

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
April 17, 2007

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, April 17th, 2007, at City of Steinbach Council Chambers.

2. Mayor Chris Goertzen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following members of Council present: Councillors Michael Zwaagstra, Abe Hiebert, Jac Siemens, Roy Enns and Elbert Toews. Also present: City Manager, Jack Kehler; City Secretary, Wendi Friesen and City Treasurer, Troy Warkentin.

3. The meeting opened with a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the Virginia Tech massacre.

R07-108 4. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as amended.

- Un. Carried -

Addition: Sidewalk Construction - Southland Estates

R07-109 5. Councillor Toews, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the minutes of the April 3rd, 2007 Regular Council Meeting be approved as circulated.

- Un. Carried -

R07-110 6. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that Councillor A. Rempel be excused from the meeting.

- Un. Carried -

7. A delegation from the Eastman Raiders Football Club appeared before Council at 7:35 p.m. Ray Wolgemuth and Cheryle Karlenzig gave a brief report on the Football Club, as follows:

- Founded in 1991 with one team
- 100 players in 2003; 200 players in 2007
- 40 registered coaches / 15 executive members
- Raiders Club raised funds (approx \$50,000) for the construction a clubhouse in 2003 and a canteen in 2006 (at A.D. Penner Park).
- Club owns all its equipment (\$150,000). Club conducts annual fundraising drives for equipment purposes.
- Club long-term plans include improving one field with crowning, sprinkler system and lighting (cost estimate \$250,000.00), as well as expanding to two fields to allow for tournaments.
- Club is planning to offer Flag football in 2008, which is more conducive to both girls and boys. The Flag football season precedes the Tackle football season.

Mayor Goertzen thanked the delegation for its presentation. The delegation left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

R07-111 8. Councillor Hiebert, Councillor Siemens
WHEREAS Section 251 of The Municipal Act provides authority to a municipality to acquire land;
BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach purchase the land and buildings at 340 First Street, legally described as Lot 8, Block 3, Plan 10121, for \$109,000.00 from Ryan and Jackie Klippenstein, for future municipal purposes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signing officers of the City of Steinbach be authorized to execute all required land transfer documents.

- Un. Carried -

- R07-112 9. Councillor Toews, Councillor Zwaagstra
 WHEREAS Section 250 of the Manitoba Municipal Act provides authority to a municipality to dispose of land;
 BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach transfer to 4933614 Manitoba Ltd., a parcel of vacant land on Cambridge Way legally described as Parcel C, Plan 45032, for \$21,392.62;
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signing officers of the City of Steinbach be authorized to execute all required land transfer documents.

- Un. Carried -

10. City Manager reported that the tenders for the construction of sidewalks in Southland Estates closes on Thursday, April 19th and will be referred to Council for award on May 1st. Some concerns have been expressed regarding the proposed placement of the sidewalk along Penrose Crescent and Madison Drive, which would impact existing trees and shrubs, sprinkler systems, landscaping features, ornamental planters, etc. The City's specifications indicated a 1' off-set from the City right-of-way, which would result in a placement 7-8' from the curb. City Manager requested Council directive as to how to address the concerns of the landowners along Madison Drive and Penrose Crescent.

Several members of Council indicated they had met with some of the landowners in this area. The following resolution resulted.

- R07-113 11. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that Administration be authorized to amend the specifications of the proposed sidewalk along Penrose Crescent and Madison Drive, and locate the sidewalk closer to the curb than what is specified in the City of Steinbach Standard Design and Construction Specifications Manual.

- Carried -

Voting Against: R. Enns

- R07-114 12. Councillor Toews, Councillor Enns RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Disbursements (April 2/07)	\$ 156,060.07
Payroll (March 23/07)	\$ 121,734.88
Payroll (April 5/07)	\$ 120,224.90

- Un. Carried -

- R07-115 13. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the Financial Statement for the period ending February, 2007, be accepted.

- Un. Carried -

- R07-116 14. Councillor Hiebert, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the following business licences be approved:

Bill Dyck Bill's Yard & Garden	103 Westwood St	\$ 100.00
Jacques Gagnon Gagnon & Tougas Construction Service	Non-resident	\$ 300.00
Leo Penner Leo the Tree Man	494 Reimer Ave	\$ 100.00

- Un. Carried -

R07-117 15. Councillor Hiebert, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give second reading to By-Law 1820, being a by-law setting the rate for Tax Certificates.

- Un. Carried -

R07-118 16. Councillor Toews, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to By-Law 1820, being a by-law setting the rate for Tax Certificates.

- Un. Carried -

R07-119 17. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 1823, being a by-law establishing capital development fees.

- Un. Carried -

18. Correspondence was acknowledged from Eastman Crisis Centre / Agape House, in response to a request from the City, to provide its most recent financial statement due to the preliminary approval of a grant for 2007.

19. Correspondence was acknowledged from the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, confirming the first installment of the 2007 General Assistance grant.

20. Correspondence was acknowledged from the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, confirming the final operating grant for 2006 under the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program.

21. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Toews RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

- Un. Carried -

Time of adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager