

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008
IN THE TOWN OFFICE – 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Leona Hanson

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

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 7:30 p.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-06-23-08

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

- 7.4 Resignation of Municipal Secretary
- 7.5 Beaverlodge Community Playground Foundation Skateboard Park
- 9.1 Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal
- 10.11 NADC Communique
- 10.12 Edmonton International Airport Annual Report
- 10.13 Flying High – City of Grande Prairie

Carried

3.0 DELEGATIONS

Nil

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4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 9, 2008

Motion #2-06–23-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 9th, 2008 be approved as presented.

Carried.

5.0 TABLED ITEMS

5.1 Chris Warkenton – Navigable Waters

Motion #3-06–23-08

Moved by Councillor Bekkerus that the Navigable Waters item 5.1 be lifted from the table.

Carried.

Chris Warkenton's office informed us that this item is in the process of being dealt with.

5.2 Community Futures Grant Specialist Initiative

Motion #4-06–23-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the Community Futures Grant Specialist Initiative 5.2 be lifted from the table.

Carried.

Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus has looked into the details of this initiative. This program can benefit our community, but we do have an economic development person in place that can provide us with her expertise in this area.

Motion #5-06–23-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the Town of Beaverlodge support the Community Futures Grant Specialist Initiative in the amount of \$4,000.00 each year for a three-year term, based on a satisfactory annual review.

Carried.

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5.3 Grande Prairie 2010 Arctic Winter Games

Council requested that a delegation be invited to an upcoming meeting to further explain what our most useful contribution can be for this event.

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 TNT Contract for Arena Project

Motion #6-06-23-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the Town of Beaverlodge accept the contract proposal from T.N.T. Construction dated June 1, 2008 for the construction and renovation to the existing Beaverlodge arena. This will consist of approximately 2400 sq. ft. of dressing rooms, zamboni storage and an ice plant room. The budget is \$200.00 per sq. foot.

Carried.

6.2 Conceptual Design for Multi Use Facility – Anticipated Budget for Schuenhage & Associates to do Preliminary Sketches and Designs

Motion #7-06-23-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that the conceptual design for the multi use facility be tabled, and forwarded to the Recreation Committee to deal with.

Carried.

7.0 PLANNING

7.1 Motion to Proceed with Public Auction

Motion #8-06-23-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that Council request a timeframe extension from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to offer Lot 3, Block 8, Plan 729EO (906-3rd Avenue – Roll #1150000) for public auction.

Carried.

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7.0 PLANNING – CONT'D.

7.2 Resolution for South Peace Regional Water Feasibility Study

Motion #9-06–23-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that the Council of the Town of Beaverlodge supports a Regional Water System concept for the South Peace Region, as presented in the M.D. of Spirit River, South Peace Regional Water Feasibility Study – Executive Summary, dated June 2008, prepared by Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd.

Carried.

7.3 2009+ Energy Aggregation Program – Motion to Authorize Execution of AUMA Member Master Agreement

Motion #10-06–23-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that Council authorize Mayor Hanson and the Town Manager to execute the AUMA Member Master Agreement effective 2009+ - 2013 for both electricity and natural gas, with a green power component.

Carried.

7.4 Resignation of Municipal Secretary

Motion #11-06–23-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that Council accepts the resignation of Municipal Secretary, Gina Collins as of July 4, 2008, with regret.

Carried.

7.5 Proposal for Skateboard Park Equipment Donation

The Beaverlodge Playground Foundation has generously offered to purchase a quantity of mobile skate board equipment. They propose to place the equipment in the outdoor arena over the summer months, and store it during the winter in the Public Works buildings. This will fill a need in our community that has been identified, and provide a great place for children in our community to skateboard. Council applauded this group for this generous offer and is very pleased that these mobile professional structures have been made available. This group has done so much good for our community and we are very grateful for this offer and all they have done in the past.

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7.0 PLANNING – CONT'D.

Motion #12-06–23-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Council accept a donation of mobile professional skateboarding structures, to be placed in the outdoor arena facility during the summer season.

Carried.

8.0 BY-LAWS

Nil

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal of Canada

Our local fire fighter, Stan Berry is receiving the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal of Canada. Stan has 21 years of service and dedication in the Fire Services industry.

Motion #13-06–23-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that Council sends a congratulatory letter and thank you to Mr. Stan Berry in recognition of his service, as well as purchasing him a brunch for 2 at the BMI.

Carried.

10.0 READING FILE

- 10.1 Geotourism Workshop Invitation – Nil.
- 10.2 South Peace Regional Water Feasibility Study – Draft Report – As per the presentation that our Council attended on June 16th.
- 10.3 Peace Country Health – The Current – Nil.
- 10.4 Encana Music Festival Sponsorship Thank You – Nil.
- 10.5 Highway 43 Update – Continued delays were again discussed and it was mentioned that we must continue to pressure to get the functional plan done.
- 10.6 Local Authorities Pension Plan 2007 Annual Report – Nil.
- 10.7 Peace Country Health News Thank You to Beaverlodge/Hythe Volunteers – Nil.
- 10.8 Peace Country Health Food Preparation Regulations – Nil.
- 10.9 International Fetal Alcohol Support Society – Nil.
- 10.10 Alberta Health Services Board Makeup – John Lehnert is the board member who represents our area.
- 10.11 NADC Communique

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10.0 READING FILE – CONT'D.

- 10.12 Edmonton International Airport Annual Report
- 10.13 Flying High – City of Grande Prairie

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Ivan Hegland, Town Manager

Nil.

11.2 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans attended the Northwest Association Family Services strategic services meeting. FCSS is working on creating direction for their organization. The Beaverlodge office is now up to full staff with Trudy Hodges as the FCSS Coordinator, and Tracey McLaren as administration support.
- Councillor Hermans represented the Town at the HRJHS awards banquet.
- Councillor Hermans attended the water study meeting this last Monday.
- Councillor Hermans also enjoyed the meeting with the County last Tuesday.
- Councillor Hermans attended the last library board meeting and the Peace Library meeting on June 21st.
- Councillor Hermans plans to attend a citizenship reaffirmation on July 1st.

11.3 Councillor Milliken

- Councillor Milliken attended the supper meeting with the County and Town Council on June 17th.

11.4 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey thought the June 17th meeting with the County was very productive.
- Councillor Willey has been fielding many calls of concern regarding our hospital. She continues to tell citizens that she is very optimistic that Beaverlodge will come out ok. She was very pleased that the Minister attended our community and felt their meeting was positive. She also indicated that it is very important for citizens to correspond their concerns to the Ministers.
- Councillor Willey mentioned that there were 120 kids at the swim recent swim meet and that our local kids did very well. Councillor Willey takes great pride in our community and is pleased when an event like this brings new people in to see our community.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

11.5 Councillor Lappenbush

- Councillor Lappenbush was pleased with the meeting with the County that was held on June 17th.
- Councillor Lappenbush was present for the ground breaking for the new arena dressing rooms and he feels that the facility will be greatly improved with this addition.
- Councillor Lappenbush also mentioned that the recent swim meet was great and that the Barracuda Swim Club is a great supporter of our town.

11.6 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus also attended the Regional Water Study meeting.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus worked at the Grande Spirit Friends of the Foundation community garage sale for 2 days.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus encourages citizens to speak to their elected officials regarding concerns with the hospital and with care centres for our seniors.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus mentioned that the Grande Spirit Foundation will make an RFP (Request For Proposal) to the Alberta Affordable Housing Initiative in the next 2 weeks.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus will attend the monthly board meeting of Community Futures on June 25th.

11.7 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle also attended the Regional Water Study meeting.
- Councillor Kyle mentioned that the committee for a 2009 celebration is working on a budget for the same and that they plan to meet again on this Wednesday.

11.8 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson attended the Regional Water Study meeting.
- Mayor Hanson was pleased with the results of the June 17th meeting with the County; she mentioned the importance of this type of meeting to reaffirming partnerships. She was also pleased with discussions regarding annexation interests, and with their interest in our capital plan.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

- Mayor Hanson felt that the meeting at the hospital on June 18th with the Ministers Liepert and Hayden provided a very valuable networking opportunity. She remains very optimistic about our Community Health Centre and its replacement. She was very thankful to our MLA, Wayne Drysdale for making arrangements for her to ride from Beaverlodge to Grande Prairie with the Ministers, which gave her a chance to discuss our issues in depth. She then went on to a Grande Prairie Chamber meeting, which the Ministers were also in attendance at. We will continue to collect letters of support regarding the hospital and forward these. Mayor Hanson requested that letters of thanks be drafted for both ministers for meeting with our delegation during their visit to our community.
- Mayor Hanson then went on to participate in Municipal Days celebrations in Grande Prairie, which provides good partnering and is a good event.
- Mayor Hanson was also present at the Bee Keepers meeting on June 20th and was pleased to have a chance to meet with Allen Geary from NADC. This was another great information and networking opportunity.
- Mayor Hanson will be attending the upcoming citizenship reaffirmation.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that our float will be a part of the Pouce Coupe Canada Day Parade and that she will represent the town in the Grande Prairie parade that same day.
- Mayor Hanson will attend the Rural Development Fund Meeting on July 5th.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that there would be branding meetings tomorrow with staff and Council.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 14-06-23-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Leona Hanson

Ivan Hegland, Town Manager

