

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008
IN THE TOWN OFFICE – 7:15 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
Sgt. Robert Finley, R.C.M.P.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-01-28-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 7.4 Doris McFarlane Request to Hook into Town Sewer Service
- 7.5 RCMP Priority Planning Meeting

Carried

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3.0 DELEGATIONS

3.1 Sgt. Robert Finley, RCMP @ 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Hanson welcomed Sgt. Finley to our Council meeting and indicated that Council is very appreciative of his visit and encourages him to come on a regular basis. There was also a request made to him to review some items to be discussed at an upcoming RCMP Priority Planning Meeting that Mayor Hanson will be attending; providing insight from his perspective that may be beneficial to this meeting.

Sgt. Finley provided a quarterly report of activity in the Town of Beaverlodge and indicated that he is very willing to address Council on a quarterly basis.

Mayor Hanson thanked Sgt. Finley and indicated that she will be in contact with him regarding policing issues.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 14th, 2008

Motion #2-01-28-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 14th, 2008 be approved with one name correction noted and amended.

Carried.

5.0 TABLED ITEMS

Nil

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Beaverlodge Lions Request for Paving of Parking Lot

Motion #3-01-28-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the request from the Beaverlodge Lions be referred to the upcoming Planning Meeting as well as the Budget Meeting.

Carried.

6.0 FINANCE – CONT'D.

- 6.2 Proposal from Janet Peterson to Run the Tourist Booth for the 2008 Season

Motion #4-01-28-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that planning for the Tourist Booth operations be deferred until Council secures a campsite host for the 2008 season and has a chance to further research options for the Tourist Booth.

Carried.

- 6.3 Thoughts for a Memorial for Local Businessman Alex Lojczyc

Motion #5-01-28-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that Council looks into having a memorial plaque installed at the Beaver Statue site with a picture of Alex and a brief history of how he spearheaded the Beaver Project. Councillor Milliken will contact a representative from the Lojczyc family to discuss what they would like to see in this memorial and to make appropriate arrangements.

Carried.

7.0 PLANNING

- 7.1 Town Hall Meeting – Booked February 9th

Mayor Hanson mentioned that she would like to have input from the community as a whole prior to Council sitting down for a formal strategic planning session. She suggested a town hall type of meeting to be scheduled for February 9th at the Community Centre from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. When this is complete, Council will tie in the information gathered with their strategic planning session, which will tentatively be set for the day of February 22nd. This meeting will be advertised in both local papers.

- 7.2 Strategic Planning Session – Booked for Friday, February 22nd

This meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and most likely run through about 4:30 p.m. Council will review information gathered from the February 9th Town Hall Meeting as well as what has been collected from local surveys. The meeting room at our new library has been booked for this function.

7.0 PLANNING – CONT'D.

7.3 Declaring a Local State of Emergency

A mock disaster was held in Beaverlodge last week, which Mayor Hanson reports was very informative. There was some confusion concerning activating a “State of Local Emergency”, which resulted in our Deputy Director of Disaster Services, Rick Willey requesting that a step-by-step procedure stating who needs to sign and what to do if unable to contact elected officials be established. A suggestion for a motion to deal with this was presented to Council.

Motion #6-01-28-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that at any time when it is satisfied that an emergency exists or may exist, the Council of the Town of Beaverlodge can declare a Declaration of State of Local Emergency, by signing said document by either Mayor and 1 Councillor, &/or any 3 Councillors, or by making direct phone connection with 3 members of Council (recording #'s and times the conversations are held).

Carried.

A copy of this declaration is located in the front of the Municipal Emergency Plan Book located on the filing cabinet below the clock in the Town Office.

7.4 Doris McFarlane Request to Hook into Town Sewer Service

Mrs. McFarlane has requested that the Town advise her of the cost involved with hooking into Town Sewer service at her residence in 2008. Council discussed her request and Town Foreman; Jim Nichol will discuss options that she might look at with her.

Motion #7-01-28-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that if Mrs. McFarlane wishes to proceed with hooking into the Town sewer system, that the Town of Beaverlodge give her permission to do so, with all costs associated with hooking into the system being paid by her, the property owner.

Carried.

7.5 R.C.M.P. Priority Planning Meeting

Mayor Hanson requested Council members to review the questions that will be addressed at this meeting scheduled for February 12th, requesting that they forward any feedback that they have to her as soon as possible.

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8.0 BY-LAWS

8.1 The City of Edmonton Water Efficient Fixtures Bylaw

Motion #8-01-28-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that this item be forwarded for review at the upcoming planning meeting under bylaw review.

Carried.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Letter of Concern from David Lenzi Regarding Off Highway Vehicle Traffic in Town

Motion #9-01-28-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that this item be forwarded for review at the upcoming planning meeting under bylaw review.

Carried.

10.0 READING FILE

10.1 Calgary Board of Education – Nil.

10.2 Peace Country Health (PCH) Board Highlights – Nil.

10.3 The Hooter – Friends of Saskatoon Island Newsletter – Nil.

10.4 Encana Pee Wee Classic Thank You – The donation of pins for their welcome packages was appreciated.

10.5 Emergency Management Training Initiatives Grant Application – These dollars are something that we may be able to access for further training. Councillor Kyle will talk to Jody at FCSS to discuss if this would be an option for us.

10.6 Northern Alberta Elected Leaders January 11th Meeting Minutes – Mayor Hanson attended this meeting in Grande Prairie, which included representatives from all over northwest Alberta.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson reported that the recent Northern Alberta Development Council Meeting held in Beaverlodge was very well received. The NADC members were very thankful to Council for hosting the dinner with local Councils and also for the information that Town Foreman; Jim Nichol shared with them on their tour; as well as to Dr. Miller for speaking with them and giving them a tour of our hospital facility. This forum provided excellent exposure for our municipality and a very broad base from our area had representation. NADC is an excellent advocate and have the ability to be very effective at lobbying on our behalf regarding many important issues.
- Mayor Hanson attended the recent Mock Disaster, which was very informative.
- Mayor Hanson reported that the new website is coming along and should be up and running soon.
- Mayor Hanson and Town Manager, Ivan Hegland attended the recent design launch of the new QEII Hospital.
- Mayor Hanson along with most of Council attended a protective services meeting at the TECC Centre last week.
- Mayor Hanson also mentioned that she would like to see the Chamber of Commerce from Beaverlodge meet with the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce. Their Chamber also has a very strong lobbying voice; and it is of the utmost importance that we continue to hit every angle regarding the twinning of the highway and partnering with other interested parties to keep pushing for the project to proceed.

11.2 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans reported that she attended the Municipal Elected Officials Training sessions offered on January 15th.
- Councillor Hermans enjoyed the NADC dinner and forum on the 16th and 17th.
- Councillor Hermans also attended disaster planning and fire study meetings.
- Councillor Hermans requested that the town supply pins and brochures for an upcoming ladies convention at the Anglican Church.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

11.3 Councillor Milliken

- Councillor Milliken reported that he plans to contact Jack O'Toole regarding water extension service, to see if our municipality can be involved. He will also mention the highway twinning, to see if we can work with the County to get it on track as soon as possible.

11.4 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey reported that she is following activity at the library and will continue to maintain a presence at their meetings. The meeting room fee at the library facility has been set. Peace Library will be having a meeting in Jasper, which Councillor Hermans plans to attend on behalf of the library
- Councillor Willey also mentioned that Encana provided a \$2,500.00 grant for Children's Library Services that is very appreciated.
- Councillor Willey reported that the Community Health Council plans to meet in Beaverlodge on February 22nd. It is very important that we have representation at these meetings.

11.5 Councillor Lappenbush

- Councillor Lappenbush attended the Communities in Bloom meeting on January 22nd and reports that it is vital that we have better communication with this organization. We need to know what they expect and what they want the Town to do. Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus will attend their February 5th meeting.

11.6 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus reported she attended quite a few meetings this past month and that she was impressed with NADC; and that she believes that the powerful lobby voice that they have can have a very positive influence on activities in and around our municipality.

11.7 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle mentioned that a concern regarding boulevard trees being removed at a residence was brought to her attention.

11.8 Ivan Hegland, Town Administrator

Nil

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12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 10-01-28-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Hanson

Ivan Hegland, Town Manager