Hall/Promotions Committee meeting of August 22, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

- Councillor Dick commented that \$10,000 is being spent on Harvest Festival week to get electrical for the food vendors which produces \$10,000 revenue. There is an option for a permanent electrical upgrade for \$50,000 which means a 5 year pay back on rent that is collected. He strongly recommends this be done for next year. Council agrees.

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

465. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Subdivision #4463-11-5706 and for the zoning by-law No. 2044-11 be now closed.

CARRIED

466. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:
Subdiv. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Subdivision #4463-11-5706 at SE ¼ 5-3-4W, which includes the creation of a new public road.

CARRIED

467. Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe:
B/L 2044-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT zoning By-Law No. 2044-11 be read a second time.

CARRIED

468. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
B/L 2044-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT zoning By-Law No. 2044-11 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

469. Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe:
B/L 2043-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2043-11 be read a second time.
CARRIED

470. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2043-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2043-11 be read a third and final time.
CARRIED

471. Abe Penner - Harmony Lane/Mobile Home Park

Issue

- Abe Penner lives behind the trailer court and presented some issues.
- He had spoken to council in 2008, and since then things have gotten worse. His backdoor neighbor has cut down the tree line between his backyard and the trailer park. He is trying to sell his house and thinks this will not help.
- In 2008, there was a meeting that he attended and a fence was going to be built behind the trailer court but nothing has happened since then.
- He handed out a picture of what a trailer court can look like and one that residents can be proud of. In these trailer courts, there are rules that people have to abide by and in Winkler it seems like people can do what they want.
- Mayor Harder extended his apologies for nothing happening in that area. He has had many conversations with the owner of the property and thinks the owner's heart is in the right place.
- A few setbacks are that the residents don't have a lot of equity in their homes and the homes would likely fall apart if moved.
- Mr. Penner thinks whoever manages the trailer court doesn't do a very good job because the grass is rarely cut and yards are not taken care of. People living there are not abiding by the city by-laws.
- The City has not received any variation orders for anything that has gone up.
- Mayor Harder commented that if there ever were to be a fire in this trailer court, it would be a tremendous tragedy. He doesn't see any reason why this can't be addressed.
- City Manager Dave Burgess added that instead of 6 mobile homes going north and south, an option could be to take away 3 and have 3 in a row going east and west. That would put a roadway in between and there would also be a fence.
- Councillor Neisteter has received many calls about this and he has approached the developer and given him suggestions on an incentive program. He knows that every owner in the trailer court has received a letter ordering them to clean up the properties. The new manager of the properties is aggressively going after the owners to clean it up.
- Mayor Harder apologized for the delay and made a commitment to Mr. Penner that they will meet with the owner in the next 2 weeks and come up with a solution. Mr. Penner will have an answer within 30 days.
- Would you consider a fence to replace the buffer from one corner to the other? Mr. Penner suggested planting a cedar tree line.
- Councillor Dick remembered Mr. Penner calling him a while ago when concrete was being poured and there was no permit for that. He apologized that he didn't take it back to council sooner to get something done.

OTHER BUSINESS

472. Dates to Remember

473. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:

SCRL BE IT RESOLVED THAT South Central Regional Library minutes of August 18, 2011 be received.

CARRIED

474. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:

2014 Games BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler supports the bid for the 2014 Winter Games with the City and its partners, the RM of Stanley and the Town of Morden, covering any potential shortfalls. A non-refundable application fee of \$1000 will be submitted by the City of Winkler and reimbursed by its partners 1/3 of the cost each.

CARRIED

ADJOURN

475. Ken J. Wiebe, Herb Dick:

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

8:00pm

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess