

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE @ 7:30 P.M.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Present: Mayor: Leona Hanson

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

Others: Ivan Hegland, Town Manager
Traci Richards, Recording Secretary
Ione O'Connell, Municipal Secretary
Jim Nichol, Public Works Rep.
Clayton Barclay, Beaverlodge Advertiser
Don Sylvester, Beaverlodge & District
News Representative
Duane Stevenson, Arctic Winter Games Rep.
John Page, Campsite Host
Leora Page, Campsite Host

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 7.5 Municipal Sponsorship Program
- 7.6 Multi Use Capital Project Committee

Carried

3.0 DELEGATIONS

3.1 Arctic Winter Games Representatives – Duane Stevenson @ 7:30 p.m.

Duane Stevenson spoke of the Arctic Winter Games taking place March 6-13, 2010. He mentioned that there have been federal, provincial, county, and city sponsorships through volunteers, cash, and gifts & kind. Duane asked that we send out flyers with our tax notices as a way to educate the town citizens and possibly generate donations and involvement.

3.1 Continued

Council decided it was a good idea and asked for pamphlets to include with our tax notices in 2009. Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus inquired about possible Beaverlodge recognition and promotion at the Artic Winter Games. Council will keep in touch with Mr. Stevenson in regards to getting involved.

3.2 Campsite Hosts – John and Leora Page @ 8:00 p.m.

John provided the current status of the campground and his own thoughts and projections for the years to come. Council expressed their appreciation for his thorough report on the campground.

Mayor Hanson thanked John and Leora for the presentation and acknowledged the benefit the renovations on the campground would have on the community and the campsite itself. Mayor Hanson and Council invited John and Leora to come back in May. John and Leora mentioned they would consider coming back next year.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 11th, 2008 – Attachment

Motion #2-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 11th, 2008 be approved as presented.

Carried.

4.2 Special Meeting of Council Minutes from August 5, 2008 – Attachment

Motion #3-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held August 5th, 2008 be approved as presented.

Carried.

4.3 Minutes of Subdivision & Development Board Meeting held August 11, 2008 – Attachment

Motion #4-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the Minutes of the Subdivision & Development Board Meeting held August 11th, 2008 be approved as presented.

Carried.

5.0 TABLED ITEMS

5.1 Conceptual Design for Multi Use Facility

This item will remain tabled.

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Monthly Statement – August 2008 – Attachment

Motion #5-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the August 2008 Monthly Statement be accepted for information.

Carried.

6.2 Accounts Payable – August 2008 (Cheque #'s 20080943 to 20081098) – Attachment

Motion #6-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the August 2008 Accounts Payable (Cheque #'s 20080943 to 20081098) be approved for payment.

Carried.

6.3 Reserve Bid for Public Auction (Need Motion for Date of Auction and Reserve Bid Amount) – Attachment

Motion #7-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the Public Auction be held October 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the town office and that the reserve bid be at \$45,000.00.

Carried.

6.4 Prairie Disposal – Cardboard Recycling – Attachment

Motion #8-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the cardboard recycling program be tabled, and discuss the recycling program as a whole once the new CAO is in place.

Carried

7.0 PLANNING

7.1 By Election Nomination Day (Motion to approve Sept. 22, 2008)

Motion #9-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the by-election nomination day be held September 22, 2008.

Carried.

7.2 Appointment of Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer

Motion #10-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Ivan Hegland be appointed as Returning Officer and Ione O’Connell be appointed as Deputy Returning Officer.

Carried.

7.3 Memorandum of Agreement - Darry Dargatz (Motion to Approve Hooking onto Municipal Water) – Attachment

Motion #11-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the town enter into an agreement to supply water and sewer services to Darry Dargatz.

Carried.

7.4 RCMP Secretarial Position

A meeting was held on September 4, 2008 regarding RCMP secretarial position. People in attendance included: Owen Smith, Ronda Tofteland, Lois Dueck, Leona Hanson, Ivan Hegland, Sergeant Robert Finley, Staff Sergeant Jason Seper, and Constable Joseph Lewanczuk. It was proposed that the individual would work out of the detachment and be administered as a contract position, not a town employee. The current staff at the detachment would train the individual to relieve the RCMP of paper work and provide backup to the current staff.

The cost of the individual would be approximately \$50,000 and would be shared across five municipalities. It was discussed in the meeting on Sept. 4, 2008 how to divide the cost of the individual among the five municipalities. Some of the possibilities discussed included: prorate, crime rate, population, assessment, or a combination. It was proposed that an equal amount would benefit all. Beaverlodge’s portion would be \$8,000-10,000 per year. In order for the position to be created, all five municipalities would have to be in agreement.

7.4 Continued

The RCMP is proposing to provide statistics to show how the position is necessary and useful. The following are some measurements that can be provided: less overtime, productivity levels, and time spent on street.

Motion #12-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that council agrees in principal to support the position with a one-year contract with definite measurements provided.

Carried.

7.5 Municipal Sponsorship Program – Multi Use Facility – County Participation

Motion #13-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the town approach the county of Grande Prairie to apply for inter-municipal project funds under the 2008 Municipal Sponsorship Program to provide funding for the Multi Use Facility.

Carried.

7.6 Multi Use Capital Project Committee

Mayor Hanson proposed a committee including the following members:

Members of County Council, Richard Harp and Pat Jacobs; Members of Town Council, Leona Hanson and Craig Milliken; Staff Representatives, Svea Isherwood and Rick Willey and the CAO once appointed; and Two Members at Large.

Motion #14-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Willey to accept appointment of the Multi Use Capital Project Committee members.

Carried.

8.0 BY-LAWS

8.1 Borrowing By-Law #896 \$750,000. 1st Reading - Attachment

Motion #15-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that **By-Law #896** be given 1st Reading.

Carried.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Premiers Dinner – Reminder

Premiers Dinner will take place on November 6, 2008 in Grande Prairie. A Table has been reserved and the Council will be contacted with details and to see who can attend.

9.2 Distinguished Service Award 2008 – Leroy Durand

The Distinguished Service Award 2008 will be presented to Leroy Durand at the AUMA Convention on October 2, 2008. All council members will be in attendance.

9.3 Town Presentation at the Alberta Water and Waste Water Association - Attachment

The Alberta Water and Waste Water Association conference will take place March 11-13, 2009. In direct relation to the court case Mayor Hanson; Town Foreman, Jim Nichol; and Town Manager, Ivan Hegland, will attend the conference. The town will give a panel discussion for a question and answer atmosphere.

10.0 READING FILE

10.1 Bissett Resource Emergency Response Plan – Use of Community Centre - Nil

10.2 Camp Little Buffalo – RCMP Request - Nil

10.3 Alberta Health Services – In Your Community Bulletin - Nil

10.4 Breast Cancer Fundraiser – Dale Cornock - Nil

10.5 AUMA – AGM Recommendation - Nil

10.6 Alberta Environment – AUMA Convention Information - Nil

10.7 Lloyd Sherk – Beaverlodge Advantage - Nil

10.8 Alberta Promise Information - Nil

10.9 Beaverlodge Chamber Minutes - Nil

- 10.10 Automatic External Defibrillator Training – Councilor Willey suggested investing or finding someone to Donate another Defibrillator for in town during summer, as the one at the golf course doesn't suffice. Town staff will look into the cost and requirements to obtain a defibrillator and find a location that is open during peak hours for the defibrillator to be stationed.
- 10.11 Travel Alberta – Best of Buzz - Nil
- 10.12 Alberta Sustainable Resource Development – Economic Impact of the Alberta Forest Industry booklet - Nil
- 10.13 Farm Women's Conference Sponsorship Request – No Action Taken
- 10.14 Community Emergency Preparedness & Resiliency Conference – Town staff to provide FCSS with a copy of the application.
- 10.15 Alberta Municipal Affairs – Arena Addition Capital Funding - Nil

11.0 REPORTS

11.1 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson is involved in the recruitment process for the CAO position. It has been a good experience for Mayor Hanson and she appreciates Councillor Willey, Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus, and External Interviewer Dave Gourlay for being on the committee. She also thanks the town staff for the support.
- Mayor Hanson attended the 100-year celebration grant proposal. She noted that several community groups were present.
- Mayor Hanson has attended landowner meetings regarding water and sewer access in the industrial park.
- Mayor Hanson has attended Health Council Meetings
- Mayor Hanson met with MLA regarding hospital, highway, and many other issues ongoing.
- Mayor Hanson met with Ray Danaluk regarding infrastructure, the library, and a number of municipal issues.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned a monthly Mayors and Reeves meeting that has started. This meeting will give a chance to network with various politicians regarding issues affecting the community.

11.2 Ivan Hegland, Town Administrator

- Nothing to report

11.3 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans attended a Grande Prairie Tourism Meeting
- Councillor Hermans rode on float in the Beaverlodge parade. Along with Councillor Kyle, Councillor Hermans handed out 100 years magnets at the gates of the fair and at lunch.
- Councillor Hermans mentioned that Beaverlodge attended the Hythe parade.
- Councillor Hermans will be attending Board Meeting for Library on September 10, 2008.

11.4 Councillor Milliken

- Councillor Milliken advised that the Appreciation/Newcomers BBQ on Thursday, September 11, 2008 is still looking for Volunteers. Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus and Councillor Hermans agreed to volunteer for this event.
- Councillor Milliken attended the Dargetz landowner meeting.

11.5 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey has been on the CAO interview committee.
- Councillor Willey mentioned that the hospital has been more fully staffed.
- Councillor Willey attended a Health Board Meeting.
- Councillor Willey attended the Alberta Health Services Board meeting in Grande Prairie on behalf of Mayor Hanson. Councillor Willey noted positive change for the area.

11.6 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus mentioned the woman from Amisk Court were on the community in bloom float and were pleased to be involved.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus attended the Grande Spirit management meeting. Half of the \$300,000 seed money has been used in drawings and reproductions.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus attended the communities in bloom meeting.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus advised that the chips from the trees that have been cut down in town are available for use.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus will be attending a strategic planning meeting for communities in bloom on Tuesday, September 16, 2008.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus is submitting an application to the Library to book a meeting room for the year, to have the monthly communities in bloom meeting there.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus is enjoying being part of the Communities in Bloom, and looks forward to the upcoming year.

11.7 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle advised that the 100 Years of Settlement Committee was able to secure a number of Oxen in the Linden, Alberta.
- Councillor Kyle noted that the 100 Years of Settlement Committee has a bank account now and has created two committees.
- Councillor Kyle along with Trudy Hodges and Mayor Hanson attended the presentation on August 29 where Beaverlodge FCSS was presented with a plaque for their contribution to the county.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #16-09-08-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Leona Hanson

Ivan Hegland, Town Manager