

XI Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, May 28th, 2013 commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen, Herb Dick, Marvin Plett, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen

Media: Chris Sumner - CFAM/CKMW
Allison Friesen - Winkler/Morden Voice
Steve Sukkau - Winkler Times

INVOCATION

Invoc. 255. Councillor Herb Dick read a story about people serving God with their gifts and talents. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 256. Ken J. Wiebe, Herb Dick:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of May 28, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

May 14 Min. 257. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 14, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 258. Received for information.
911 Emergency Communications Centre
Town of Altona - Emergency Plans M.O.U.
FCM Elections - City of Brampton
Minister of Local Government - Annexation of Lands
Office of the Premier - Municipal Infrastructure Funding

FINANCE

Accounts 259. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$730,049.12 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Dir. of Works 260. Herb Dick, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Peter Froese be appointed as Director of Works & Operations effective June 24, 2013 at salary Level 19 Step 4.

CARRIED

261. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Offer BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Offer to Purchase Lot 12 Block 2 Plan 43825, 545 Commander Drive, by Tim Guenter for the amount of \$58,500.00 plus GST.
CARRIED

POLICE & FIRE

262. Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen:
Fire Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Committee Minutes of May 15, 2013 be adopted.
CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

263. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
Water Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Monthly water report for April 2013 be received for information.
CARRIED

264. Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe:
Overlays BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the application for funding from the Municipal Road Improvement Program to provide concrete overlays on Roblin Blvd. East from Kimberly Road to Commander Drive. The maximum amount of funding available from this application is \$300,000 which the City of Winkler would be committed to, at minimum, matching.
CARRIED

PLANNING

265. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Permit Rep. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the building permit report ending April 30, 2013 be received for information.
CARRIED

RECREATION & CULTURE

266. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
Golf Course BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Golf Course Board Minutes of May 16, 2013 be received for information.
CARRIED

267. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
MB Games BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MB Games Update for May 2013 be received for information.
CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

268. Oliver Prusina – 2014 Assessment presentation

- This is the second time the re-assessment will be done every 2 years.
- The various assessment changes were outlined.
- EPTCA will remain at \$700. Farmland school tax rebate is still 80% but will be capped at \$5,000 and only available to MB residents.
- The assessment office will be sending out press releases and information to the public regarding the re-assessment.
- Every rate payer will get an assessment notice and brochure with a toll free number to contact their office with questions.

Council:

- It was asked if rate payers are still able to check their own assessment and neighboring assessments online. Yes, there won't be as many details on neighboring properties other than assessment.
- With the extra cost of re-assessing every two years, is it worth it? It is not necessarily an extra cost, it's a bit of added work but properties with sales or new construction are still inspected.
- Do these numbers reflect a percentage of the city's gross revenue? Yes, in total. Some is reflected in 2013 because of added taxes.

269. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:

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

CARRIED

270. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Variation Application No. 1116-13 be closed.

CARRIED

Applicant Hilda Fehr was present

- Deck is very exposed and doesn't provide privacy.
- Noise is an issue when vehicles such as a semi or gravel truck drive by.
- Safety is also an issue.
- Requesting to build a shed to the west of the existing deck.

Council:

- Have you considered other ways to get privacy? Applicant thought of putting up a fence last spring, but with the height max. of 4 feet, the fence wouldn't provide any more privacy. Planning to plant shrubs but they take a while to grow.
- Are you putting a concrete base down for the shed or is it movable? Intent is to use a concrete base for the deck, have a walkway to the existing patio doors, and cement an area for the shed.
- A 12' x 8' area is planned for a BBQ area in front of the shed.

- To comply with fire codes, the shed would need to be at least 10 feet away from the house, according to the drawings it is only 8 feet away.
- While the shed originally applied for was not approved, a 6 foot fence variance was approved subject to condo board approval.

Susan Letkeman - 10-898 Pembina Ave

- Asked how it would look if only one side of the property has a fence. The units are far apart and the owner could build a fence that would tie in to the property.

Helen Dyck - 12-898 Pembina Ave

- Lives across from the applicant, not opposed to the fence but doesn't want to be pressured to build one.

Anne Hildebrand - 11-898 Pembina Ave

- Agrees that a fence would give more privacy than a shed.

Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. Letter was received from Mary Friesen - 2-898 Pembina Ave stating she has no objections to the request.

271. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:

App 1116-13 BE IT RESOLVED Variation Application No. 1116-13 be approved based on the accepted drawings of a 6 foot fence with approvals by the condo board and the City Planning Department.

CARRIED

272. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1115-13 be closed.

CARRIED

Applicant Jakob Rempel was present

- The proposed garage height will be lower or equal to the roofline of the existing house.
- The elevation of the garage floor is fairly flat. Cement foundation with a sloped concrete driveway.

Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. No objectors were present. No objections were received by the Administration Office.

273. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

App 1114-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1115-13 be approved.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

275. Ken J. Wiebe, Herb Dick:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Conditional Use Application No. 1113-13 be closed.

CARRIED

Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. No objectors were present. No objections were received by the Administration Office.

276. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
App 1113-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application No. 1113-13 be approved.

CARRIED

- There is currently no conditional use approval to run a business out of this home, will be looked into.
- Is there a size or type of sign that has to be approved? There are by-laws that control the size.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Chris Sumner asked to confirm Ed Rempel's retirement. Alison Friesen asked which roads are being applied for the road improvement grant application. Roblin Blvd East.

ADJOURN

277. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
Adjourn BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

7:50pm

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess