

## APRIL 11, 2016

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess

Councillors: Gordon Nicholson, Carol Descoteaux, Cheryl Phillips, Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. Minutes of the March 29, 2016 regular Council meeting

**MOVED** by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the March 29, 2016 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 04/16/47**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Representation:

a) Kenny Huey – Public Works report – Public Works supervisor Kenny Huey joined the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Mr. Huey presented council with the number of quotes for various projects that he has been working on. He had obtained quotes for getting a headache rack for the Toyota. Prices had been obtained for ducting and ventilation in the public work shop. Cost on that was approximately \$2,800.00 +GST.

Mr. Huey also got prices for some asphalt repairs. One location was across from the new fire hall where a sewer line installation has caused an ongoing problem. Costs for that one was \$3,405.00 and second cost was for 104<sup>th</sup> Street and 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue pavement repair the cost for this one was \$2,701.00. He was still interested in getting a concrete saw. This device would help them cut re bar, culverts and pavement. It would be useful in cutting water and sewer lines so they were a better fit. Also cutting culverts in order to make new campground fire pits. Cost for the concrete saw is approximately \$1,200.00. Mr. Huey had looked at several vendors.

One project he discussed was replacing some of the tin at the front of the shop. At the entrance of the man door, there are several punctures that can only be repaired by replacing the tin. Council felt that this project was worth looking at if only we could find tin that would match the front of the shop.

Mayor Burgess asked about the situation with the Wendel Hommy's access. There was some discussion about the historical background behind this. At present the access that comes off of 103<sup>rd</sup> Street and enters onto Mr. Hommy's property from the North is on his land and is not registered as a municipal street. There is no written record of the arrangements that were made with Mr. Hommy regarding this access. CAO will call him and see if we can obtain some background information for future discussion. Public Works Supervisor Kenny Huey left the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

b) Al Greber – land issues

c) Loretta Lieverse from MNP joined the meeting at this time. Ms. Lieverse was present to present to the 2015 Financial Statement to Council. Ms. Lieverse reviewed the statement in some detail with Council. It was noted that often the actual figures differ from the budgeted figures because the actual figures will contain costs for the Library and the Fire Department which the Municipal Budget does not.

There was some discussion on the long term tax cancellation arrangement with Warmax Enterprises. Tax cancellation were given in exchange for Warmax building sewer mains out to its present site. Loretta Lieveise explained how this arrangement was captured on an accounting basis and set up similar to a loan arrangement. She recommended that the Village consider looking at their cash reserves. They are concerned that the cash reserves shown of the statement do not match the actual cash available. Loretta Lieveise noted that the audit process had gone very smoothly this year and there were no major issues or problems uncovered. She left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

5. Meetings Attended:

Many Councillors had attended the inter-municipal meeting in Wembley on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and the Fundraiser for Tim Webb on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Nicholson had attended a meeting of the Grande Spirit Foundation Building Committee. They are having a difficult time getting people for the dry-walling for the Clairmont building.

Councillor Descoteaux had also attended a Library Board meeting. Mayor Burgess had attended a meeting with Alberta Health Services regarding the Beaverlodge Hospital on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. He reported on that.

6. Correspondence

- a) Trans Canada Pipelines Ltd. – Received for information.
- b) City of Grande Prairie – Mayor’s Interfaith Breakfast – Received for information.
- c) STEP grant approval – public works – Received for information.
- d) Municipal Affairs – ACP application declined – Received for information.
- e) Farm Safety Centre – In the past year Council had donated to the Farm Safety Centre for their injury reduction program targeted at Rural Alberta. However, this year Council felt that in view of budget difficulties they would not make a contribution.

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) Hythe Municipal Library – financial statement (excerpts) – reviewed by Council and received for information
- b) Regional Landfill – financial statement (excerpts) - reviewed by Council and received for information
- c) Hythe Fire Dept. – level of service (for approval) – Council reviewed a submission from the Hythe Fire Department regarding levels of service. This level of service policy is required as part of the new five year agreement with the County of Grande Prairie.

**MOVED** by Councillor Philipps to approved the Hythe Fire Department Level of Service Policy. **CARRIED 04/16/48**

- d) GPN Networks – Wireless for Campground – Council reviewed a proposal from GPN Networks for wireless internet for the campground. That letter was deferred to budget meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion then turned to when the campground should be opened. Council decided to instruct the public works staff to have the campground opened of Friday, April 15.

- e) PTMAA – Storage Tank issues – received for information.
- f) GPRC Foundation of Leadership – received for information.
- g) Incident report – Hotsy Trailer Damage – There was some discussion about the damage to the trailer carrying the steamer tank. Council felt that the one-ton truck

should be the primary vehicle used for carrying the steamer tank because the tank holds 2 cubic feet of water it is a substantial weight to put on a small trailer. It would work better to have the tank on the one-ton truck. CAO will advise staff accordingly.

h) Cheque Summary – cheques# 20160191 – 20160255 – received for information.

8. Other matters (members' business):

The CAO was asked to look at Rod Pittman's property in the mobile home subdivision to see if an unsightly premises ticket is warranted.

Mayor Burgess discusses a matter with Council regarding some different options regarding medical facilities in both Hythe and Beaverlodge. The CAO will work with the Mayor to draft a letter regarding this. Mayor Burgess noted that he would not be here for the May 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting as he had other commitments.

9. In Camera

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe to go into Camera. **CARRIED 04/16/49**

While in camera Council discussed the following:

- a) Personnel Matters
- b) Alberta Health – land transaction
- c) Arena – utility account

**MOVED** by Councillor Philipps to go back into open session. **CARRIED 04/16/50**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe to decline the offer from Alberta Health Service for Block 5 Plan 992 5983. **CARRIED 04/16/51**

10. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Councilor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 04/16/52**

Time of adjournment was 8:25 p.m.