

I Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett, Herb Dick, Don Friesen, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen.

Media: Peter Cantelon - The Voice  
Don Radford - Winkler Times

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#### INVOCATION

Invoc. 879. Mayor Martin Harder read a passage from the book Leader's Digest which talked about having initiation, doing the right thing without being told. He then led in prayer.

#### ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 880. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting of Council be adopted.  
CARRIED

Dec 28 min. 881. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 28, 2010 be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 882. Received for information.  
Letter from Statistics Canada  
MB Healthy Living Volunteer Award

#### DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

PVDC 883. PVDC annual report - Aggie Buhler

- Aggie Buhler presented on the past year at PVDC.
- She mentioned the success of the Pembina Valley Dragon's Den.
- PVDC ties together the Economic Development Officer's in the area to organize projects that will benefit everyone.
- Centralia is a project that is headed by Aggie and Darlis. They are looking at building a regional website for investors, where businesses can post their business for sale, and links to government sites with information.
- They will be conducting studies on leakage in communities eg. Men's clothing - do people buy in their own community or elsewhere?
- Conducting a youth employment study with Service Canada.
- Looking at strategies on how to develop tourism destinations in this area and marketing the ones we do have.
- Mayor Harder asked if there has been any further movement on the transportation study. MSTW put in an application for the pilot project and PVDC hasn't been in the loop after that. Councillor Henry Siemens

- commented that MSTW received a SWAMP study this week that was due in October so they are still waiting on the province for the transportation study.
- PVDC sent a letter to Carman/Dufferin regarding their decision to no longer participate with them and have not received a response. PVDC hasn't received official notice from them, have only heard about it through the media.

884. Pembina Valley Humane Society - Michelle Frost

- Michelle Frost & Bob Connor presented on the PVHS report.
- Michelle feels that if they had collaboration from each region, they could offer something more to the public.
- The Town of Morden receives the most benefit because of the location of the shelter. They recognize that and are proposing a higher tax levy for residents of Morden.
- Their biggest emphasis is to sterilize, spay and neuter as many animals as possible.
- Michelle stated that once their operating expenses are stable, they hope to see a surplus and offer each community subsidized or free spay and neutering.
- Michelle would like to see centralized animal control which she realizes is a big undertaking but believes the Humane Society can play a valuable role.
- They are making a big effort to locate which area the animals are coming from.
- Net income on the report provided is incorrect. The key sources for income next year will be an expected \$20,000 - \$25,000 in donations, fundraising, and intake fees/animal adoptions.
- Trying to provide on a first come first serve basis and offer services for people who are willing to pay the fees.
- If they had kennel space they would take animals for free but a business can't be run that way.
- Looking to council to help them annually to fund the programs.
- Mayor Harder asked what the average number of days of stay until an animal goes out for adoption? Dogs is usually 1-3 months, Cats can be up to 4 months. If a cat doesn't get adopted, they have great networking with farms to take them as mousers.
- The Humane Society will not euthanize an animal for space, they are a "no kill" shelter.
- Looking at establishing quarterly transfers of animals to places like Edmonton.
- Mayor Harder commented that the requested funds will not be available for them in 2011.
- Suggestion is to base funding requirements on usage.
- Michelle thinks where the animals come from is very important but the intake is not the only service they provide. The spay and neuter program is becoming very popular. She thinks it's a little unfair to base it on just intake.
- Winkler does not currently license cats, is that something that could generate funding for them? Michelle thinks it's a great idea and would help enforce it. Bob Connor commented that in Calgary the stray cat problems have gone down since they started licensing cats.

- City Manager Dave Burgess asked if they have any efforts going towards bequeathment's? Instead of donating flowers, people can give to the Human Society. Michelle commented that they only have 10 people that do all the work right now and this past year's focus was on setting up their new building but she hopes that once they get settled they can focus more on funding ideas.

### TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

885. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:

Trans Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Transportation Committee minutes of January 5, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

#7 - Councillor Ron Neisteter asked if we need to pass a resolution to send employees to the seminar. Dave Burgess commented that the amount came within the guidelines so no resolution is needed.

886. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:

Snowblower BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Transportation Department purchase an 84" Bobcat Snowblower attachment from Greenvalley Bobcat for \$6206 (PST Included) from the 2011 Capital Budget.

CARRIED

Councillor Henry Siemens expressed his concern that purchases are being made before council planning, but will support the recommendation of the committee. Mayor Harder replied on the committee's rational, the use of a snowblower is much needed this time of year.

887. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:

Utilities Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Utilities Committee minutes of January 5, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

#2 - is the \$200,000 for Sewer Main Lining in line with what we've been doing each year? Yes, last year it was removed from the budget because no sewer lining was done.

888. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:

Funding BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler make application to Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation for Grant-in-Aid funding (2011) for microsurfacing and patching for Southview Drive and 15<sup>th</sup> Street at an estimated cost of \$186,665.00.

CARRIED

### PLANNING

889. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:

Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Building Permit report to December 31, 2010 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

**FINANCE**

890. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:  
Accounts BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$646,819.23  
as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.  
CARRIED

891. Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter:  
Tax Sale BE IT RESOLVED THAT we set 2010 as the designated year for which properties  
in tax arrears will be offered for sale by tax sale auction.  
CARRIED

**OTHER BUSINESS**

892. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:  
Policy Man. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Policy Manual change be accepted:  
- The Chief Administrative Officer position and job description be replaced by  
the City Manager position as outlined in the attached document, effective  
January 1, 2011.

893. Dates to Remember

**ADJOURN**

895. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen:  
Adjourn BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.  
8:00pm CARRIED

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Mayor Martin Harder

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City Manager Dave Burgess