

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
July 6, 2010

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at the 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, Jac Siemens, Art Rempel, Elbert Toews, Abe Hiebert and Roy Enns. Also present: City Manager Jack Kehler, City Secretary, Wendi Friesen and in-coming City Clerk, Deb Rempel, and City Treasurer, Troy Warkentin.

3. Councillor Elbert Toews opened the meeting.

R10-165 4. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

- Un. Carried -

R10-166 5. Councillor Toews, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the minutes of the June 15, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

- Un. Carried -

R10-167 6. Councillor Rempel, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach award the tender for the 2010 Class 1 Waste Disposal Grounds Project to Wiebe Investments (2004) Ltd. in the amount of \$2,804,064.34 (plus taxes).

- Un. Carried -

Other tenders received:

Diamond Construction & Gravel - \$3,882,519.00

7. Council Meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:42 p.m., by Mayor Goertzen. Public hearing was to consider application for Variation Order V-10-09.

7.1 V-10-09 – Marshall Freed
56 Hanover Road East

Purpose: To allow a poultry operation to be re-built in the same location.
No objections had been received.

Representative Neil Penner, Manager of the poultry operation, was present at the Public Hearing and provided the following comments:

- Required to re-build on same site or within 300' for insurance purposes.
- Plan is to rebuild at the same location, same square footage and same density.
- An employee residence exists on site.

There being no further discussion, Council meeting re-opened and the following resolution resulted.

R10-168 8. Councillor Rempel, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve application for Variation Order V-10-09.

- Defeated -

Voting In Favor: A. Rempel, A. Hiebert

Voting Against: R. Enns, J. Siemens, M. Zwaagstra, E. Toews, C. Goertzen

R10-169 9. Councillor Toews, Councillor Enns RESOLVED that City of Steinbach Council receive the report prepared by the City Manager outlining a plan / options to address the standing water situation along PTH 52 East;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council review the full report on standing water along PTH 52 East upon completion of the field study, which is currently underway.

- Un. Carried -

10. City Manager, Jack Kehler, reported that the Municipal Board Hearing for the Jake Epp Library Expansion will be held on Monday, August 16, 2010 and if required, Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at Serving Seniors Inc, 10 Chrysler Gate.

R10-170 11. Councillor Toews, Councillor Enns RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Disbursements (June 28/10)	\$1,312,983.48
Payroll (June 25/10)	\$ 157,374.41
Payroll (June 25/10)	\$ 38,372.35

- Un. Carried -

R10-171 12. Councillor Enns, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the building permits as issued during the month of June, be accepted (list attached).

- Un. Carried -

R10-172 13. Councillor Hiebert, Councillor Enns RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give second reading to By-Law 1902, with the following amendment:

“4.1 Wherever in this by-law, and “Certificate of Liability Insurance” is required to be posted, such certification shall be filed with the City Manager prior to the issuance of a permit and shall be in a form satisfactory to the City and issued by a surety company authorized to carry out business in the Province of Manitoba in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 covering personal injury, and \$2,000,000.00 covering property damage per incident.”

- Un. Carried -

R10-173 14. Councillor Toews, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to By-Law 1902 as amended, being the Excavator By-Law.

- Un. Carried -

R10-174 15. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach enter into a Dutch Elm Disease Control Cost-Sharing Agreement with the Province of Manitoba / Minister of Conservation for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

- Un. Carried -

R10-176 16. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to By-Law 1890, being an amendment to the Official Community Plan.

- Un. Carried -

R10-175 17. Councillor Enns, Councillor Toews RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to By-Law 1888, being an amendment to the Official Community Plan.

- Un. Carried -

18. Councillor Abe Hiebert indicated he had been contacted by owners of Bridgepark Village Inc. requesting a stop sign along Stone Bridge Crossing at Albert Street. City Manager was directed to have a traffic count done and report back to Council.

19. Correspondence and a grant payment under the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program, was acknowledged from the Minister of Local Government.

20. Correspondence was acknowledged from Stone Creek Courts, requesting Council’s consideration of an additional street light in the vicinity of 366 First Street. The following resolution resulted.

R10-177 21. Councillor Toews, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that a request be forwarded to Manitoba Hydro, for the installation of an additional street light on an existing pole in the vicinity of 366 First Street.

- Un. Carried -

22. Correspondence was acknowledged from Peter Wieler (465 Hespeler Street S) urging Council to fog for mosquitoes.

23. Correspondence was acknowledged from the Steinbach and Area Garden Club objecting to mosquito fogging.

23.1 Karen Loewen, a representative of the Steinbach and Area Garden Club (SAGC), was present at the meeting and provided the following comments regarding the SAGC views on mosquito fogging:

- Fogging will upset the balance of nature, destroying more than just mosquitoes.
- There is an impact on humans, particularly those with respiratory problems, as well as animals and birds.
- Fogging is a short term solution.
- SAGC mandate is to educate others about horticulture and how it relates to the environment. It would be counterproductive to their mandate to support fogging for mosquitoes.

23.2 Russ Dyck, City of Steinbach Parks and Recreation Department Head, was present and provided the following information:

- Steinbach does not own fogging equipment. Province of Manitoba has fogging equipment which has been used by other communities.
- Expect seven to ten days for delivery of the malathion.
- Expect approximately three nights to fog the City of Steinbach.
- Estimated cost is \$2,000.00 including the malathion. Approximately 16-24 hours @ \$130.00/hour.
- A public notice is required to be posted giving the public 15 days notice to register objections.
- The City of Steinbach started larvaciding two weeks earlier than last year.
- It would take approximately three weeks before the City of Steinbach would be permitted to commence fogging.

The following resolution resulted.

R10-178 24. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that Administration file a report within one week outlining the following items:

- Ramifications of fogging.
- Financial costs.
- Equipment required and availability.
- Environmental issues.
- Provincial statutes.
- Use of Provincial equipment or to purchase equipment.

- Carried -

Voting in Favor: J. Siemens, E. Toews, A. Hiebert, R. Enns, C. Goertzen
Voting Against: A. Rempel, M. Zwaagstra

R10-179 25. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Rempel RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach move forward with mosquito fogging.

- Defeated -

Voting in Favor: M. Zwaagstra, A. Rempel
Voting Against: C. Goertzen, J. Siemens, E. Toews, A. Hiebert, R. Enns

26. Correspondence and payment under the Manitoba Insurance Program: Self-Insurance Loss Pool Refund, were acknowledged from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

27. Correspondence was acknowledged from R M of Westbourne requesting City Council's support of a resolution for the declaration of an Agricultural Disaster in the R M of Westbourne. Received as information only.

28. Councillor Toews reported that the Steinbach Heritage Committee is nearing completion on a monument commemorating Steinbach's educational community. Due to the early schools of Steinbach being located where City Hall is today, the Committee is requesting Council's consideration in allowing the educational monument to be situated on the grounds at Steinbach City Hall.

R10-180 29. Councillor Rempel, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve the placement of the Steinbach Heritage Committee educational monument on the grounds at 225 Reimer Avenue.

- Un. Carried -

30. Councillor Rempel, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

- Un. Carried -

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Time of adjournment 9:10 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager