

MINUTES OF MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councilors: Cheryl Phillips
Gordon Nicholson
Carol Descoteaux

CAO: Greg Gayton
Elise Mumert – Reporter for West County News

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the April 13, 2015 regular Council meeting
MOVED by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the April 13, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 04/15/56**
3. Business arising from the Minutes:
Councillor Phillips brought up her concern regarding a property on 105th avenue that was still in poor condition. That includes the fence which is laying down at the back and there is a lot of debris and derelict vehicles there.
Mayor Burgess noted that there are two dogs that are continually barking behind his house.
CAO will discuss the matter with Bylaw Enforcement.
4. Representation:
 - a) Travis Peterson and Pete Tofteland – grass cutting
 - b) Kenny Huey – Public Works report
5. Meeting Attended:
Councillors and staff reviewed the meeting that they had attended between April 13, 2015 and April 27, 2015.
6. Correspondence:
 - a) City of Grande Prairie – inter-faith breakfast – received for information
 - b) Lac Ste. Anne County – Woman in Govt. fund – received for information
 - c) Hythe & District Ag Fair – request for funds
Council reviewed a request for funding from the Hythe & District Ag Fair.
MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to donate \$500.00 to the Hythe & District Ag Society for the 2015 Ag Fair. **CARRIED 04/15/57**
 - d) Peace Library System – Council representation
Councillor Descoteaux advised that she would discuss the matter with the Library Board at their next meeting.
 - e) Request for pin donation
Council had a received a request from the Ripple Rock Elementary School in Campbell River, British Columbia. The grade five teacher was looking for pins for a social studies project. It was unclear whether he was requesting a total of thirty pins for the project or thirty pins for each student in the project.
Council was in favor of sending the pins, pending clarification on the number of pins

requested.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to send pins to the Ripple Rock Elementary School in Campbell River, British Columbia. **CARRIED 04/15/58**

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Greg Longson – request for dirt trucking (no attachment)

Greg Longson had requested some dirt for his back yard, he had inquired about renting the Village gravel truck rather than using an out of town contractor. Council was uncertain as to how much time would be involved and whether or not the loader was needed. It was decided to table the matter pending further research. Staff will try and establish the market value for prices.

b) FCSS operational grant from County

Council was advised that the County of Grande Prairie (responding to a request from the Town of Beaverlodge for additional FCSS funding) had established a new formula for funding in recognition of County residents using services from the urban centers.

The County FCSS Director will be sending out a contract on the matter, however that is known at this time is Hythe's amount would be \$9270.00 and is anticipated that this grant would be an ongoing program.

The Public Works Supervisor joined the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Mr. Huey reported that the campground improvements have been ongoing and the facility is ready to open the gates.

A metal box had been fabricated at Western Manufacturing for the secure storage of fire wood.

Post have been put into the ground to identify each stall.

A plumber from Beaverlodge is currently working on the showers, however getting parts for these old showers has been problematic. Both the men's and women's showers are being redone.

New posts are being put in at the gates.

Mr. Huey discussed both changes to the compost station. He and Mayor Burgess had discussed the idea that there should be no lumber at the compost station because the nails and screws are often thrown in with the lumber. Having metal screw and nails makes it difficult to clean up the ground with the front end loader. Mayor Burgess suggested that it would be best to limit the compost site to grass leaves and branches. Any manufactured wood could be taken to the Regional Landfill on the Emerson Trail. There was also some discussion about building a ramp to provide one offloading area for the customers. This would provide some direction for the use of the facility, where they back up to a ramp unload their vehicle and leave, instead of driving all over different areas of the compost station. It was decided to get Nodes to bring a cat in to push the dirt to build the ramp up.

The Public Works Supervisor noted that the building across from the arena owned by West Peace building Supplies has a lot of scrap outside of it. It would be nice to have the exterior of the building cleaned up before the Ag Fair in August.

There was some discussion about the Spring Clean-up. Council authorized staff to work overtime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the Spring Clean-up days. Kenny Huey reported that Craig Robertson has done well in cleaning up the exterior on well 1 and well 2, there is still some work to be done there.

A sign will be manufactured for the compost station, advising people of the new rules.

Pete Tofteland and Travis Peterson joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Councillor Sipe joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Pete Tofteland inquired if Council would be interested in using his services for cutting grass, he has a fifteen foot mower which is quite conducive to doing larger areas. He felt it would be a good piece of equipment for the race track area and the highway 43 ditches running through the municipality. He calculated it would take about ten hours to do both projects and assigned a price to it at \$1250.00. Council then discuss with Mr. Tofteland regarding the lease on Village land that he was taking over from Barry Evaskevich. Council was hopeful that he would continue doing what Barry had done with that land previously.

Council advised that they would discuss Mr. Tofteland's proposal later on in the meeting.

Pete Tofteland and Travis Peterson left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

c) Small Water Systems training – Greg Gayton and Chad Wiwchar
Council reviewed information noting that CAO Greg Gayton and Chad Wiwchar had completed the Small Water Systems training, offered by the Alberta Water and Wastewater Operators Association.

d) 2015 capital and operating budgets
2015 capital and operating budgets were presented of consideration. These had been discussed at the last regular Council meeting on April 13, 2015. CAO reviewed the changes on the budget since the previous meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to accept the 2015 capital and operating budget. **CARRIED 04/15/59**

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillors noted that Hythe Transfer had been using the Tags parking lot for overnight parking and keeping large trucks there overnight. Staff will advise that the large truck overnight parking is next to the recycling bins behind the curling rink and arena.

There was some discussion about the fire training exercise that had been held on the weekend. The Villages volunteer fire department had spent the day doing practice with the vehicle extrication equipment, working on older vehicles that had been hauled to the site. Council was concerned that the site should be cleaned promptly after the training exercise. They noted that the fire department had closed off the road adjacent to the UFA lots where the practice took place. It was noted that the fire department should request permission from the Village before they close off the road. CAO will discuss it with the fire department.

Kenny Huey asked about the Council decision on a new tractor for grass cutting. Council said that they will be discussing it further on in the meeting.

Mr. Huey left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Elise Mumert left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Council then discussed the proposal from Pete Tofteland for grass cutting, although it was useful to have the information for how much a major cut may cost it was felt that the Village should attempt to do it with our existing forces. Council felt it would be difficult to justify three full time positions and then begin contracting out grass cutting in a major way. If the weather becomes rainy and offset and it becomes difficult to keep up with the grass cutting hiring Mr. Tofteland would be a possibility then. Council's decision was to decline the offer.

There was further discussion on the tractor purchase. Councillor Sipe had done some research and shared some of his conclusions with Council. The next step would be to do a bit of tractor shopping tour. A date of Tuesday, May 12, 2015 was chosen for this tour.

Councillor Phillips felt the garbage bags left outdoors beside the Mexicali Restaurant should not be there. Apparently the garbage is originating from the people who live up stairs there. CAO was directed to talk to Ralph Taylor about cleaning up the garbage and buying a bin.

Councillor Nicholson brought up a matter about the new residents living in Doreen Hall's former house. They have a trailer jacked up and its sitting in the right of way that belongs to the municipality. The right of way should be kept clear for fire fighting purposes.

CAO shared some information on last year's use of the Spring Clean-up site. Council asked that the addresses of the users of the site be made clearer, so it will show if it is a County resident or a Village resident using the site?

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go into Camera. **CARRIED 04/15/60**

Council when into Camera at 7:25 p.m.

9. In Camera
 - a) Municipal Amalgamation – request
 - b) Hythe Swimming Pool

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED 04/15/61**

Council went back into open session at 7:45 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to get a quote of the complete repairs of the Hythe Swimming Pool. **CARRIED 04/15/62**

This would include not only the cement work required but the work required for the liner.

Council then discussed the matter pertaining to the proposal from the City of Grande Prairie regarding amalgamation. There had been some discussion amongst the other municipalities in terms of a position that would be taken to a meeting on Tuesday, May 28th, 2015 with the City of Grande Prairie and the other municipalities in the area. Discussion amongst the other municipalities did not favor amalgamation. The municipalities felt it would be better to work together and improve services by looking at services that could be integrated. It was noted that Beaverlodge, Hythe and Wembley are developing a strong system of integrating some services that have helped obtain grants from the government and increase efficacy in all three municipalities. The Town of Beaverlodge had volunteered to take a leadership role in evaluating an arrange of service integrating models.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe that the Village approves the Town of Beaverlodge's approach of initiating the process of evaluating a range of service integration models. **CARRIED 04/15/63**

10. Adjournment

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

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Time of adjournment was 7:55 p.m.