

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008  
IN THE TOWN OFFICE – 7:00 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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-02-25-08

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

- 6.3 Old Towne Estates Phase IV – Money in Lieu of Municipal Reserve
- 7.2 Change of Meeting Times for Regular Monthly Meetings
- 9.1 Alberta North Video Conference – Community Access Points

Carried

3.0 DELEGATIONS

Nil

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### 4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 11th, 2008

Motion #2-02–25-08

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

Carried.

### 5.0 TABLED ITEMS

Nil

### 6.0 FINANCE

#### 6.1 ATCO Upgrade Quote for 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Lights

The quote from ATCO to install 34 Street Lights on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue came in at \$124,418.70.

Town Foreman, Jim Nichol will count the lights on 11<sup>th</sup> Street from the Elementary School to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and check the distances from Main Street centre line, and do some investigating as to options for 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Motion #3-02–25-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans to table this item to budget deliberations.

Carried.

#### 6.2 NADC Special News Report Regarding Northern Albertans

NADC is partnering with the Edmonton Journal to publish an edition that would include features from Northern Alberta municipalities. Mayor Hanson will be attending an upcoming round table to discuss this further and see how we could be involved and report back to Council.

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6.3 Old Towne Estates Phase IV – Money in Lieu of Municipal Reserve

Councillor Willey excused herself from discussions on this item due to conflict of interest. To date there has been 3.67 acres total of the Old Towne Estates development given as municipal reserve. This will complete the land dedication to date.

Motion #4-02-25-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that Council accept \$4,000.00 per acre for 4.51 acres, (\$18,040.00 cash in lieu), as the remaining Municipal Reserve requirement for Old Towne Estates.

Councillor Willey Abstained  
Carried.

7.0 PLANNING

7.1 St. Lukes Anglican Church Request to Place Signage

Motion #5-02-25-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken to allow St. Luke's Anglican Church to hang their church sign from the post on the existing town center sign that is in the parking lot at the west end of 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Carried.

7.2 Change of Meeting Times for Regular Monthly Meetings

Motion #6-02-25-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Council change the time that Regular Council Meetings start at from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on every second and fourth Monday of the month; except where Monday is a holiday the meeting would be held on Tuesday effective March 10, 2008.

Carried.

8.0 BY-LAWS

Nil

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### 9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

#### 9.1 Alberta North Video Conference – Community Access Points

Motion #7-02–25-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that Council invites Alberta North to use our new library facility to house a Community Access Point and provide a letter of support for this project.

Carried.

### 10.0 READING FILE

- 10.1 Wild Rose Foundation – Corporate Volunteer Awards – Nomination Form is Available.
- 10.2 Peace Country Health (PCH) – The Current Newsletter – Nil.
- 10.3 Persons With Developmental Disabilities Awards Night Invitation and Newsletter – Nomination Form Available.
- 10.4 Friends of Saskatoon Island Newsletter – Nil.

### 11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 11.1 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans reported that the last GPRTA meeting was cancelled.
- Councillor Hermans attended the library AGM last Wednesday and noted that the current executive will remain for another year. She also noted that Alberta North made a presentation regarding a Community Access Point that is proposed for our new library.
- Councillor Hermans mentioned that the Day Care will be using the old library in the next weeks as a temporary location for the after school program.
- Councillor Hermans plans to attend the McNaught Homestead AGM tomorrow evening.
- Councillor Hermans mentioned that the Friends of the Library will be holding their AGM on this Thursday evening.
- Councillor Hermans enjoyed the planning meeting that Town Council held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### 11.2 Councillor Milliken

Nil

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### 11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

#### 11.3 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey attended the library AGM last week.
- Councillor Willey attended the recent Community Health Council meeting and commented that we still have a lot of work and lobbying ahead to ensure that our new community health facility remains a priority.
- Councillor Willey mentioned the importance of our community maintaining a strong link with our new MLA when elected.
- Councillor Willey mentioned that she and a delegation of other citizens attended a breakfast hosted by Premier Ed Stelmach on Saturday, and that touching base at these functions is very effective in keeping our politicians informed regarding issues affecting our community. She also talked with Dalton Russell from Peace Country Health at this function.

#### 11.4 Councillor Lappenbush

- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned that he also enjoyed the breakfast meeting with Premier Stelmach on Saturday.
- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned that Wayne Drysdale will be at our library on February 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00.
- Councillor Lappenbush informed Council that Recreation Director, Rick Willey is diligently working to keep the ice plant working well enough to finish off the skating season. The curling rink side is probably finished until we get our new plant up and running next season and the tentative closure date for ice at the arena is March 16<sup>th</sup>, depending on what happens with the old plant.
- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned that Communities in Bloom will be meeting tomorrow night.

#### 11.5 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus attended the Community Futures board meeting last Thursday.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus mentioned that she was pleased with the response to the recent survey conducted by the town, and that the varied ages of persons who completed the survey indicated that our town's residents are very interested in the operations of our municipality. She also thanked staff for their assistance and Mayor Hanson for facilitating the recent town hall meeting so aptly.

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### 11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

#### 11.6 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle thanked all of the town staff for their support.
- Councillor Kyle attended the recent Peace Country Health, (PCH), meeting.
- Councillor Kyle mentioned that the planning session went very well.

#### 11.7 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson mentioned that she is pleased with the initial steps that Council has taken in regard to planning, and with the results of the recent survey. She also thanked administration for all of the information that they prepared and shared at the planning meeting and the various department heads for taking the time to present their concerns and answer Council's questions at the planning meeting.
- Mayor Hanson attended the RCMP planning meeting, which she commented was very informative. She was able to meet with the Grande Prairie rural supervisors for our area and they would also like to meet with all of our Council in the near future, and work on building partnerships over the next year. Mayor Hanson mentioned to them that Beaverlodge still has the same number of officers that we had in 1963.
- Mayor Hanson attended the Northern Mayors and Reeves meeting in Edmonton on February 15<sup>th</sup>. These meetings will most likely be done on a quarterly basis in the future.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that the Community Health Council meeting was very good.
- Mayor Hanson was pleased to be able to attend the Premier's breakfast in Grande Prairie on Saturday; she was especially pleased that the Premier actually made notes regarding concerns that were mentioned that morning and promised to look into them. She was also able to make contact with other key individuals that we need to connect with, so it was a very worthwhile morning.

### 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 8-02-25-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor Hanson

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Ivan Hegland, Town Manager

