

VIII Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, April , 2014 commencing at 6:30 P.M. in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Deputy Mayor Marvin Plett, Councillors Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens, Herb Dick, Don Friesen, Ken Wiebe, City Manager Dave Burgess, Chief of Police Rick Hiebert, Kathy Bueckert and Bettina Kran.

Media: Pam Fedak - Goldenwest Radio
Steve Sukkau - Winkler Times

INVOCATION

Invoc. 176. Councillor Marvin Plett read the Invocation titled I Tried to Climb the Mountain Today. It spoke of how we often don't attempt things in life that could be challenging due to fear of not succeeding and how when we finally do them, we learn and grow from pushing ourselves.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 177. Henry Siemens, Herb Dyck:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of April 22, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

Addition: Zoning By-Law 2124-14 first reading.

Apr. 8 min. 178. Ken Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 8, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

179. Received for Information

Corres. BTHC Foundation Thank You Letter for Palliative Care Concert Donation
WCF Pay it Forward Campaign

Mayor Harder stated he is very excited about this campaign. It will run in the Month of May. Declaration was asked for the month of May to be named Pay it Forward Month.

Proclam. 180. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Proclamation put forward by the Winkler Community Foundation to declare the Month of May as Pay it Forward Month.

CARRIED

FINANCE

181. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Accounts BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$380,649.19 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.
CARRIED

182. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
W&S Added BE IT RESOLVED THAT Water & Sewer Arrears be added to the 2014 Tax Roll as per the list attached.
CARRIED

183. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
New Hire BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hire Courtney Islietson as a full-time permanent C.A.D. and G.I.S. Operator I, effective May 5, 2014, at a salary Level 5, Step 1 and six month probation period.
CARRIED
This position was approved for the 2014 budget. Courtney is well educated and currently in the process of finishing her courses at Red River College.

184. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Interim Fin. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Interim Financial Statements to March 31, 2014 be adopted.
CARRIED

POLICE & FIRE

185. Henry Siemens, Ken Wiebe:
Police Officer BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of one additional police officer taking the number of sworn police officers to 18 with the selection process to take place in late 2014.
CARRIED

186. Henry Siemens, Ken Wiebe:
Police Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2014 First Quarter Report of the Winkler Police Service be received as information.
CARRIED

Rick Hiebert was present and thanked Council for passing the resolution to hire another constable.

He highlighted several items on the report:
Criminal code offences are up, mostly due to uttering threat charges. 120 files to date to last years 89 total.

Assault cases are up as well.

Total occurrences to report end date are 644 to 748 last year.

Break and Enters have increased. Residence break and enters include attached garages.

MPI distracted driver program is ongoing for the month of April. MPI funded a total of 13 shifts. With this program officers are able to utilize their own vehicles to spot distracted drivers and radio ahead to uniformed officers.

Normally a handful of tickets are given out per shift on this program.

Mayor Harder stated he is very pleased with the Police Service and thanked them for their continued dedication.

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

WASTE & RECYCLING

HEALTH & WELFARE

187. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:

Harass. Prev. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Harassment Prevention Policy be adopted.
CARRIED

188. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:

Viol. Prev. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Violence Prevention policy be adopted.
CARRIED

PLANNING

189. Henry Siemens, Ken Wiebe:

Bldg Per. Rep. BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2014 Building Permit Report from January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED

190. Ken Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

Plan. Min. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

191. Ken Wiebe Marvin Plett:

B/L 2124-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rezoning By-Law No. 2124-14 be read a first time.

CARRIED

RECREATION

192. Don Friesen, Ken Wiebe:

Call for Prop. BE IT RESOLVED THAT a call for proposals be tendered for submissions to utilize the recreation/open space lands west of Eastview Drive, east of Circle K Drive and south of PTH 14 for appropriate development and/or service provisions to the public.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

Recognition was given to Team Manitoba and Coach Ross Derksen for winning Gold in The Optimist U18 International Curling Championship in Langley, BC. Each member was issued a certificate of Congratulations as well as a gift certificate.

Mayor Harder and Marvin Plett thanked the team for representing Winkler so well in these games.

193. Herb Dyck, Henry Siemens:

C/U 1158-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for the Conditional Use No. 1158-14 be closed.

CARRIED

John Pearson of Shindico was present. Application is for the development of a 7-11 convenience store and a Petro Can gas station.

Planning Department requested updated site plans showing the below required changes which were provided for Council.

- Increase entrance approach from Internal road onto site.
- Moved end island over slightly to allow for a better turning radius.
- Delete farthest stall along south side of site plan to allow for better turning radius for large trucks.

Some discussion took place on the Cities requirement for a sidewalk leading up to this property. Policy with the City is that new developments such as the MLCC and the Co-op gas station must contribute to the overall walking availability within the city. City requires a 6 foot sidewalk.

Mayor Harder stated that Pedestrian traffic could be very significant especially since this will be located between the 2 high schools. Walkability is a key issue for the City and new sidewalks are budgeted for annually. It was felt by Council that this store will receive more pedestrian traffic than other businesses that could be in that area.

194. Ken Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
C/U 1158-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1158-14 be approved
subject to Development Agreement.

CARRIED

195. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
Adj. Council BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council be adjourned and
convene into Variation Board.

CARRIED

196. Ron Neisteter, Ken Wiebe:
VAR. 1157-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application
No. 1157-14 be closed.

CARRIED

John Pearson was present at the meeting. Variance application is for the set back
variance to be moved from 20 feet to 10 feet.

197. Marvin Plett, Ken Wiebe:
VAR. 1157-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Variation Application No. 1157-14 be approved
subject to development agreement.

CARRIED

198. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
VAR. 1159-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application NO. 1159-
14 be closed.

CARRIED

Paul Spent was present.

199. Ken Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
VAR. 1159-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1159-14 be approved.

CARRIED

200. Ron Neisteter, Ken Wiebe:
VAR. 1160-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1160-
14 be closed.

CARRIED

Falk Developments - Applicant was present.

Neil Reimer – asked for clarification on the regulations for concrete pads and
required setbacks. Dave offered clarification

201. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
VAR. 1160-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application NO. 1160-14 be approved.
CARRIED

Due to a conflict of interest Councillor Friesen left the Council Chambers.

202. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
VAR. 1156-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1156-14 be closed.
CARRIED

Cindy Reimer - asked about the trees in the back of the property. Will these need to come down to meet the 16 foot setback request? Pinnaco could trim any portion of the tree that is overhanging onto their property but could not cut the trees down. However a fence is written into the Development Agreement.

203. Ken Wiebe, Ron Neisteter:
VAR. 1156-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Variation Application No. 1156-14 be approved.
CARRIED

Councillor Friesen returned to the meeting.

204. Herb Dick, Marvin Plett:
Adj. Var. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the Variation Board and reconvene into Council of the whole.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

ADDITIONS

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Pam Fedack - asked for clarification on what was presented to the Curling team.

ADJOURN

205. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
Adjourn 7:35 pm BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.
CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess