

AUGUST 14, 2019

Present:

Mayor Brian Peterson
Deputy Mayor Craig Hewitt
Councillor Ed Smith
CAO Leona Hanson

Regrets: Councillor Bill Guise
Councillor Sandra Miller

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peterson at 5:00 PM
2. **MOTION** by Councillor Ed Smith to adopt the meeting Agenda with the addition of the following items:
 - 9.e. County of Grande Prairie Capital Grants Program **CARRIED 08/19/173**
3. **MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Hewitt to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2019 Regular Council Meeting **CARRIED 08/19/174**
4. BUSINESS ARISING:

Deputy Mayor Hewitt requested information regarding weed inspection results and notices provided. Administration to follow up with the County Weed Inspectors.
5. **MOTION** by Councillor Smith to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2019 Inter-Municipal Council Meeting held with the County of Grande Prairie and the Village of Hythe **CARRIED 08/19/175**
6. DELEGATIONS:
 - a. Renay Morgan, Hythe Agriculture Society provided an update to Council on the status of the organization and had a dialogue on funding, projects, reclamation/repurposing the old pool, and partnering opportunities with the Village of Hythe and/or other organizations such as the Hythe Athletic Association.
 - b. Village Taxpayer Dialogue with Council. Approximately 12 members of the community attended the meeting and had an opportunity to ask questions of Council. Council responded to the questions on topics of interest to the members in attendance including:
 - i. Property tax increases, use of funds for operations and infrastructure (water, sewer, roads), challenges with infrastructure deficits, and limited funding sources;
 - ii. Compost closure and the reasons for closing the compost that resulted from an ongoing misuse of the site causing safety concerns and cleanup issues;

- iii. Exchange of ideas to share information with members of the community in addition to the current methods of website, facebook, newsletters, inserts in utility bills, newspaper, posters, mailouts. Email addresses will be collected at the Village Office from members of the public who wish to receive information from the Village of Hythe (i.e., electronic newsletters).
- iv. Update on the street and road improvement plan was shared including the high cost (not fundable) of tenders received for the work prioritized for 2019. It was considered that the significant rainfall during the construction season may have led to higher than expected bids on the work outlined in the tender package. Weather permitting some preliminary repair work is planned for 2019.
- v. Excessive speeds on Highway 43 going through the Village was raised concern and Council shared that increased enforcement for speed was requested from County Enforcement with some success. Emphasis will continue to be placed in this area.
- vi. Mayor Peterson thanked the members of the public for coming to the meeting and appreciated having an open conversation with Council. The Mayor also advised that all Council meetings are open to the public (exception being in-camera agenda items that typically occur at the end of the Council meetings) and invited people to attend any time.

7. STAFF REPORTS

a. Greg Longson - PW Report

Public Works Foreman, Greg Longson provided an updated for Council on various activities including update on completion of Well 1 upgrade; swimming pool cleanup continues with chemical removed; lift station electrical issues being addressed; requests for municipal water tie-ins (reference to item 8.d. Utility Policy); sewer line flushing needed this fall with an estimated cost ranging between \$5000-15,000 depending on number of days for completion and unknown blockages that may slow down the process; underground water tank maintenance scheduled for WG Well at an estimated cost of \$7000; gravelling roads, compost pile/site is cleaned up; Kubota tractor sold with a net return to the Village of \$43,000.

b. Leona Hanson – CAO Report as attached.

8. Business & Information

a. RCMP Detachment Report was received for information. Administration provided an update pertaining to a request that was submitted for representatives of the Village of Hythe to meet with representatives of the RCMP and Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice when attending the AUMA Convention in September.

b. Beairsto Street Improvement Program Tender Results were summarized and presented to Council for review. Based on the value of the bids received Council received the report for information and no tender was accepted.

c. Municipal Climate Challenge: Mayor Peterson reported that the research has been completed on possible opportunities for a fit within the Municipal Climate Challenge program parameters and that no action is required at this time.

d. Utility Policy: Water and/or Sewer Connection to Municipal Service. A draft policy with terms were reviewed and sent back to Administration for update and to bring back to Council for further review/decision.

9. Correspondence

a. Hythe Nursing Home Foundation Bus Purchase – The Foundation requested a Letter of Support for grant funding being applied for under the County Capital Grant Program. Council requested additional information.

b. Philip Curry Dinosaur Museum – Night at the Museum event was received for information

c. South Peace Centennial Museum – Letter of Support was requested for grant funding application being submitted to the County Capital Grant Program.

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Hewitt to approve a letter of support for the South Peace Centennial Museum grant application to the County of Grande Prairie. **CARRIED 08/19/17**

d. STARS Event – Same Mission New Fleet was received for information.

10. Meetings Attended and Members' Business

Mayor Peterson continued research relating to the Municipal Climate Challenge Program; toured the Rycroft Arena with the Village's Foreman and the Arena Manager to look at the new floor that Rycroft was installing as the Hythe Arena is having similar brine leaking issues; attended the inter-municipal council meeting with the County of Grande Prairie.

Deputy Mayor Hewitt attended the inter-municipal council meeting with the County of Grande Prairie; raised the opportunity to host a meeting of community groups (planning in place for a fall meeting) and look at way to hire a support position through partnering with other organizations (i.e., Ag Society) and option to include some form of Rec Director component.

Councillor Ed Smith attended the inter-municipal council meeting with the County of Grande Prairie; lawyers office for signing real estate transaction documents; and government update session.

11. In Camera

MOTION by Mayor Peterson to go In-Camera at 10:10 p.m. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 08/19/17**

a. Contracts

- i. Collaboration Framework
- ii. Contract
 - b. Human Resource Update

MOTION by Councillor Smith to go Out-of-Camera at 11:12 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 08/19/178

12. **MOTION** by Mayor Peterson to Adjourn the meeting. **CARRIED**
08/19/179

Time of adjournment was 11:15 p.m.