

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MAY 12, 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.
Kreg Alde, Monkman Pass Trail
Representative
Don Sylvester, Beaverlodge & District
News Representative
Clayton Barclay, The Advertiser
Representative

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-05-12-08

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

- 6.5 County of Grande Prairie Fire Agreement Extension
- 7.5 Motion to Allow Clean Up of Abandoned Property at
906, 3rd Avenue (Plan 729 EO, Lot 3, Block 8)
- 9.2 Dave Jensen Request to Access Town Water Supply
- 9.3 Request to Place Gospel Tent on Peace Wapiti Property

Carried

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3.0 DELEGATIONS

3.1 Kreg Alde @ 7:30 Regarding Monkman Pass Trail Advertising Proposition

Mr. Alde was invited to attend Council tonight to make a short presentation regarding the project that he is working on for the Monkman Pass Trail.

Council viewed a 3-minute video presentation that gave a very good idea of what this project is, and how we can participate. He also briefly explained what the levels of sponsorship are for this project.

Council was very impressed with this initiative and thanked Mr. Alde for attending the meeting. Mayor Hanson assured him that this would be further discussed later in this meeting, and that he should be informed of Council's decision sometime tomorrow.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Motion #2-05-12-08

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

Carried.

4.2 Minutes of the Public Hearing held April 28th, 2008

Motion #3-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that the Minutes of the Public Hearing held April 28th, 2008 be approved as presented.

Carried.

5.0 TABLED ITEMS

5.1 Notes to 2008 Budget – Forward from April 28th Meeting

Motion #4-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that item 5.1 – 5.4 be lifted from the table.

Carried.

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5.0 TABLED ITEMS – CONT'D.

Motion #5-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that Council accept the 2 year 2008/09 operating budget that has been presented (See: Annex A); with the 2008 residential mill rate being set at 9.00 mills and the commercial mill rate 23.00 mills (mill rate By-law #893), and 2009 mill rates to be determined in 2009.

Carried.

Motion #6-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that Council accept the 5-year capital plan that Council has been working on, (Annex “B”), in response to what residents have indicated as priorities for our town. This involves approving a borrowing of up to 5 million dollars for capital expenditures over a 5-year period.

Carried.

Mayor Hanson and Council mentioned that they are very appreciative of the input and direction that citizens have given them; and especially for their patience during this planning process.

5.2 Estimated Revenue and Expenditures 2008 – Forward from April 28th Meeting

This item was lifted from the table under 5.1 and was accepted.

5.3 Property Assessment Comparison 2007/08 – Forward from April 28th Meeting

This item was lifted from the table under 5.1 and was accepted.

5.4 2009 Projected Budget Numbers – Forward from April 28th Meeting

This item was lifted from the table under 5.1 and was accepted.

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5.0 TABLED ITEMS – CONT'D.

- 5.5 Monkman Pass Trail Advertising Proposition – Forward from April 28th Meeting

Motion #7-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that item 5.5 Monkman Pass Trail Advertising Proposition be lifted from the table.

Carried.

Motion #8-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus the Town of Beaverlodge allocate \$5,000.00 to the Monkman Pass Trail, with funding to come from the newly approved tourism budget.

Carried.

6.0 FINANCE

- 6.1 Monthly Statement – April 2008

Motion #9-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the April 2008 Monthly Statement be accepted for information.

Carried.

- 6.2 Accounts Payable – April 2008 (Cheque #'s 20080357 to 20080476)

Motion #10-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the April 2008 Accounts Payable (Cheque #'s 20080357 to 20080476) be approved for payment.

Carried.

- 6.3 Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA) – Regarding Borrowing By-laws

This item is for Council's information for an item that will be dealt with later in this meeting. Each time you borrow this must occur, and starts a process.

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6.0 FINANCE – CONT'D.

6.4 Land Purchase Landfill

The landfill authority is looking to purchase additional property for expansion and is looking for Council's support to do so.

Motion #11-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the Town of Beaverlodge support the West Grande Prairie County Solid Waste Authorities acquisition of more land for the West County landfill.

Carried.

6.5 County of Grande Prairie Fire Agreement Extension

Motion #12-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that that Town of Beaverlodge agree to approve a 2-year extension to the Fire Agreement that we have with the County of Grande Prairie for the 2009 & 2010 budget years.

Carried.

7.0 PLANNING

7.1 Arena Parking Lot – Possible Implementation to Peace Wapiti for Arena Parking Privileges

Councillor Lappenbush excused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Motion #13-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that Council send a letter to the Peace Wapiti School Board, asking them how they plan to resolve the ongoing issue of garbage being left in the arena parking lot by Beaverlodge Regional High School students who use this parking lot.

Council is requesting that the School Board consider 2 options:

1. Peace Wapiti include the daily-required cleanup of garbage in the arena parking lot in the school's janitorial contract.
2. The Town of Beaverlodge contract the cleanup required in the arena parking lot and remits a monthly invoice to Peace Wapiti to cover the cost of this service.

Councillor Lappenbush abstained.

Carried.

Councillor Milliken also mentioned that he would like to see By-law Enforcement Services hand out more littering tickets in this area.

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7.0 PLANNING – CONT'D.

7.2 Town Information with Tax Notices

Council discussed items that could be included with the tax notices that go out at the end of this week. They indicated that they would like the new 5-year capital plan information to be included, as well as information on lawn watering regulations.

7.3 Motion for Appointment of Weed Inspectors for 2008

Motion #14-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that Mary Lupwayi, Ann Truhn and Sharon Miller be appointed as weed inspectors for the Town of Beaverlodge, pursuant to the provisions as set out in the Weed Control act of Alberta with such appointments to be valid from May 12th, 2008 to October 31, 2008.

Carried.

7.4 Amendment to Water/Sewer Policy 88-5-24

Motion #15-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the Amendment to Water/Sewer Policy 88-5-24 be accepted. This amendment indicates that anyone hooking onto Town supplied services will be required to enter into a development agreement, and that they must conform to the area structure plan in all cases, with associated costs being the developers responsibility.

Carried.

7.5 Motion to Allow Clean Up of 906-3rd Avenue – Abandoned Property (Plan 729EO, Block 8, Lot 3)

Motion #16-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus to allow the Town of Beaverlodge to clean up and secure an abandoned property that is located at 906, 3rd Avenue, (Plan 729EO, Lot 3, Block 8), which is a concern to public safety. Any cost associated with securing and cleaning the property up is to be placed against the taxes of this property.

Carried.

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8.0 BY-LAWS

8.1 **2008 Mill Rate By-law #893**

Motion #17-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that **By-law # 893 be given first reading.**

Carried.

Motion #18-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that **By-law # 893 be given second reading.**

Carried.

Motion #19-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that **By-law # 893 proceed to third and final reading.**

Carried Unanimously.

Motion #20-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that **By-law # 893 be given third and final reading.**

Carried.

8.2 **Borrowing By-law # 894**

Motion #21-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Borrowing **By-law # 894 be given first reading.** The purpose of this is to install an aeration system at the sewage lagoon.

Carried

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9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 Request from Chris Warkentin, MP Seeking Input for the Navigable Waters Protection Act

Motion #22-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that this item be tabled to allow Council to request further information regarding how this applies to our municipality and what we should be requesting.

Carried

Town Manager, Ivan Hegland will direct correspondence to Mr. Warkentin's office asking for clarification, with a letter being drafted once that is followed up.

- 9.2 Request to Hook Onto Town Water/Sewer Service from Dave Jensen 1101 – 11th Avenue

Motion #23-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the Town of Beaverlodge give Dave Jensen at 1101, 11th Avenue permission to allow him to access town services from his property based on our policy #88-5-24, which states that he as the property owner must enter into a development agreement with the town, pay all associated costs, and adhere to the Town's area structure plan.

Carried

Town staff will let Mr. Jensen know about this decision and forward a copy of the policy to him for review.

- 9.3 Request for Permission to Place Gospel Tent on Peace Wapiti Property

Motion #24-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that Council allow the placement of a gospel tent on a vacant parcel, (at 7th Avenue and 11th Street), owned by Peace Wapiti; from whom they have permission for use for a Vacation Bible School this summer. The Town will require that they provide temporary washroom facilities, garbage receptacles, and access to water for their event.

Carried

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10.0 READING FILE

- 10.1 Chamber Minutes – Nil.
- 10.2 Art of the Peace Spring/Summer Publication – Nil.
- 10.3 Peace Country Health (PCH) Board Highlights – Nil.
- 10.4 Peace Country Health (PCH) Community News – Nil.
- 10.5 AADAC Information Regarding Tobacco Reduction Act – Nil.
- 10.6 Community Futures – Alberta Forest Based Community (FBC) Summit – Nil.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Ivan Hegland, Town Administrator

Nil

11.2 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans mentioned that the volunteer luncheon was well done and that the awards for Bill Nychka and Peter Gill were very well deserved.
- Councillor Hermans attended two meetings in the Council Chambers regarding the highway last week.
- Councillor Hermans attended the Library Board Meeting last week and reports that they are looking to hire one more person.
- Councillor Hermans also attended the Peace Library System AGM last Saturday, and reports that she is now a plan of service sub committee member. Wembley and Rycroft have asked to join the Peace Library System. Other happenings with library are a reworking of the website for board members, Sturgeon Lake Project underway and in the process of doing a needs assessment, and the selection of a new library software program.
- Councillor Hermans plans to attend an upcoming Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association (GPRTA) Meeting on May 22nd.

11.3 Councillor Milliken

- Councillor Milliken had a meeting today with Mayor Hanson and Councillor Lappenbush regarding some budget items.
- Councillor Milliken also attended the two meetings in the Council Chambers last week regarding the highway.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

11.4 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey has drafted a rough copy of a letter of support for the Beaverlodge Hospital, as well as a list of potential recipients who will be requested to lobby in support of our facility and its importance and much needed replacement. Mayor Hanson mentioned that this was discussed at the PC meeting on Saturday and that the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce plans to work on the collective regional behalf for both the Beaverlodge and Grande Prairie hospitals – to make sure that rural hospitals are not forgotten. She also mentioned that support for the continued highway twinning was very evident. Town Manager, Ivan Hegland was requested to talk to Beaverlodge Chamber Representative, Judy Olson regarding getting letters of support for the new hospital and the highway twinning.

11.5 Councillor Lappenbush

- Councillor Lappenbush attended the PC meeting on May 10th.
- Councillor Lappenbush and former Mayor Leroy Durand also attended a meeting with our local MLA, Wayne Drysdale last week.
- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned that a former Beaverlodge resident, Chris Schmidt is playing for Germany in the World Hockey Tournament, and extends his congratulations to Chris and his family.
- Councillor Lappenbush requested that staff order warning stickers for derelict vehicles.
- Councillor Lappenbush requested that Town Manager, Ivan Hegland ask NAPA to move a portable sign at their location that is blocking traffic visibility.
- Councillor Lappenbush also mentioned that he received a complaint regarding a towing bill. Council agreed that the towing company is a private business that sets it's own rates, and that Council has no jurisdiction in this regard.
- Councillor Lappenbush also requested that Town Manager, Ivan Hegland contact the owners of Subway to request them to replace their very worn flags, and suggest that there are new Beaverlodge flags.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

11.6 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus also attended the two meetings in the Council Chambers last week regarding the highway.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus mentioned that she would like us to get a copy of a report that the County did for the NADC when they were here, regarding the hospital. Council would like this report available to the Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge Chambers, to aid in their work towards securing a new hospital facility here. Staff will contact County Councillor Pat Jacobs to request copies of this report.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus continues to closely follow happenings at Community Futures.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus will be attending a Grande Spirit whole board meeting this Friday.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus assisted with the Communities in Bloom clean up weekend on May 3rd, and mentioned that the public was pleased that the bins for the clean up were located at the Public Works Shop. She also expressed thanks to Public Works Foreman, Jim Nichol for his assistance at the clean up. She mentioned that she would like to see this annual clean up become higher profile in our community in coming years, similar to city scrub in Grande Prairie.

11.7 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle also attended the two meetings in the Council Chambers last week regarding the highway.
- Councillor Kyle has been trying to get in contact with Kathleen Turner from the County to discuss happenings at our FCSS office, and will continue to follow closely.

11.8 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson mentioned that MLA, Wayne Drysdale will meet with our Council in Council Chambers on Friday, May 16th, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
- Mayor Hanson also attended the two meetings in the Council Chambers last week regarding the highway, and is looking forward to seeing updated designs for the north and south accesses. A Community Hall will be scheduled, possibly in June to present these.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that Svea Isherwood has been hired as our new Community Development Officer in a contract position as of May 1st. She has already attended a grant specialist seminar last week.

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12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 25-05-12-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Hanson

Ivan Hegland, Town Manager