

## APRIL 25, 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 5:05 p.m.
2. Minutes of the April 11, 2016 regular Council meeting

**MOVED** by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the April 11, 2016 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 04/16/53**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

CAO noted that one property has been inspected by County Enforcement. Council commented that there are a number of derelict vehicles in Frank Webb's neighborhood and also Wilfred Hawkesworth property should be inspected.

4. Representation:

- a) Glenda Farnden – STARS -5:30 p.m.
- b) Sergeant Gallant – Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment – 5:30 p.m.
- c) D.K. Sandblasting – drainage issues – 6:00 p.m.

5. Meetings Attended:

All Councillors had attended the Volunteer Appreciation Supper at the Legion on April 13, 2016 and the budget meeting on April 18, 2016.

Councillor Phillips had attended a Pioneer Home board meeting. There was some discussion about the Glas House and some of the issues with the renovations.

Bill Guise joined the meeting briefly at 5:14 p.m.

He noted that there was an issue with weeds on the ball diamond infield and Pete Tofteland has volunteered to spray them at no charge. Mr. Guise also requested that Council consider painting the bleachers.

Bill Guise left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Glenda Farnden from STARS and Sergeant Gallant from the Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Glenda Farnden presented Council with the annual update regarding the STARS service in the Grande Prairie area.

Overall this calendar year they have had 6500 medical calls on six bases, they have medical oversight on each call. She noted that STARS have added a new service for community events. People holding large events can register the event with STARS for \$150.00, this promotes quicker STARS service in the event that it is needed. On Wednesday, April 27, 2016 they will be doing some simulation training at the Beaverlodge Hospital. Councillors were invited to attend. Ms. Farnden noted that 14% of their cost in operating STARS is attributed to administration. The call volumes are going up in the area of 6 – 10% a year. A third of the rural municipalities have not joined in making a funding commitment to STARS yet.

Council thanked Glenda Farnden for her presentation. She left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Sergeant Gallant from the Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment made introductions.

Mr. Gallant gave Council some details on his background and his training. Beaverlodge is his first posting as a Sergeant. His arrangement with the force are that, he must spend at least two years in Beaverlodge at this posting.

Sergeant Gallant had brought with him a copy of the agreement regarding the shared detachment clerk. Five municipality in the area including County of Grande, Town of Beaverlodge, Town of Wembley, Village of Hythe, Horse Lake First Nations, participate in the agreement. The last three-year term of the agreement has recently expired. There was some discussion on the process to get the agreement renewed. Sergeant Gallant will put together a package containing the job description and other details pertaining to the position that is funded and send that out to all the municipalities. Sergeant Gallant noted that Constable Cheatham and Kirshner are leaving the detachment, however replacements are expected shortly and they should not be in a bad position.

Sergeant Gallant left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Danny Kelly joined the meeting at that time.

Chad Wiwchar on the Village staff had prepared a proposal for Danny Kelly regarding a drainage ditch on the north side of his property. This ditch drains the area on the other side of the railway tracks and also south of there. The proposal involves putting in a 24" culvert in the drainage ditch and covering it. This would allow Mr. Kelly to build a lean-to adjoining the north side of his building.

Danny Kelly volunteered to do the assembly and to find the fill for the project. What was requested from the Village is to pay for a portion of the pipe. Mayor Burgess advised Mr. Kelly that Council would discuss the matter further, later on in the meeting.

Danny Kelly left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

#### 6. Correspondence

a) County of Grande Prairie – wetlands invitation – received for information.

b) County of Grande Prairie – assessor appointment

The County had requested that the Village pass a motion noting who their appointed assessor was.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to appoint Adele Johnston of the County of Grande Prairie as the appointed assessor. **CARRIED 04/16/54**

c) Municipal Affairs - Municipal Excellence – received for information.

#### 7. Other Business & Information:

a) Approval of 2016 operating and capital budget

Following discussions at the April 18, 2016 budget meeting the 2016 operating and capital budgets were ready for approval. Administration had prepared some documentation on mill rates. It was noted that the school taxes had gone up substantially this year. The amount of the requisition had jumped by more than 10%.

**MOVED** by Councillor Descoteaux to approve the 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets. **CARRIED 04/16/55**

b) Approval of 2015 municipal financial statement (no attachment)  
On April 11, 2016 Council had met with our auditor to discuss the 2015 financial statements. A motion had not been passed at that meeting to approve the statements.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to accept the 2015 financial statements. **CARRIED 04/16/56**

c) Bylaw #527 – arena borrowing bylaw  
Bylaw #527 pertained to the Hythe Athletic Association's borrowing for the arena. The amount there borrowing is \$70,400.00 as noted in bylaw#527. First reading had been given at the March 29, 2016 regular Council meeting.

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe to give second reading to Bylaw #527. **CARRIED 04/16/57**

**MOVED** by Councillor Descoteaux to give Bylaw #527 third reading. **CARRIED 04/16/58**

d) Promotional Items  
Council discussed some promotional items and gave staff direction on what they felt was the best item.

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe to purchase the Lock-it Spiral Notebook as a promotional item. **CARRIED 04/16/59**

e) Playground Society – Drainage issues – received for information.

f) Public Works log sheet – received for information.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Descoteaux was concerned about issues on 105<sup>th</sup> street. It was noted that there was a big pot hole on the street.

There was some discussion about Barry Evaskevich's hook-up into the municipal sewer. Some clean-up may still be necessary from the installation done by Tim Greber. There was some discussion in doing the CAO report regarding the use of Beaverlodge's street sweeper. There had been some confusion on the hourly rate charged on the sweeper in the past several years, the CAO clarified what was happening. Council was concerned that the hourly rate was still too high. CAO was charged to contact the Town of Sexsmith to see what they charge for their sweeper.

There was some discussion regarding the presence of the CN rail cars in town. It appears that CN is using the tracks between Beaverlodge and Hythe, and in Hythe for parking railway cars that are surplus to their needs. Council felt that a representative from Canadian National Railways could be invited to a Council meeting to explain how long the cars will be parked here.

Council discussed the proposal made by Danny Kelly earlier in the meeting regarding the drainage ditch on his property.

**MOVED** by Councillor Phillips to proceed on the work project with Danny Kelly on a 50/50 basis. **CARRIED 04/16/60**

9. In Camera

**MOVED** by Councillor Descoteaux to go into Camera. **CARRIED 04/16/61**

While in camera Council discussed the following:

- a) Personnel Matters
- b) Alberta Health

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session.

**CARRIED 04/16/62**

10. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Councilor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

**04/16/63**

Time of adjournment was 7:37 p.m.