

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE OLD LIBRARY, 922 – 2ND AVENUE @ 7:30 P.M.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008

Present: Mayor: Leona Hanson

Councillors: Mary Hermans
Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus
Joan Kyle
Richard Lappenbush
Craig Milliken
Tracy Willey

Others: Chris King, Town Manager
Ione O’Connell, Recording Secretary
Jim Nichol, Public Works Rep.
Brenda Jones, Beaverlodge & District
News Representative
Eric Ehrman, Boxing Club Representative

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-12-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the agenda be approved with the following additions and deletions:

- 6.3 Addition - Communitites in Bloom Request
- 7.2 Addition - Rick Wallan Holdings Ltd. Extension Request
- 7.3 Addition - Conceptual Design Quotes
- 8.1 Deletion – Lorne & Elouise Johnson Rezoning Request
- 10.1 Addition - Branding
- 11.4 Addition - Emerging Trends in Municipal Law
- 11.5 Addition - Best of Buzz
- 11.6 Addition - Alberta Sport Foundation
- 11.7 Addition - Peace Library Annual Report

Carried.

3.0 DELEGATIONS

3.1 Eric Ehrman – Boxing Club

Mr. Ehrman has been investigating options for a boxing club for youth for the basement of the old library facility, here at 922 – 2nd Avenue. The building inspector has indicated that the beams downstairs cannot be moved and they would not work for the proposed use, Mr. Ehrman requested that Council consider letting the boxing club use the upstairs area, with Council downstairs.

Council indicated that they will do a tour after the meeting and discuss alternatives, and that CAO, Chris King will let Mr. Ehrman know what their decision is this week.

Council rejected the request to switch locations.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 24, 2008 – Attachment

Motion #2-12-08-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 24, 2008 be approved as presented.

Carried.

5.0 TABLED ITEMS

5.1 Conceptual Design for Multi Use Facility

Motion #3-12-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that this item be removed from the table and dealt with under agenda item number 7.3 of this meeting - planning.

Carried

5.2 Prairie Disposal – Cardboard Recycling

This item will remain tabled.

5.3 Challenge North 2009 Sponsorship

This item will remain tabled.

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Encana Grande Prairie and District Music Festival donation opportunity

Motion #4-12-08-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that this request be dealt with at the January 2009 budget deliberations

Carried

6.2 Variance Report

Motion #5-12-08-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the variance report be accepted for information.

Carried

6.3 Communities in Bloom Request

Motion #6-12-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that Council support the Communities in Bloom initiative with funding in the same amount as the 2008-year of \$12,500.00 (based on the 2008 budget). When the 2009 budget is finalized this amount will be adjusted if necessary.

Carried

7.0 PLANNING

7.1 Community Futures Grande Prairie & Region Grant Specialist Initiative Update

Motion #7-12-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that this item be tabled pending further information being provided.

Carried

7.2 Rick Wallan Holdings Ltd.

Motion #8-12-08-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Council grant an extension to Rick Wallan Holdings Ltd. for Subdivision of SE ¼ of Sec 2 Twp. 72 Range 10 West of 6th Meridian (Southview Phase III – File No. 07094) until August 14, 2010.

Carried

7.3 Conceptual Design Quotes

CAO, Chris King spoke to the two proposals that were received for conceptual design quotes for a multiuse facility.

Motion #9-12-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that Council accept the conceptual design proposal that Quiet Box Design Studio (Michael Rourke) presented.

Carried

8.0 BY-LAWS

Nil

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nil

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Branding Update

WOJO Designs has presented Council with a more simplified design, which is being reviewed as per Council's request.

11.0 READING FILE

11.1 AUMA News Release – Nil.

11.2 Alberta Health Services News – Nil.

11.3 Regional EMS Foundation News – Nil.

11.4 Emerging Trends in Municipal Law – Nil

11.5 Best of Buzz – Nil.

11.6 Alberta Sport Foundation – Nil.

11.7 Peace Library Annual Report – Nil.

12.0 REPORTS

12.1 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson will be attending a Water Strategy Meeting in Grande Prairie on December 21st.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that an Airport Commission meeting will be held on December 26th.
- Mayor Hanson attended a Highway Twinning Meeting on December 3rd.
- Mayor Hanson delivered a Town Address at the December 4th Beaverlodge Chamber Luncheon.

12.2 Chris King, Chief Administrative Officer

- Chris mentioned that the airport should be seeing more activity in the upcoming years and that Grande Prairie Airport management has indicated an interest in better utilizing our facility.

12.3 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus attended a Grande Spirit Foundation Board Meeting.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus mentioned that the Town of Beaverlodge was nominated to the Grande Spirit Foundation Management Committee and accepted.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus also mentioned that the Grande Spirit Foundation made a motion to only have elected officials as board members.

12.4 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans attended a library budget meeting.
- Councillor Hermans attended the Library Board Christmas Party.
- Councillor Hermans attended a Peace Library System Board Meeting and Plan of Service Meeting.

- Councillor Hermans attended the Grand Opening of Alberta North GPRC Site at the Library.
- Councillor Hermans attended a GPRTA Board Meeting on December 12th.

12.5 Councillor Lappenbush

Nil

12.6 Jim Nichol, Public Works Foreman

- Jim reported that power should be installed at the lagoon this week and that the project there is going great.

12.7 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey will be attending a Health Council Meeting on December 16th.
- Councillor Willey mentioned that the Pee Wee Classic Hockey Tournament is scheduled for this weekend.

12.8 Councillor Milliken

- Councillor Milliken attended a meeting with the County regarding the Highway.
- Councillor Milliken also attended the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Luncheon.

12.9 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle mentioned that the food bank is doing well this year, with lots of monetary donations, and that the Fire Department's blitz is tonight for Christmas hampers.
- Councillor Kyle mentioned that invitations have been sent to all previous Mayors for the 100 Year Celebration planned for the upcoming summer.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #10-12-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Leona Hanson

Chris King, Town Manager