

XX Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen, City Manager Dave Burgess, Police Chief Rick Hiebert and Tracy Friesen

Media: Allison Friesen – Winkler/Morden Voice  
Chris Sumner – CFAM/CKMW

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**INVOCATION**

Invoc. 482. Councillor Henry Siemens recited a quote about a lion and a gazelle. It doesn't matter which one you are, you get up running. He then led in prayer.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Agenda 483. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

Oct 9 min. 484. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Corres. 485. Received for information.  
Garden Valley School Division letter  
Winkler Elementary School Parent Advisory Council letter  
Letter from Heather Di Francesco and Tara Dyck  
- Recommended that this be dealt with at the Recreation Dept.

**FINANCE**

Accounts 486. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$1,135,884.21 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Appoint 487. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kathy Bueckert be appointed as Executive Assistant effective October 15, 2012 at salary Level 12 Step 1.

CARRIED

Arrears 488. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT water & sewer arrears be added to the 2012 tax roll as per attached list.

CARRIED

489. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:  
Ticket BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Municipal Ticket be added to the tax roll:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Roll #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Friesen John	996 Crystal Cr	9941	102500	\$30.00
Friesen Wilhelmina	Winkler MB R6W 1W1			
Peters Robert	206 Victoria St	9963	201769	\$100.00
Braun Angela	Winkler MB R6W 3M2			
Friesen Abram	653 Sandpiper Cr	9930	323310	\$200.00
	Winkler MB R6W 0E2			

CARRIED

490. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:  
Salary BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a salary increase for Jen Thiessen, Planning Department Administrative Assistant/By-Law Enforcement Officer, from Level 11 Step 3 to Level 11 Step 4 effective October 15, 2012.

CARRIED

491. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:  
Purchase BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the option to purchase 540 Roblin Blvd East by Ryan Hunt.

CARRIED

**POLICE & FIRE**

492. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:  
Police Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Police Committee minutes of October 16, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

493. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:  
Police Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winkler Police Service Third Quarter Report for 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

Positive report - considerable improvement compared to last quarter. Residential break and enters have dropped from 46 down to 8 over the summer. Bike thefts have also dropped significantly.

**TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES**

494. Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter:  
Lighting BE IT RESOLVED THAT the street lighting for Phase 2 of Partridge Crescent, which will include seven new street lights and increase the City of Winkler's annual street lighting expense by \$623.28 plus taxes, be approved.

CARRIED

**WASTE & RECYCLING**

495. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:

SWAMP BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SWAMP Committee minutes of September 19, 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

**RECREATION & CULTURE**

496. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:

Flyers BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the contribution of \$6,000.00 to the Winkler Flyers to off-set lost revenues from the installation of the new clock.

CARRIED

Councillor Henry Siemens abstained from voting due to an interest.

497. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:

WDHCB BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winkler Golf Course Board minutes for October 18, 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS**

498. Pembina Valley Tourism

Penny Shoonbaert & Kent Winning were present

- The key to success in tourism is building partnerships.
- Have coordinated various programs such as the RV show, Artist's Studio Tour and the Pembina Valley Challenge.
- Undergone changes such as becoming a non-profit organization and re-applying for funding.
- Continue with the funding format that was used by PVDC and levy's will be reduced to \$.50 per capita and \$.30 per capita for RM's.
- Asking for 1/3 of the funding that is required to develop products and services.
- Hoping for one member of each community to be on the board.
- Funding requirements will be looked at in the 2013 budget.
- Mayor Harder stated that he is very proud of the Pembina Valley and our communities.
- It was asked if the committee would be prepared to stand against the Province's initiative to prohibit chemicals from being used to get rid of weeds. The issue will be brought to the next board meeting.
- If the committee would come together and decide on an objective and direction, it would make it easier for council to come on board.
- Part of the focus is the development of tourist attractions such as the Artist's Studio Tour and Raptor Day. PVTA was instrumental in providing the material for these programs.

499. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Conditional Use Application No. 1090-12 be now closed.

CARRIED

Dennis Harder, owner of Core Fitness was present

- Working on renovations for the building and is excited about the central location.

500. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:

App 1090-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1090-12 be approved.  
CARRIED

501. Winkler Arts & Culture Inc.

Ray Doerksen and Mark Bennett were present.

- Their vision is to turn the existing water tower into an arts and culture center.
- An arts center would be a gathering place for musicians, educational activities and partnerships with local schools.
- The project is large, the investment will be great and a lot of fundraising activities required.
- The Arts committee is asking for a stay of execution for the water tower and a commitment from the City so they can develop a fundraising plan and execute the plan.
- Community Futures Heartland has agreed to help them write the business plan.
- Reasonable time frame would be a year with regular quarterly reporting.
- Fundraising will be the main focus of the board of directors. Annual operating costs to be parts of the fundraising efforts.
- When the proposal was first presented, Council was very impressed with the incredible vision.
- Property would not be turned over as far as title, but is suggested that it become Winkler's art facility.
- The Arts committee is excited to have something to work towards.

502. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:

Arts Center BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports postponing demolition plans for the former Water Treatment Plant on Park Street to allow for fundraising efforts for the proposed project of the Winkler Arts & Culture Inc. for a period to December 31, 2013.

CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

503. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

Adjourn 7:45pm BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council be adjourned.  
CARRIED

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Mayor Martin Harder

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City Manager Dave Burgess