

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 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
Lois Dueck & Janet Peterson, SPCM
Representatives

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3.0 DELEGATIONS

3.1 Lois Dueck – SPCM Representative @ 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Dueck attended the meeting along with Janet Peterson and presented Council with a detailed plan for the future of the South Peace Centennial Museum that was created in 2007.

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3.2 Lois Dueck – SPCM Representative @ 7:30 p.m. – Cont'd.

To start with she informed Council that the position of President, which she has held until recently has now been filled by Lori Dagleish. She also went through the plan, explaining to Council the plans for the site as well as the benefits that our community and the entire area gains from maintaining this 40 acre pioneer village, which showcases all kinds of history and artifacts from the area. This museum has grown into a wonderful tourism attraction and its success can be largely attributed to 1000s of volunteer hours.

The executive of the museum are requesting support from the Town of Beaverlodge in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the 2008 year; and \$5,000.00 for the 2009 year. It was mentioned that this would go towards the office manager position. Mayor Hanson thanked the delegation that then left the meeting.

Councillor Hermans excused herself from the discussion involving the museum request due to her being on the museum executive.

Motion #2-02-14-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the Town of Beaverlodge allocate \$5,000.00 from the 2008 budget, as well as \$5,000.00 from the 2009 budget to support the South Peace Centennial Museum's request of Council at this meeting.

Councillor Hermans abstained from voting
Carried

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 17th, 2007

Motion #3-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 17th, 2007 be approved as presented.

Carried.

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5.0 TABLED ITEMS

5.1 Vehicle Purchase

Motion #4-01–14-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that item 5.1, (Vehicle Purchase), be lifted from the table.

Carried.

Town Foreman, Jim Nichol gathered information regarding a vehicle that the town received a sales proposal on. When comparing the purchase price of the said vehicle and a similar new vehicle the price difference was very minimal.

Motion #5-01–14-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that Council not accept the offer from Dixon Homes to sell a used vehicle to the Town of Beaverlodge; but rather purchase a new truck, which will have more warranty at a price of approximately \$18,481.00 plus taxes and fees.

Carried.

5.2 Traffic Control Review – Gibson

Motion #6-01–14-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that item 5.2, (Traffic Control Review – Gibson), be lifted from the table.

Carried.

Motion #7-01–14-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that this Council endorse the 3-way stop at Birch and 10th Street. While Council appreciates the concern brought forward, they feel that this is the best place for this traffic control. Council feel that the previous Council properly addressed this item and see that the stop signs address a public safety issue.

Carried.

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6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Monthly Statement – December 2007

Motion #8-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that the December 2007 Monthly Statement be accepted for information.

Carried.

6.2 Accounts Payable – December 2007 (Cheque #'s 20071516 to 20071655)

Motion #9-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the December 2007 Accounts Payable (Cheque #'s 20071516 to 20071655) be approved for payment.

Carried.

6.3 Beaverlodge Public Library

Motion #10-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the Town of Beaverlodge increase their contribution to the Beaverlodge Public Library by \$5,000.00 to \$40,000.00 for the 2008 budget year.

Carried.

6.4 CIC (Community Improvement & Consolidation Program) Renewal

This program was implemented to help with enhancement and revitalization of the older areas in town. It has been an excellent program, but Council would like to have a review done. This will involve input from Council and from the Economic Development Committee to brainstorm on if any changes to the program might be in order.

Motion #11-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that the CIC Program be renewed for the 2008 budget year; with a note that Council must review this program in this fiscal year.

Carried.

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6.5 FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities Membership Fees)

Council discussed this item and it was noted that the AUMA represents us well with this organization, and that our membership is not very relevant at this time as we can get any information that we require in this regard from the AUMA.

Motion #12-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that Council declines the offer from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to renew the membership for the Town of Beaverlodge for the 2008 year.

Carried.

6.6 Encana Grande Prairie & District Music Festival – Sponsorship Request

Motion #13-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Council sponsors the Encana Grande Prairie and District Music Festival in the amount of \$300.00.

Carried.

Council further discussed the sponsorship of this event, which has been sponsored at this level for several years. They would like to review contribution amounts for this and some other events and will further discuss this at the 2008 budget deliberations.

6.7 Peace Country Regional Science Fair – Sponsorship Request

Motion #14-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that Council sponsors the 2008 Peace Country Regional Science Fair in the amount of \$100.00.

Carried.

6.8 SPCA Animal Control Contract

Motion #15-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that our contract with the SPCA for animal control be renewed for the 2008 year @ \$85.00 per hour.

Carried.

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7.0 PLANNING

7.1 Council Strategic Planning Session

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 tentatively 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.

7.2 Subdivision Application in County – Adjacent to Town

This item was presented to Council for information only.

8.0 BY-LAWS

Nil

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Mock Disaster – January 19th @ Community Centre

Mayor Hanson, Councillor Hermans, Councillor Kyle along with staff member Rick Willey will attend this function.

9.2 PCH (Peace Country Health)

Peace Country Health has indicated that they would like to see the Beaverlodge Health Centre piloted as a P3 project.

10.0 READING FILE

10.1 Chamber of Commerce Minutes – Nil.

10.2 Supporting Data to 5.2 (Traffic Review Request – 3-Way Stop.) – Reviewed With item 5.2.

10.3 Peace Country Health (PCH) Thank You to Council for Supporting the Medical Education Training Symposium on December 10th – Nil.

10.4 Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) – Workforce Symposium Invitation – Nil.

10.5 Alberta Recycling Management Authority – Holiday Greetings - Nil.

10.6 Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) – Quarterly Review – Nil.

10.7 Disaster Social Service Mock Exercise – January 19th @ Beaverlodge Community Centre – Additional Information to Item 9.1.

10.8 Rural Medical Education – Annual Report – 2006- 2007 – Nil.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans reported that she attended the GPRTA Board Meeting on January 10th and that it was very interesting. She also reported that the destination marketing research has been completed and that there is an upcoming Board Development Workshop.

11.2 Councillor Milliken

Nil

11.3 Councillor Willey

Nil

11.4 Councillor Lappenbush

Motion #16-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that Council enter into discussions with the Beaverlodge UFA to revisit a request that was made in 2007 by UFA to do an upgrade at their site.

Carried.

- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned that he is very interested in when the election for our MLA will be scheduled.
- Councillor Lappenbush mentioned that he would like to move forward with the committee who agreed to help to initiate the building of a skateboard park in town. Mayor Hanson suggested that Councillor Lappenbush bring this forward to the planning meeting and that it could also be brought forward to the Economic Development Committee. She also mentioned that Leah Holler @ 814-5340, who was quite involved with the building of Wembley's new skateboard park would be a good resource person to talk to.

11.5 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus recently attended a Community Futures meeting and their operational plan and budget are now complete for 2008.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

11.6 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle mentioned that there will be a meeting this week regarding social housing in Beaverlodge.
- Councillor Kyle also mentioned that a mock disaster is scheduled for this Saturday, January 19th.

11.7 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson mentioned that she attended a Reeves and Mayors meeting in Grande Prairie on Friday. These meetings will now be held quarterly and provide a good voice for Northern Alberta on major issues affecting the entire region.
- Mayor Hanson has been very busy preparing for the NADC meetings that will be held in Beaverlodge on Wednesday and Thursday.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 17-01-14-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Hanson

Ivan Hegland, Town Manager