

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008
IN THE TOWN OFFICE – 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Leona Hanson

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

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-04-14-08

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

- 9.6 Valhalla Community School Request
- 10.16 Beaverlodge Elementary School Parent Council Concern

Carried

3.0 DELEGATIONS

Nil

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4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 25, 2008

Motion #2-04-14-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 25th, 2008 be approved as presented.

Carried.

5.0 TABLED ITEMS

Nil

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Monthly Statement – March 2008

Motion #3-04-14-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the March 2008 Monthly Statement be accepted for information.

Carried.

6.2 Accounts Payable – March 2008 (Cheque #'s 20080245 to 20080356)

Motion #4-04-14-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that the March 2008 Accounts Payable (Cheque #'s 20080245 to 20080356) be approved for payment.

Carried.

6.3 Recommendation for Position Within Recreation Department

Motion #5-04-14-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that a new full time recreation department position be established effective May 1, 2008. Town Manager, Ivan Hegland will determine the starting salary level and establish a new grid line for this position. Ammiel Chugg, who currently works on a seasonal basis for the town, will fill this position internally.

Carried.

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6.4 Notice of Motion to Hire Community Economic Development Person

Motion #6-04-14-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the Town of Beaverlodge advertise for a Community Economic Development Officer, to be hired on a part time contract basis.

Carried.

6.5 Notice of Motion to Have Staff Pursue Possible Options for the Aeration of the Sewer Lagoon Project

Motion #7-04-14-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that staff look at possible options for aeration of the sewer lagoon. The options should include a dollar figure, time to install, and anticipated effectiveness.

Carried.

7.0 PLANNING

Nil

8.0 BY-LAWS

Nil

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Volunteer Breakfast Date Set for April 28th

Set up will start at about 6:00 a.m., with doors opening to the public from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Recreation Director, Rick Willey will work with FCSS to make arrangements for supplies and The R.C.M.P. assist with this breakfast.

9.2 Community Clean Up Date Set for May 3rd

Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus will be meeting with Communities in Bloom tomorrow night, to discuss what the plans are for this clean up and what needs to be looked after. Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus will remind them that all bins need to be removed from the site at the end of the day to ensure that people do not add unacceptable items when they are not supervised. This is very important, as the landfill has significant fines for improper usage.

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9.0 OTHER BUSINESS – CONT'D.

9.3 Swan Festival Invitation to Council to Opening Ceremony

This event will take place on May 26th & 27th. Please let Ione know if you plan to attend, so she can RSVP.

9.4 Chautauqua Day Invitation to Participate in Parade and Celebrations

Staff will confirm the date and check with our Recreation Director regarding having the float taken to this parade.

9.5 Wayne Franklin from AB Transportation Plans to Attend a Meeting at the Town Office on May 5th @ 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Franklin took John Engleders' position and will be meeting with Council on this date. Please let Ione know if you are planning to attend.

9.6 Valhalla Community School Request

Motion #8-04-14-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that Council provide the Valhalla Community School with a letter of support for their proposed charter school

Carried.

10.0 READING FILE

- 10.1 AUMA Convention Dates October 1st – 3rd in Edmonton – Please let Ivan know if you cannot attend this convention, so that the appropriate number of rooms is booked.
- 10.2 PC Convention AGM Dates October 3rd – 5th in Jasper – For information.
- 10.3 Regional Water Study Technical Memorandum – This is good information and will be helpful to Council when planning.
- 10.4 Peace Country Health (PCH) – Coordinator of Emergency Response Planning Request for Information Regarding Upcoming Plans for Disaster Exercises – Nil.
- 10.5 2008 Literacy Awards Nomination Information – Nil.
- 10.6 Peace Country Health (PCH) Newsletter – For information.
- 10.7 Welcome Package Information – Package that the Resource Centre provides to new residents.
- 10.8 Chamber of Commerce Minutes – Nil.
- 10.9 Recycle Plus – Annual Report – Nil.
- 10.10 SPCA March Activity Report – Nil.
- 10.11 Peace Country Health (PCH) Board Highlights – Nil.
- 10.12 Alberta's North Special Report – Nil.

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10.0 READING FILE – CONT'D.

- 10.13 Peace Country Health (PCH) – Beaverlodge News – Nil.
- 10.14 Peace Country Health (PCH) – April Issue of the Current – Nil.
- 10.15 Communities in Bloom Spring Clean Up – Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus is following this item, and will ensure that things are in order.
- 10.16 Beaverlodge Elementary School Parent Council Concern – Marilyn Snell forwarded a concern regarding sidewalks in town, especially in the area of the Elementary School. Council discussed this item and it was determined that sidewalks are included in our planning budget each year, and will continue to have dollars allocated annually for a planned program. Snow removal on sidewalks is the responsibility of the abutting property owner. A letter will be sent, thanking the Parent Council for their concern and informing them what our policy is in this regard.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson reported that she attended an Economic Development Association conference most of last week. She had an opportunity to talk with the Honorable Iris Evans while there, regarding our hospital facility.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that she heard that the vacant FCSS position would be filled soon.

11.2 Ivan Hegland, Town Manager

- Ivan presented Council with some information regarding overlay for the budget.

11.3 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans reported that the library called an emergency meeting on April 2nd regarding staffing. Currently, the only staff member is the librarian and since the board takes the responsibility to assist with staffing, Mary and Gail Schmidt have been filling in for the interim. They will be advertising for 2 new employees to be hired as part time.
- Councillor Hermans attended the Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Board meeting last week. Only 6 members were in attendance.
- Councillor Hermans traveled with County Councillor Lois Dueck to the opening of the new Protective Services building in Grande Prairie last week.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

- Councillor Hermans will attend a meeting at the Albright Hall tomorrow night regarding a proposed by-law that the County has put forth, which would affect gatherings in the County.

11.4 Councillor Milliken

Nil

11.5 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey mentioned that one of the Beaverlodge girl's hockey teams took our Beaver mascot to the provincials and that it was a huge hit, as it always is.
- Councillor Willey indicated that she attended a meeting of the Health Council last week at the hospital, and that we must continue to strategize and lobby to get our new health complex project moving.

11.6 Councillor Lappenbush

- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned that there has been some concern expressed regarding a situation at Parkview Village involving the RCMP, where some school children were sent back to school. The school did not know that there was a situation and he wondered if better communication methods should be investigated. Mayor Hanson and Town Manager, Ivan Hegland have a meeting booked with R.C.M.P. Sgt. Robert Finley for next week, and will discuss this further with him. Council also asked them to discuss speed limits in the school zones.
- Councillor Lappenbush attended a local PC constituents meeting on Saturday in Hythe. An interesting topic discussed there was Dr. retention in the north and some statistics from the college at Prince George. Also discussed was a possible resolution regarding a railway/container depot, as well as generation of power and our power grid not producing our own power by other means.
- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned the Grande Prairie-Wapiti AGM will be held either June 19th or 26th.
- Councillor Lappenbush indicated that the Elementary School is very pleased that they can utilize a room at the new library for some classes. The close proximity to the new facility works out great for them.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

11.7 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus attended a Grande Spirit Management Committee meeting on March 28th as an observer. She was pleased with the meeting and with the fact that she is now receiving copies of their minutes and that we will have a much clearer picture of happenings with Grande Spirit, with the better communications that have been implemented. Their next meeting will be held at Amisk Court on Friday, April 18th at 10:00 a.m.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus plans to attend Communities in Bloom meeting tomorrow, where plans will continue for the May clean up day.

11.8 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle reported that she also attended the recent Health Council meeting along with Councillor Willey.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 9-04-14-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that the meeting adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Hanson

Ivan Hegland, Town Manager