

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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 Raema Racher, UFA Representative Constable Nick Seguin, RCMP COPS Program Representative

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-02-11-08

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

3.2 Constable Nick Seguin, RCMP COPS Program Representative

Carried

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3.0 DELEGATIONS

3.1 UFA Representative Raema Racher

Ms. Racher was welcomed and Mayor Hanson invited her to update Council on any development plans that UFA may have for this year and the future. Ms. Racher explained that they are working on a very curtailed budget this year. They do hope to do an upgrade to pumps and Beaverlodge will probably be looking at a new facility at some point. They would like Council to keep them apprised of any developments with the twinning of the highway if possible. They would need a minimum of 5 acres and a maximum of 10 acres along the highway for a new build.

Mayor Hanson thanked Raema for visiting with Council, assuring her that Council looks forward to continued positive communications, and is very appreciative of our local UFA.

3.2 Constable Nick Seguin, RCMP COPS Representative

Constable Seguin attended the meeting to brief Council on how the COPS, (Citizen's on Patrol), program works. Basically, citizens who volunteer to join take a drive and report any unusual activity to the RCMP, who then follow up on the incidents. Council will have staff take names and numbers from anyone who wants to volunteer for this program and forward them to our local detachment. Also discussed was an upcoming RCMP recruitment drive to be held in our community.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 28th, 2008

Motion #2-02-11-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 28th, 2008 be approved as presented.

Carried.

5.0 TABLED ITEMS

Nil

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6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Monthly Statement – January 2008

Motion #3-02-11-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the January 2008 Monthly Statement be accepted for information.

Carried.

6.2 Accounts Payable – January 2008 (Cheque #'s 20080001 to 20080114)

Motion #4-02-11-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the January 2008 Accounts Payable (Cheque #'s 20080001 to 20080114) be approved for payment.

Carried.

6.3 Swan Festival Sponsorship Request

Motion #5-02-11-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the Town of Beaverlodge sponsor the Swan Festival in the amount \$500.00.

Carried.

6.4 City of Grande Prairie – Request for Support of Multiplex Complex

Motion #6-02-11-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the Town of Beaverlodge send a letter of support in principle for the Multi-plex in Grande Prairie; with the condition that the project does not impact our ability to access funds for project needs in our community. The letter will be addressed directly to the Major Communities Facilities Program with a copy going to the City of Grande Prairie.

Carried.

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7.0 PLANNING

7.1 Arena Heaters – Recommendation From Recreation Director

Our Recreation Director has recommended that the policy for turning on the bleacher heaters at the arena be changed. Currently these heaters are not to be turned on until the outside temperature is – 25 Celsius; and he recommends a change to –15 to –18 Celsius.

Motion #7-02-11-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that Council change the policy for turning on the bleacher heaters at the arena. Staff will be allowed to turn the heaters on based on inside arena ice surface temperature when the temperature is at –15 to –18 Celsius or lower. This will be reviewed after the end of this arena season.

Carried.

7.2 Campsite/ Tourist Booth – Plan of Operation for 2008

Councillor Kyle communicated with Leora Page today, and was informed that her and John would like to manage the Campsite this season from June 1st – September 1st, and that they will be forwarding correspondence to that effect in the near future. Council will await the letter from the Pages and will discuss operation of the Tourist Booth at the planning meeting on February 22nd.

8.0 BY-LAWS

Nil

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Peace Library System

Motion #8-02-11-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that Council draft a letter to our elected officials including the Premier, Provincial Ministers and MLAs requesting support of public library service and the need for increased funding of libraries. Councillor Hermans will provide a draft letter for staff to type under the Mayor's signature, post election.

Carried.

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10.0 READING FILE

- 10.1 Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) – Thank You for Hosting Meeting – Mayor Hanson mentioned that this meeting provided the NADC with much insight into the needs in our community ... especially with our hospital, and that it will definitely help to bring the urgency with which we require a new health facility in our community to the forefront.
- 10.2 Alberta Health & Wellness – Tobacco Reduction Act Information – Nil.
- 10.3 NAIT Satellite (Video Conference) Site at the Library – This is a great opportunity for Beaverlodge and will provide people with access to further education right here in the community, as well as providing opportunities for business to video conference from this site.
- 10.4 Mountain Pine Beetle Information from County – For Information on a concern that directly affects our community.
- 10.5 2011 Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games – Information for anyone interested.
- 10.6 Thank You from the Lojczyk Family – In appreciation for support in the loss of their husband/father/grandfather.
- 10.7 PRT Letter Regarding Rate Increase for Raw Water and Invitation to Council to Tour Facility – Council are very interested in touring the facility in the spring and mentioned that they are an important business for our community.
- 10.8 Concern Regarding the City of Edmonton City Centre Airport – This keeps coming up and Mayor Hanson will follow for updates at the upcoming Reeves and Mayor’s Meeting in Edmonton.
- 10.9 Enforcement Services Report – Nil.
- 10.10 Citizens of Patrol (COPS) Information – Further to item 3.2.
- 10.11 The Best of Buzz – February Travel Alberta Newsletter – Nil.
- 10.12 Chamber of Commerce Minutes – Nil.
- 10.13 Infrastructure & Transportation 2006 – 2007 Annual Report Highlights – Nil.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle presented Council with copies of a package of information that was given to her by a concerned citizen regarding a Daily Assisted Living Facility.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

11.2 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus reported that she attended a Communities in Bloom brainstorming meeting and that they are working on their budget and wish list, which they will forward for Council before the planning meeting. The group will now be forwarding meeting minutes to Council regularly.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus mentioned that she was very impressed with the format of the Town Hall Meeting last Saturday and that it was a very positive session.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus mentioned that she has requested that the Grande Spirit Foundation send us a copy of their minutes regularly.

11.3 Councillor Lappenbush

Motion #9-02-11-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that Council forward a letter of thanks and well wishes to our outgoing MLA, Gord Graydon.

Carried.

- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned that he is very happy to be sitting at the table with this Council.

11.4 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey mentioned that the Town Hall was very informative.
- Councillor Willey mentioned that the Community Health Council will be holding a meeting in Beaverlodge on February 19th, and that Councillor Kyle and her plan to attend.
- Councillor Willey mentioned that the Library AGM will be held on February 20th, and that Councillor Hermans and her plan to attend.
- Councillor Willey had a concern brought to her attention regarding boulevard trees that posed a threat from dead branches. Town Manager, Ivan Hegland indicated that administration will follow up on this item.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

11.5 Councillor Milliken

- Councillor Milliken mentioned that he has not had a chance to talk to Jack O'Toole regarding water concerns, but still plans to talk with him.
- Councillor Milliken suggested that a map be developed with business names and locations that can be placed at the arena and other various locations around town. Ivan will have the Recreation Director look into this as an Economic Development project.
- Councillor Milliken mentioned that he discussed a memorial plaque for Alex Lojczyc with Michael, and that the family was pleased with this idea. The family will help to develop a brief message for the plaque.

11.6 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans reported that she was very impressed with the Town Hall meeting.
- Councillor Hermans suggested that the survey that is being developed be distributed at the local churches. She will arrange for copies to be delivered and picked up this Sunday.
- Councillor Hermans plans to attend a Regional Tourism Board meeting tomorrow.
- A Friends of the Library meeting is coming up and Councillor Hermans would like to pass on from Council that they are very pleased with all of the positives that are a result of our new library facility.

11.7 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson reported that a draft survey has been developed and should be ready for distribution this Wednesday. It will be picked up next Wednesday morning so that information gathered can be compiled for the February 22nd Planning Meeting.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that her and Ivan will be developing an agenda for the Planning Meeting that will be emailed to Council for review. Department heads will be invited to provide their wish lists.
- Mayor Hanson was very pleased with the attendance at Saturday's Town Hall.

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12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 10-02-11-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Hanson

Ivan Hegland, Town Manager