

APRIL 24, 2017

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councillors: Gordon Nicholson
Nadine Adolf
Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton
Jenna Rosvold - MNP

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Minutes of the March 27, 2017 regular Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe that the minutes of the March 27, 2017 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 04/17/46**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

4. Representation:

- a) MNP – 5:30 p.m.

Jenna Rosvold gave Council a presentation regarding the 2016 financial statement. She noted that the Village's financial position was still very sound.

Despite the high cost of repairs on equipment in 2016, the Village still managed to finish the year with a small surplus.

Jenna Rosvold noted that the reserves of the Village should be reviewed to match the actual cash assets that the Village owns.

It was noted that the Fire Department and the Library expenditures are included in the actual expenditures noted for the Village, although the Municipal budget does not include reference to the Fire Department or Library expenditures.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to accept the 2016 Financial Statement as presented. **CARRIED 04/17/47**

Jenna Rosvold left the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Public Works Supervisor Steve Rawlyk joined the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

- b) Steve Rawlyk – Public Works report – 6:00 p.m.

Council discussed the pavement repair program for the coming year. Some pavement patch has already been ordered.

Mr. Rawlyk reviewed his project list for the summer with Council. Staff will research the possibility of getting hot mix from Wapiti Sand & Gravel this year. Council noted that the condition of the streets are bad throughout our area, because of the high amount of snow and rain fall we have received this year.

Steve Rawlyk left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

5. Meetings Attended: Council reviewed the meeting that they had attended from March 27, 2017 to April 24, 2017

Councillor Adolf had attended the Hythe Athletic Association meeting, and had attended the Spring Fling Fundraiser, put on by the Hythe Pioneer Home.

Councillor Nicholson had attended the Grande Spirit meeting and a Food Bank meeting.

6. Correspondence

- a) Minister of Service Alberta - Supernet

- b) Minister of Municipal Affairs – GTF Funding
 - c) Mernie Smith – road repair
- Items 6. a, b & c were received for information.

- d) Jansie Jones – garbage pick – up

Council discussed the issues with the decline in service with garbage pick-up. It was noted that the crux of the problem is that GFL is using one small truck to pick up garbage instead of the larger trucks County Disposal had been using. It was advised the master cart system that we have in place now was designed around use of the larger trucks with the picker. Council felt that the best solution to the ongoing garbage issue was to have GFL go back to using the larger trucks.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to request GFL bring back the more appropriate larger trucks for the weekly residential pick-up. **CARRIED 04/17/48**

- e) 2017 STEP Grant

CAO noted that we can proceed with the STEP program this year, but we may or may not receive the funding. He advised that the staff recommendation was to continue with hiring because there is definitely a need for a summer worker.

- f) Arctic Grayling Renewal Society

Mayor Burgess reported that he had attended a meeting regarding the issues that the society was facing. Council reviewed a letter from the society requesting the support of the Village of Hythe regarding their issues.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to supply a letter of support to the Arctic Grayling Renewal Society. **CARRIED 04/17/49**

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) Garbage Guidance
- b) Cemetery Annual Report - 2016
- c) Municipal Govt Act Changes

Items 7. a, b & c were received for information.

- d) Regional Rec Meeting

Mayor Burgess will attend the May 6, 2017 Regional Rec. Board Meeting on behalf of the Village of Hythe.

- e) 2017 Municipal Budget Review

CAO reviewed the status of the budget preparation. He noted that the present budget indicates a 2% increase in the overall tax levy. Mill rates will be finalized once the assessment is updated. As tax notices go out in May, we'll have a tax mill rate bylaw prepared for the May 23, 2017 regular Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to approve the 2017 Municipal budget as presented. **CARRIED 04/17/50**

There was some discussion about the May 8, 2017 regular Council meeting, Councillor Adolf noted that she would not be able to attend, Councillor Sipe will not be able to attend. It was decided to cancel that meeting and have our next meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to cancel the May 8, 2017 regular Council meeting. **CARRIED 04/17/51**

f) Cheque Summary – Cheques #20170206 – 20170278
Council then reviewed the cheque summary, this included cheques# 20170206 – 20170278. Received for information.

g) Ken Brandsater Volunteer Award – Ballet counting
Council counted up the ballots for the Volunteer of the Year Award. Corinne Peterson was declared the 2017 winner of the Volunteer of the Year award, by virtue of having the most votes.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Staff will look into trucks parking at the recycle depot, to make sure that they don't crowd out people using the recycle depot bins.

Mayor Burgess was concerned about a sidewalk issue in front of the Pioneer Home. Staff will look into that.

Councillor Adolf inquired about ball hockey in the summer at the arena. There was some questions at the Athletic Association meeting to whether the insurance covered that. The CAO will check with our insurers and advise accordingly.

CAO requested a motion from Council for the Weed Inspector appointments for 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to appoint Tracelle Hinze and Kirsten Rodacker as Weed Inspectors for the 2017 calendar year. **CARRIED 04/17/52**

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go into camera. **CARRIED 04/17/53**

While in Camera Council discussed the County of Grande Prairie FCSS arrangement.

9. In Camera

a) County of Grande Prairie – FCSS arrangement

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to go back into open session. **CARRIED 04/17/54**

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to give the County of Grande Prairie 60 day's notice withdrawal from the agreement as noted in clause 4.2 of our agreement. Such notice will take effect July 1, 2017. **CARRIED 04/17/55**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Sipe that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 04/17/56**

Time of adjournment was 7:47 p.m.