

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Present:

Mayor Brian Peterson

Deputy Mayor Craig Hewitt

Councilors: Ed Smith

Sandra Miller

CAO: Greg Gayton

Recording Secretary: Tina Tollefson

Fire Chief Landon Reimer

1. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Hewitt at 5:44 p.m. Mayor Peterson arrived at 6:00 p.m.

2. Minutes of the August 27, 2018 regular Council meeting

**MOVED** by Mayor Peterson that the minutes of August 27, 2018 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 09/18/152**

3. Business arising from minutes; inquiry as to matters with County of Grande Prairie cemetery grant, county weed inspectors and matters for receiving a provincial grant for the repair and replacement of culverts.

4. Representation:

a. Landon Reimer new fire chief. Council approved and welcomed Mr. Reimer as the new fire chief. Mr. Reimer discussed with council the ways he would like to improve how the Hythe Volunteer Fire Department functions, as well as getting new volunteer recruits to join the team. It was decided that Mr. Reimer would report quarterly to council. Mr. Reimer left at 6:07

**MOVED** by Councilor Miller to appoint Mr. Reimer as new fire chief **CARRIED 09/18/153**

b. Public Works supervisor Greg Longson joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m. He presented the costs and expenses for the past two weeks. Tarring of the streets of Hythe is almost complete and culverts have been ordered for the road repair. Mr. Longson left at 6:52

5. Meetings Attended:

Councilor Miller attended a meeting at the Hythe Library. They have received operating grants and are awaiting a grant for next year. The Village of Hythe will get quotes to replace the front cracked window at the library. The library has also upgraded their wireless internet access according to Peace Wapiti regulations.

Councilor Smith attended a meeting with the local tourism board.

Mayor Peterson met with County Reeve Leanne Beaupre and discussed issues involving the Village of Hythe and possible funding solutions.

CAO Gayton attended the following meetings:

- August 29, regional interest group with the local Mayors and CAO's held in Wembley
- August 31, Mr. Gayton and Mayor Peterson met with ICF consultants
- September 8, PNME students tour and lunch held in Beaverlodge

6. Correspondence:

- a) Charity Krahn – request for a yard light at the Rae Dolemo park. Council discussed possible places to put a light and the cost to do so. Council discussed putting a streetlight arm on an existing power pole.
- b) Atco, power franchise fee. Council discussed this and decided to get comparable rates from surrounding towns.

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) TSI Consulting, council to council meeting. Council discussed information to be presented at this meeting, and how best to negotiate on behalf of the Village of Hythe.
- b) Unsightly premises. Council went over the list of properties that need work in a continued effort to maintain and improve the appearance of the Village of Hythe.
- c) A proposed sewer line amended policy was presented to council. It was revised and will be retyped and brought back.
- d) Jim Uhl's contract proposal was discussed by council. Council was not interested in purchasing any services from Mr. Uhl.
- e) A request for proposals to have a consultant prepare a safety program for the municipal towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, Wembley and the Village of Hythe was perused. It was decided to invite consultants to bid on this project, as well as advertise. Council made changes to the Request for Proposals. The CAO will send it to other CAO's for review.

8. Members Business

CAO Report: Verbal

CAO Gayton reported on the following:

- Mr. Gayton has spent some time on the student tour last week
- MSI Capital grant applications have all been posted on MA Connect web page
- Some financial issues – power upgrading at the campground and servicing completion:
  - Total cost so far for installing water and sewer - \$32,195, budget was \$8,000
  - Revenue for campground is \$35,375 to date, budget was \$20,000
  - Recommendation to get a grant for servicing the next phase and the electrical upgrade could be done under Facility Enhancement or Community Spirit.
- The grant application for the Municipal Intern was sent in on August 31. They are not deciding on those until the provincial budget is announced in the

spring. If it turns out we don't want or need the position, we can always withdraw the application.

- September 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to apply for area funding.
- There was an incident at the Hythe Regional School on September 10 involving two local dogs. No one was hurt.

Councilor Miller suggested and requested that council review one by-law or policy per council meeting to have it amended or updated. Staff were asked to send the policy or bylaw out on the Monday before the Council meeting, so Councillors will have a week to review it.

Deputy Mayor Hewitt inquired regarding the Teare Creek lot, a campground grant to upgrade services and the sale of tax properties.

Mayor Peterson discussed with council what is the best course of action with regards to the burn pile. This is under consideration. Council has decided that signs will be posted on back alleys that use of these is to be only when it is dry to avoid damages to these access ways.

9. In camera

**MOVED** by Councilor Smith to go in camera at 9:47 pm **CARRIED 09/18/154**

While in camera council discussed new CAO hiring and hiring of a new arena manager.

**MOVED** by Councilor Miller to go out of camera **CARRIED 09/18/155**

**MOVED** by Councilor Miller to adjourn the meeting **CARRIED 09/18/156**

Time of adjournment was 10:53 p.m.