

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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.
Brenda Jones, Beaverlodge & District
News Representative
Clayton Barclay, Beaverlodge Advertiser
Darren Sandbeck and Rob Barone, Peace
Country Health Representatives

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-04-28-08

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

- 6.8 Communities in Bloom Budget Approval
- 6.9 Contract with TNT Construction to Provide for a new Plant Room and Renovation and Addition of Two Dressing Rooms at the Arena
- 7.3 Entering into an Agreement with Grande Spirit Foundation for Providing Financial Support to Encourage Expansion
- 7.4 Advertising for an RFP for Branding

Carried

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3.0 DELEGATIONS

3.1 Peace Country Health (PCH) – EMS Representatives Darren Sandbeck Rob Barone

PCH EMS serves our area as well as many others with ambulance service. Since early January, Darren and Rob have been visiting municipalities, which are served by their organization that was formed in 2005. At that point seven separate EMS organizations formed into one. They explained what they have been working on and improvements that have resulted, and also indicated future plans.

Mayor Hanson inquired as to what role we as a municipality might play in assisting PCH EMS to provide the best possible care to all districts under their umbrella.

The delegates indicated that written support from the municipalities, which would involve requesting the ministry to release the information that has been gathered from the Discovery Projects studies that have been completed would help. Also, requests directed to the government regarding funding challenges that face EMS would help in bringing this very important service, and proper funding for it to the forefront. They indicated that they feel that the Provincial government is responsible to address these issues.

Council also asked about career opportunities that might exist and what educational programs might be available to enter this field. The delegation indicated that there is great opportunity in this field and that there is even a cadet program available. For more information persons could contact their administrative secretary, Anna Hamilton at 513-3045.

Council would like more information regarding what voice we can provide on behalf of PCH EMS. Mayor Hanson thanked them for coming and providing Council with a clearer picture of the services that they provide.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 14, 2008

Motion #2-04-28-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 14th, 2008 be approved, with one change noted in 11.6 – the word college be changed to university.

Carried.

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5.0 TABLED ITEMS

Nil

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Notes to 2008 Budget

Motion #3-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that this item be tabled to the May 12, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

6.2 Estimated Revenue & Expenditure 2008

Motion #4-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that this item be tabled to the May 12, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

6.3 Property Assessment Comparison 2007/2008

Motion #5-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that this item be tabled to the May 12, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

6.4 Monkman Pass Memorial Trail Advertising Proposal

Motion #6-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that a delegation representing this proposal be invited to a future Council meeting, and that this item be tabled to be dealt with after we meet with this group and get further information.

Carried.

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6.5 Assessment Service Contract – County of Grande Prairie No. 1

Motion #7-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that the Town of Beaverlodge enter into a new contract for assessment services for the fiscal years 2009 thru 2011 as requested by the County of Grande Prairie.

Carried.

6.6 Cowbus Request for Support

Motion #8-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the request for sponsorship of the Cowbus in the amount of \$200.00 be approved for this year.

Carried.

6.7 2009 Projected Budget Numbers

Motion #9-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that this item be tabled to the May 12, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

6.8 Contract to Provide Construction for the Plant Room and Renovation and Addition of Two Dressing Rooms at the Arena

Motion #10-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that the Town of Beaverlodge enter into a contract with TNT Construction (Dana Lockhart) to have them construct a new plant room and do a renovation and addition of two dressing rooms at the arena. This project is to be funded by the (Municipal Sustainability Initiative) MSI grant.

Carried.

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7.0 PLANNING

7.1 Beaverlodge Arena Ice Users Policy Update

Motion #11-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that Council approve an update to the arena ice users policy, with choice 3 being amended to 3 hours at the discretion of the Recreation Director, to encourage users participation based on needs.

Carried.

7.2 Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures

Council suggested that this item be forwarded to the Protective Services Committee to work on in conjunction with the Fire Department.

7.3 Entering into an Agreement with Grande Spirit Foundation for Providing Financial Support to Encourage Expansion

Motion #12-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the Town of Beaverlodge agree in principal to enter into an agreement with the Grande Spirit Foundation to provide financial support to encourage them to move forward with a proposed expansion.

Carried.

7.4 Advertising for an RFP for Branding

Motion #13-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the Town of Beaverlodge put out an RFP for branding for our community. This will involve hiring an external consultant to put together a branding campaign that will be used for marketing and promotion of our town.

Carried.

8.0 BY-LAWS

8.1 Bylaw # 892 – Urich, Waldemar & Anna Rezoning (2nd & 3rd Reading)

Motion #14-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that Rezoning **By-Law #892 – Urich, Waldemar & Anna, be given 2nd reading.**

Carried.

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8.0 BY-LAWS –CONT'D.

Motion #15-04–28-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that Rezoning **By-Law #892 – Urich, Waldemar & Anna, be given 3rd and final reading.**

Carried.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

10.0 READING FILE

- 10.1 Amisk Court Expansion Support Letter - This item was dealt with under 7.3.
- 10.2 Volunteers of the Year Awards Luncheon – Mayor Hanson mentioned great appreciation to the many recipients of the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards, as well as all of the volunteers in our community. Town Council will have representation at the awards ceremony in Grande Prairie on Wednesday for the Leaders of Tomorrow.
- 10.3 The Hooter Newsletter – Friends of Saskatoon Island – Nil.
- 10.4 St. Lukes ACW Ladies Thank you for Conference Items – Nil.
- 10.5 RCMP & Victim Services Annual Golf Tournament Invitation – This event is on May 23rd and the Town would like to have a team attend to show community support for this fundraiser.
- 10.6 City of Grande Prairie Thank you for Letter of Support for Aquatics & Wellness Multiplex – They were pleased to receive support from our municipality.
- 10.7 Beaverlodge Victim Services Report – Received for information.
- 10.8 RCMP Statistics – Mayor Hanson and Town Manager Ivan Hegland met with RCMP representatives last week and discussed concerns. The detachment is very busy and there is some potential for regional support of an administration position, that would allow more time for members to spend on patrols. They also discussed emergency procedures during an incident and the detachment is working with local schools to ensure that they are proactive in dealing with things that may come up and with keeping community members that may be affected safe and informed.
- 10.9 Beaverlodge Lions Club News – For information.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson reported that the Beaverlodge District News along with the Beaverlodge Petroleum Club is sponsoring a volunteer recognition breakfast on Friday at the BMI. Mr. Peter Gill and Mr. Bill Nychka are being recognized formally at this function for their outstanding contributions as volunteers in our community; specifically their efforts for our new library facility and Child Development Centre. Any Council members who plan to attend please let Mayor Hanson know tonight so that tickets can be secured for this event.

11.2 Ivan Hegland, Town Manager

Nil

11.3 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans was pleased to be invited to be a judge at the Heritage Fair in Grande Prairie on April 17th.
- Councillor Hermans mentioned that she and John enjoyed the community breakfast this morning.
- Councillor Hermans mentioned that the Town's website loads very slowly.
- Councillor Hermans plans to attend the volunteer luncheon in Grande Prairie this Wednesday.
- Councillor Hermans informed Council that staffing concerns at the library are improving.

11.4 Councillor Milliken

- Councillor Milliken has spent some time with Town Foreman, Jim Nichol, looking into various concerns.
- Councillor Milliken and Mayor Hanson have completed interviews for the Economic Development Officer Position that the Town is looking to fill. The position should be offered to the successful candidate by this weekend.

11.5 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey indicated that she has had a quiet few weeks. She sent a letter to the Minister of Health regarding our Hospital. She is also looking to request local industry, communities and various organizations that utilize our facility, to send letters of support for a new Health Complex in Beaverlodge to the Ministers with Cc copies going to our MLA, Wayne Drysdale as well as Mel Knight.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

11.6 Councillor Lappenbush

- Councillor Lappenbush attended an Alberta School Council Association AGM this past weekend where he heard our new Education Minister the Honorable Minister Hancock speak. He was pleased to get an opportunity to speak with him after the meeting.
- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned that the Elks are bringing a magic show to town.
- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned that the community breakfast today turned out well.

11.7 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus attended the Communities in Bloom monthly meeting and invited them to meet with Council last Tuesday. The meeting seemed to have positive input and was beneficial, with both groups having a clearer picture of expectations.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus attended the last management committee meeting of the Grande Spirit Foundation that was held at Amisk Court last week.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus also attended a Community Futures Meeting. There is a meeting scheduled in May that we should have representation at; please let Ione know if you plan to attend by May 6th so that she can RSVP.

11.8 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle talked to Kathleen Turner today regarding the FCSS office. They are still trying to fill the open position and have advertised again.
- Councillor Kyle plans to attend a meeting regarding the highway on May 5th that is scheduled at the town office.
- It was also mentioned that a meeting regarding highway alignment would be held with engineers at the town office on May 6th.

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12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 16-04-28-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Hanson

Ivan Hegland, Town Manager