

XII Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, June 28th, 2011, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick, Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe, City Manager Dave Burgess, and Tracy Friesen.

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

INVOCATION

Invoc. 300. Councillor Henry Siemens read the Parable of Brother Leo about a monk who taught his fellow monks about servant leadership. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 301. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of June 28, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

June 14 min. 302. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 14, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 303. Received for information.
Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation - Froese Donation

Letter 304. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be written to the Froese's thanking them on behalf of the citizens of Winkler for their donation.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

Pub. Hearing 305. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Variation Application No. 1035-11 be closed.

CARRIED

App. 1035-11 306. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Variation Application No. 1035-11 for 148 13th Street.

CARRIED

- 18.5 ft from the property line instead of required 25 ft.
- Councillor Siemens is concerned that a bigger setback will change the look and feel of the street.
- Councillor Neisteter agrees and thinks it is getting very close to the sidewalk area.

Owners Peter & Lilli Sawadski were present

- Will be 18.95 ft including the overhang of the roof which is 18". The overhang will be shorter than before.
- The house is already closer to the street than 25 ft.

POLICE & FIRE

307. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:

Police Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Police Committee meeting of June 21, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor Herb Dick asked about the CRO position. It is disappointing that the position has not been filled. Police Chief Rick Hiebert would like an officer who has received the proper training for this position.

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

308. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:

Waterworks BE IT RESOLVED the City of Winkler Waterworks report for the quarter ending June 15, 2011 be received as information.

CARRIED

309. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:

Pump BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the order of a stand-by pump for the RO Treatment Plant from H2O Innovation in the amount of \$40,970.00 taxes included.

CARRIED

- Need a back up pump in case the other one fails. Otherwise it takes weeks to receive a pump because they are not in stock.
- Councillor Siemens asked if this was not foreseen. Originally the supplier said they carried the pumps on a regular basis but found out there is a 3 week delay when ordering.
- Is H2O Innovation the only ones that can provide this pump and what was the criterion for ordering? The compatibility was there.

310. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:

Utilities Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT Utilities Committee minutes of June 15, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

311. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:

Trans. Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of June 15, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

312. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
6th Street BE IT RESOLVED THAT the sewer relining project for 6th Street South in the amount of \$90,268.81 (taxes included) be approved.

CARRIED

WASTE & RECYCLING

313. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:
SWAMP BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the SWAMP meeting of May 18, 2011 be received as information.

CARRIED

HEALTH & WELFARE

314. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
Policy BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the revised draft of the City of Winkler Mosquito Control Policy.

CARRIED

- Councillor Dick has heard that using mosquito repellent is just as harmful as spraying. He commented that everyone knows when the mosquitoes are bad and we should spray when they get bad.
- Mayor Harder explained the discussion was to have a council meeting to decide when to spray, but this allows it to happen without that.
- Where does the 200 come from? City Manager Dave Burgess was very involved with the province and cities of Winnipeg and Brandon when they had the same discussion and they all agreed on this number.
- This way nobody gets harassed about when to spray, it's a specific number that helps the decision process.
- If the West Nile mosquito population is there, the province will direct us to fog. The buffer zone has been federally established as 90 meters.
- Councillor Plett commented that larviciding has done a great job in keeping the mosquito count down.

PLANNING

315. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
Street Lights BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports and provides clearance for Manitoba Hydro to install six new street lights on Roblin Blvd. East, between Eastview Drive and Embassy Drive.

CARRIED

316. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2040-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipal road opening By-Law No. 2040-11 be read a first time.

CARRIED

317. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
App. 1031-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Variation Application No. 1031-11 for 260 Red Robin Lane.

DEFEATED

- Councillor Wiebe asked if this was previously tabled and what was the reason? For more information that was requested by council regarding the water & sewer lines, history of the road and history on denied applications in the past. The only past application was withdrawn by the applicant.
- Variation is need for the area & width.
- What are the things that we learned? It was added in the council package, how the water lines were put it, history of past applications, etc.
- The original agreement was not to put in sidewalks or street lights, it was agreed to let the street proceed as it was.
- Councillor Neisteter commented that when Grandeur made this proposal at the time they did not have to provide these services because there were not as many houses. Now that we are adding development, these improvements will be necessary.
- Councillor Dick asked how many houses have been added since Red Robin Lane was developed? All the ones of the south side.
- This water line is the last one that can be added in this area.
- Mayor Harder commented that developers have to pay the original installer to provide this line. The city hasn't put any money into this as of yet.
- If additional services are required, it will be done through local improvement.
- Applicant Pete Klassen can still develop a single family dwelling on this property with no variation.

318. Ken J. Wiebe, Ron Neisteter:

B/L 2039-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2039-11 be read a second time.
CARRIED

319. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:

B/L 2039-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the By-Law No. 2039-11 be read a third and final time.
CARRIED

320. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

B/L 2041-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the By-Law No. 2041-11 be read a first time.
CARRIED

John W. Froese property, should have specified that the portions will be open space. Proposed OR is now facing a road.

321. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:

B/L 2042-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2042-11 be read a first time.
CARRIED

- A portion of the chart didn't make sense with the written portion. The consultants made a one letter error regarding the classification.
- It is a duplex with 2 separate doors to enter so there was no hold up.
- Councillor Plett mentioned this was the same planners that also did Steinbach and Morden and in their case they are labeled correctly, it was just an obvious error.

RECREATION & CULTURE

322. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
Golf Course BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Winkler Golf Course Board meeting of June 22, 2011 be received as information.
CARRIED

323. Herb Dick, Ken J. Wiebe:
Conc. Hall BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the Concert Hall/Promotions Committee of June 20, 2011 be adopted.
CARRIED

- Councillor Dick appreciated Deb Penner's letter in the paper thanking the volunteers at the Beach Boys concert, it turned out great.
- Last week, a consultant was here to check the sound in the Concert Hall and said everything was done wrong but he could improve the sound for a relatively small amount of money. He will give us a quote on that. Al Enns suggested a fundraiser to fund the project. Head of maintenance, Abram Wiebe could make the changes himself.
- Mayor Harder has met with Golden West and they will be putting in several performances at the Bethel Park this summer.
- July 1st - unveiling of new Harvest Festival float.

FINANCE

324. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
Accounts BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$729,098.50 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.
CARRIED

325. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Donation BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the donation of \$1,000.00 to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation through sponsorship of the annual fundraising golf tournament held on August 11, 2011.
CARRIED

326. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
Salary BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler approve a salary increase for Dave Burgess, City Manager, to Level 25 Step 1 effective July 1, 2011, having completed his six months probation.
CARRIED

This is part of the original agreement. Mayor Harder expressed his appreciation for Dave's approach and interaction with the public. His performance has met and exceeded expectations. The only recommendation made to Dave is to enroll in the CMMA program.

327. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
Added BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the supplementary assessments/taxes to be added to the 2011 tax roll, as per attached list.
CARRIED

Cancel 328. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the tax cancellations as per attached list.

CARRIED

Finance 329. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of June 20, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

- #3 - Debenture Issue - why are we singling one bank out? RBC was the only one who was interested. CIBC is not involved in municipal financing.
- To meet with one banker in particular, is that something we normally do? Do we usually negotiate? It is the normal process to get a feel for what we are looking for and the possibilities available.
- There will be further By-Laws at a later date to address the drop in debentures that the city has.

OTHER BUSINESS

Upgrades 330. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
WHEREAS, Manitoba's municipalities are struggling to meet a growing list of challenges and responsibilities, including health care, affordable housing and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the most pressing of these is the growing backlog of infrastructure in need of repair and replacement, including potholed streets and roads, faulty sewer and water mains; and poorly maintained public facilities such as playgrounds and community centres;

WHEREAS, Manitoba's municipal infrastructure deficit has been estimated at more than \$11 billion, or \$10,000 per resident, which is beyond the capacity of municipal governments and local property taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the City of Winkler urgently requires the Province of Manitoba to upgrade Highway 32 through the City to four lanes, expansion of our recreation facilities for a growing population; upgrades and expansion of our wastewater treatment system; improvements to the City's drainage provisions; and much needed upgrades to Winkler's streets and roads;

WHEREAS, the infrastructure deficit has serious consequences for the quality of life of our residents and the economic well-being of our community and province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler calls on all parties in the October 4, 2011 provincial election to put communities first and commit to reallocating a portion of the tax revenue the Manitoba Government collects in our communities to repairing and upgrading our infrastructure.

CARRIED

- This is the recommended script except the part specific to Winkler. It will go towards the election candidates.
- This was just unveiled about a month ago.
- Was there any discussion on how the government could raise more funds? Ron Lemieux is not adding a 1% increase in the sales tax, there was no motion on the floor.
- The only group that has publicly asked the province to change it to 8% is the business council of Manitoba.

331. Old Fire Truck

- Ken J. Wiebe received a letter from Ernie Froese who acquired the old fire pumper truck from 1978 and he would like to give it to an organization. He will give up ownership if it goes to a public entity. The only problem is where to store it and who will maintain it. Fire Dept is also aware and council will think on a place to store it.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Don Radford asked about the float unveiling on July 1st, will that be sometime between 3:30 and 8:00pm? Yes.

Chris Sumner asked if the trap counts will be made available to the public online or some other form? Yes.

Peter Cantelon asked if the mosquito policy is now adopted? Yes.

ADJOURN

332. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

Adjourn
8:05pm

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess