

XIX Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, October 11th, 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

INVOCATION

Invoc. 507. Councillor Marvin Plett showed a short presentation on what leadership is. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 508. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of October 11, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

Sept 27 min. 509. Ron Neisteter, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 27, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCE

Accounts 510. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$462,538.24 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Audit 511. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the audit proposal by GTP (Gislason Targownik Peters) for 2011 - 2014 be approved to a maximum of \$24,000 per year.

CARRIED

Secretary 512. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assistant Administrator act as Secretary for the 2012 Board of Revision.

CARRIED

Workshop 513. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance and travel costs for City Manager Dave Burgess to attend the national Executive Workshop on The Economics of Policing to be held in Regina, Saskatchewan November 1-2, 2011. Costs would be estimated at \$800 for travel, food and hotel with registration fees covered as a representative of municipal government.

CARRIED

514. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
FCM BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the renewal of the City of Winkler's membership in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for 2012-2013 for the sum of \$1,512.00.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

515. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
Trans Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT Transportation Committee minutes of October 5, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

516. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
Utilities Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT Utilities Committee minutes of October 5, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

517. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2034-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2034-11 be read a first time and submitted to the Municipal Board.

CARRIED

518. Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen:
B/L 2035-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2035-11 be read a first time and submitted to the Municipal Board.

CARRIED

519. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2036-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2036-11 be read a first time and submitted to the Municipal Board.

CARRIED

520. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
B/L 2037-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2037-11 be read a first time and submitted to the Municipal Board.

CARRIED

521. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2038-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2038-11 be read a first time and submitted to the Municipal Board.

CARRIED

PLANNING

522. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Planning BE IT RESOLVED THAT Planning Committee minutes of October 6, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

523. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
615 Roblin BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the sale of industrial land 615 Roblin Blvd. East to Timbilt Building Ltd. for the sum of \$67,430.00 with GST to be self assessed.

CARRIED

RECREATION & CULTURE

524. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:
Golf Course BE IT RESOLVED THAT Golf Course Board minutes of September 22, 2011 be received as information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

525. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
Convene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the regular Council meeting convene into Variation Board.

CARRIED

Phillip Barker, Telus Mobility representative was present

- Telus is one of the largest telephone carriers in Canada.
- Telus is co-building with Bell Mobility.
- Building 150 towers in the next 3 years outside of the perimeter highway. Other carriers will be able to locate on these towers as well.
- Mayor Harder commented that the planning committee looked at the location; it is in a commercial/industrial area and looks like a solid location.

526. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Variation Application No 1047-11 be now closed.

CARRIED

527. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
App. 1047-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1047-11 be approved.
CARRIED
How soon will this be in place? Possibly in spring, it will also broadcast a wireless high speed internet system.

528. Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen:
Reconvene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn Variation Board and reconvene into regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

529. Winkler Family Resource Center
Julia Dueck, Co-ordinator & Angela Braun, Chair were present

- The mission of the Resource Center is to provide education and build relationships to facilitate the strengthening and growth of families.

- They want to enable children to be positive contributing members of the community.
- Early childhood education refers to education that happens before a child enters the formal school system, ages 0-5.
- They hope to enable parents to be effective in their homes, facilitate opportunities for early childhood education, provide free programming and increase family's abilities to be healthy.
- Development instrument is completed by the teacher when students enter kindergarten. The teacher conducts a 20 minute assessment with 180 questions and is sent away for results.
- It is designed to measure physical health, emotional health & maturity, general knowledge and communication skills.
- Our community needs to improve our scores in 4 out of 5 areas: social competence, emotional maturity, language and thinking skills, and communication skills.
- They hope to assist those families is bringing up the scores.
- If early childhood issues are not addressed, lasting effects are mostly in physical and emotional health. To fix this issue later on will cost the community more in the long run.
- Community base initiatives will pay off in the end so children can become competent adults.
- Research shows that dealing with children only through schools is not enough.
- Most support systems in Winkler are reactive so once there is a problem, it is addressed. They want this system to be proactive; to fix the problem before it starts.
- Requesting \$15,000 from the city over 2 years.

Questions from council:

- Councillor Plett agrees that we need proactive programs.
- Mayor Harder stated that when discussion about a new recreation facility comes up, the Resource Center is on the priority list. The facility will be age friendly and we want to ensure there is opportunity for all ages.
- Are you looking for office space or activity space? They are hoping that the bunker space will come through short term and in the long run the new Recreation Center would be their home.
- Where are you working out of? MB Church, 1 day a week. They struggle with the amount of space and 1 day a week is not enough.
- They want to be consistent with their space so people know where to call and programs can be together in one space.
- Funding is coming in from the government? Yes, from Healthy Child which will end in June and is for 10 hours a week.

530. Truck Routes – Jake Peters

- Jake Peters presented on some issues regarding semi parking and truck routes.
- He realizes there is a noise issue. To start a truck at 4 or 5:00 am is inconsiderate and most guys would leave the night before.
- He suggested a time limit be set as to when trucks could be started up.

- He understands the truck route by-law but he feels strongly that the roads are being saturated and wrecked by other people as well.
- Most truck drivers he talked to were willing to compromise and work together with their neighbors to address the issues.
- He commented that driver's payments and groceries hinge on this business and there are not a lot of places that you can plug in a truck for night.
- He has gotten up at 1:00am to make sure the block is working and says it's important to be able to check on your truck or it can cost a lot of money.
- People say when the trucks are parked on driveways, they can't see if someone is coming. Most guys are willing to compromise by pulling the trucks up farther.
- Mayor Harder commented that there has been many concerns expressed and the issue will be taken back to the Transportation Committee. He recognizes that this is a person's livelihood.
- Councillor Siemens asked how many truckers are in town? Jake guesses around 150 owner operators.

OTHER BUSINESS

531. Dates to Remember

Nov. 4 - 12 - Mayor Harder will be in the Ukraine

532. Announcement of the new Fire Chief for January 3, 2012

- Richard Paetzold from The Pas has been hired. He has over 10 years experience as Deputy Fire Chief.
- Council put a lot of time and effort into the process. There were 18 applications from across Canada.
- Mr. Paetzold is highly recommended by the Fire Commissioner and from a firefighter who has trained with him.

ADJOURN

533. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:

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

Adjourn
7:50pm

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess