

**MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008**  
**IN THE TOWN OFFICE – 7:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor: Leona Hanson

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

Others: Ivan Hegland, Town Manager  
Ione O’Connell, Recording Secretary  
Jim Nichol, Public Works Rep.  
Don Sylvester, Beaverlodge & District  
News Representative

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion #1-08-11-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

**3.0 DELEGATIONS**

**3.1 Peace Library System – Linda Duplessis**

Ms. Duplessis attended the meeting to update Council on the Peace Library System. This is her first visit in about three years and she had some very good information to share with Council and they were very appreciative.

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### 4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 16, 2008

Motion #2-08–11-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 16th, 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 – July 2008

Motion #3-08-11-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the July 2008 Monthly Statement be accepted for information.

Carried.

#### 6.2 Accounts Payable – July 2008 (Cheque #'s 20080782 to 20080942)

Motion #4-08-11-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the July 2008 Accounts Payable (Cheque #'s 20080782 to 20080942) be approved for payment.

Carried.

#### 6.3 Industrial Park Water & Sewer Extension

Motion #5-08–11-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Council commit to the West Industrial water and low-pressure sewer extension pending approval from Alberta Highways; as outlined in the quote from FOCUS dated July 21, 2008, with a total tender amount of \$514,180.74 (Key Excavating).

Carried.

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6.0 FINANCE – CONT'D.

6.3 Industrial Park Water & Sewer Extension – Cont'd.

Motion #6-08–11-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that Council approve a borrowing By-law in the amount of \$750,000.00 to be allocated towards the above mentioned water/sewer project in the amount of \$500,000.00 and \$250,000.00 to be allocated towards the arena dressing room project that is underway.

Carried.

6.4 Request from Judy White

Council discussed this request at length and feel that present water rates in Beaverlodge are a very good value; and they do not wish to offer incentives to pay up front at this time. Staff will send coorespondence to Ms. White to inform her of Council's position on this request.

6.5 Proposal for 100<sup>th</sup> Year of Settlement Celebrations from Svea Isherwood

Motion #7-08–11-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that Council provide seed funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 100 Year of Settlement Celebrations Committee.

Carried.

7.0 PLANNING

7.1 Appointment of Councillor Milliken as Deputy Mayor

Motion #8-08–11-08

Moved by Mayor Hanson that Councillor Milliken be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the Town of Beaverlodge.

Carried.

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### 7.0 PLANNING – CONT'D.

#### 7.2 Request from Benji White

Motion #8-08–11-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that Benji White be granted a variance to allow him to replace a fence that is currently outside of the property line at 714 Alder Avenue. This variance is granted with the understanding that there must be a gate at the back for entrance by Public Works, and if an emergency arises the fence would be removed, with any damage and repair costs to be the responsibility of the owner of the property. Mr. White will also be informed of the height restriction for fences in town.

Carried.

### 8.0 BY-LAWS

#### 8.1 By-Law # 895 Carey Wallan Rezoning Request (1103, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue West)

Motion #9-08–11-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that By-Law # 895 Carey Wallan Rezoning Request (1103, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue West) – to rezone from R1 Restricted Residential to Highway Commercial, be give 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

Carried.

### 9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

#### 9.1 Resignation of Councillor Lappenbush from Council

Motion #10-08–11-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that Council accept the resignation of Councillor Lappenbush from Council with regret.

Carried.

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### 9.0 OTHER BUSINESS – CONT'D.

#### 9.2 Request for Donation for Lobsterfest

Motion #11-08–11-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Council donates a family swim pass for 2009 to the lobsterfest

Carried.

Mayor Hanson also encouraged Council members to attend this very worthwhile event that our Fire Department puts on each year.

#### 9.3 Regional EMS Foundation

This group is looking for a board member from our community. Mayor Hanson suggested that Council spread the word that this foundation wants a member from our community.

### 10.0 READING FILE

- 10.1 Hythe Ag Society Invitation to Participate in Parade – Staff will send the float.
- 10.2 AUMA Draft Framework for a New Provincial/Municipal Sustainability Partnership Agreement – Nil.
- 10.3 Peace Country Health Publication – Nil.
- 10.4 Travel Alberta Newsletter – The Best of Buzz – Nil.
- 10.5 County of Grande Prairie Coorespondence Regarding Updated Costs for the Arena Project – Council really appreciates the additional funding and would like to get a photo opportunity in this regard.
- 10.6 LAPP Contribution Rate Increase – Nil.
- 10.7 Communities in Bloom Committee Thank you – Nil.
- 10.8 Monkman Pass Memorial Trail Driving Tour – Nil.
- 10.9 Tumbler Ridge Guide to Exploring & DVD Presentation – Nil.

### 11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 11.1 Ivan Hegland, Town Manager

Nil.

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### 11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

#### 11.2 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans mentioned that the Communities in Bloom tour was excellent.
- Councillor Hermans mentioned that she attended a meeting for the 100 Year of Settlement Celebration Committee.
- Councillor Hermans attended the last library board meeting.
- Councillor Hermans attended an interview by City TV at the Beaver site, which will promote our community.

#### 11.3 Councillor Milliken

- Councillor Milliken mentioned that the arena project is now awaiting trusses and that the power went in over the weekend.
- Councillor Milliken mentioned that the sidewalk project should be complete this week.

#### 11.4 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey finished an update sheet for people who are sending letters regarding our hospital.
- Councillor Willey plans to attend a provincial health board meeting in Grande Prairie tomorrow, and will update Council on the details.

#### 11.5 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus found the Communities in Bloom tour very interesting, and commented that it really gave her a new perspective – especially regarding conservation. She also mentioned that the museum provided a great lunch and that tea at the Cultural Centre was also very good.

#### 11.6 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle is busy with the 100 Years of Settlement Celebration Committee and they plan to have a float entry for the upcoming parade.

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### 11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

#### 11.7 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson mentioned that she enjoyed meeting with the Communities in Bloom judges.
- Mayor Hanson met with Premier Stelmach on July 31st and had a good opportunity to discuss the hospital. She was pleased with his comments. They also discussed the highway and he indicated that he was disappointed that the functional plan has not yet been signed off. Regional water was another topic that they discussed and she was encouraged by his thoughts on moving this regional system along.
- Mayor Hanson attended a farewell for Gord Graydon, which provided more networking opportunities.
- Mayor Hanson has also talked to several potential investors, which is encouraging for our community.
- Mayor Hanson attended a meeting with staff and Alberta Environment officials regarding our water system.
- Mayor Hanson enjoyed attending the Monkman Memorial Trail opening and was impressed with the many connections to our region.

### 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 12-07-16-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor Leona Hanson

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Ivan Hegland, Town Manager