

V Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, March 8th, 2011, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe, City Manager Dave Burgess, Director of Planning & Engineering Johan Botha and Tracy Friesen.

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

INVOCATION

Invoc. 71. Councillor Marvin Plett read some leadership quotes by various people. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 72. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting of Council be adopted.
CARRIED

Feb. 22 min. 73. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 22, 2011 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 74. Received for information.
Land rental agreement letter

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

75. Director of Planning & Engineering, Johan Botha, gave a demonstration of the new reverse osmosis water.

Pub. Hearing 76. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for conditional use #1026-11 be closed.
CARRIED

App 1026-11 77. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the conditional use application #1026-11.
CARRIED

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

- The application is to open a Bed & Breakfast in their home on 51 Durum Crescent.
- Applicants Peter & Gabby Dyck were present.

- Present were Gerry & Margaret Peters of 55 Durum Crescent & Mark Wilson of 50 Durum Crescent.
- What will the impact be on the neighborhood with regards to traffic & length of stay of guests?
- Peter Dyck answered that there will be no additional traffic, length of stay would be 1 or 2 days, they have 6 available parking spaces on their driveway and will have no more than 1 or 2 vehicles at any given time.
- Councillor Henry & Corinne Siemens of 48 Durum Crescent have no objections to the application.

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

78. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:

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

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. Present - John Fehr observing.

Public Hearing will be recessed until the next regular meeting of council because there was not a quorum of council.

79. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for variation application #1027-11 be recessed.

CARRIED

80. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:

Re-convene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the Variation Board meeting and reconvene into regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

81. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:

Roblin Blvd E BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the pre service overhead for the industrial park on Roblin Blvd East including 6-100 watt HPS luminaires on shared poles at a cost of \$35,865.60.

CARRIED

82. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:

RWTF BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the recommendation that the regional partners, including the City of Winkler, accept the proposal from Stantec for the preparation of the Environmental Act Proposal for the proposed Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility for the sum of \$37,500.00 and the provision to allow a further \$20,000.00 for a hydraulic assessment of the Deadhorse Creek if required by the Province of Manitoba.

CARRIED

Director of Planning & Engineering Johan Botha explained that we put together a request for proposal to 3 companies with Stantec proposing the lowest bid. The Town of Morden agrees with this recommendation and will pay for 1/3 of the cost. This cost is approved in the budget.

83. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
PVWC BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves of sending a letter to the Pembina Valley Water Co-operative (PVWC) requesting a decision process be undertaken within their membership on the use of fluoride in water treatment and include Winkler's recommendation to remove fluoride from the water system.
CARRIED

84. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
Utilities Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Utilities Committee meeting of Wednesday, March 2, 2011 be adopted.
CARRIED

85. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
Trans Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of Wednesday, March 2, 2011 be adopted.
CARRIED

86. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
Rental Rates BE IT RESOLVED THAT Transportation Equipment Rental Rates be approved as attached.
CARRIED

Councillor Henry Siemens commented that the City is not in the equipment rental business but if equipment is used, we need to have these documents on hand so that we can accurately bill the people that are renting.

PLANNING

87. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
B/L 2025-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2025-11 be read a first time.
CARRIED

Councillor Marvin Plett asked if the access to the rear of the property has been addressed? If there is an access issue, it has to be dealt with by the private developer and the subsequent property owners.

88. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
Plan. Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Thursday, March 3, 2011 be adopted.
CARRIED

89. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
Permit Rep. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Building Permit report to February 28, 2011 be received for information.
CARRIED

FINANCE

Accounts 90. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$795,308.16
as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.
CARRIED

Contribution 91. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports submitting a municipal contribution
of \$1,000.00 to the Boundary Trail Heritage Region Inc.

CARRIED

City Manager Dave Burgess explained that we contacted the RM of Stanley before we submitted this contribution; they are also contributing \$1000. Councillor Ken J. Wiebe suggested that at least one council member attend the meeting if we are contributing. We will send a letter to BTHRI requesting notification of meetings and to see a fair contribution and representation from across the region. Councillor Marvin Plett thinks that we shouldn't be too critical about knowing where the signs are going if we are not that involved. Councillor Henry Siemens stated that he is more than happy to partner but if the City is not involved in the decisions maybe we shouldn't be involved financially either.

Transfer 92. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
WHEREAS the Utility Operating Fund anticipates a budget deficit of \$6628.41 as
at December 31, 2010;

AND WHEREAS Public Utilities Board has been advised of the City's intention to transfer an amount from the Utilities Reserve to cover the operating deficit, as per Board Order No. 151/08;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we transfer \$6,628.41 from Utilities Reserve to Utilities Operating Fund to cover the December 31, 2010 deficit.

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder explained that there was miscoding of expenses that occurred so it appeared like we had a surplus in the utilities.

OTHER BUSINESS

B/L 2022-10 93. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #2022-10 be read a first time.
CARRIED

B/L 2022-10 94. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #2022-10 be read a second time.
CARRIED

Letter 95. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter of support be written from the City of Winkler
for the White Castle Limousine Service.
CARRIED

Fundraiser 96. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the expenditure of \$225.00 to cover the cost of a team of City staff to take part in the Big Brothers Big Sisters bowling fundraiser.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Questions Don Radford asked if the owners of the heritage site were thinking of changing something or has this by-law been in the works for a while? It has been in the works for a while, the City has the first right of refusal and are purchasing it back to preserve the property. He also asked if there will be an official announcement for the new water. Johan Botha is working with the Province to set a specific date.

97.

Councillor Marvin Plett updated Council on the discussions with the FCM Board regarding teaming up with a community in the Ukraine to provide them with expertise and develop a community strategy. He has been successful in bringing it to the board and FCM has approved this. Marvin is on 3 committees, one being an international committee similar to MCC in helping communities economically. Winkler was approached by AMM to consider this project and considered various resources the communities had to offer such as:

- If the community has recently undergone a development plan. Master Plan and projects with EDO qualified Winkler.
- Range of local economic development - business retention project, settlement service office.
- Diversifying resources - strong agricultural area, research and development, cabinetry, foundries, etc.
- Municipality that has broader regional approach. Winkler involved with WCF, PVDC, BTRH, MSTW, SWAMP, etc.
- Experience in working with international delegates. Winkler was weak in this category but we have begun to hire more international employees.

Next process will begin in March to figure out what Winkler will be able to do in the Ukraine. How can we see ourselves getting involved? Hosting people, showing how we do business here, community members to explain business expertise, whatever they need and we are willing to share with them. Councillor Marvin Plett is excited about this project and happy to be a part of it.

ADJOURN

Adjourn 98. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
7:50pm BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess