

MINUTES OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councillors: Gordon Nicholson
Carol Descoteaux
Cheryl Phillips
Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton
Dave MacGregor – Reporter, West County News

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

2. Minutes of the November 23, 2015 regular Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the November 23, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 12/15/165**

3. Business arising from the Minutes: No business arising from the minutes.

4. Representation:

a) Chad Wiwchar – drinking water safety plan

Public Works Assistant, Chad Wiwchar joined the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Mr. Wiwchar was there to update Council on the Drinking Water Safety Plan (DWSP).

The DWSP is a requirement of Alberta Environment. All municipalities that are operating a municipal water system are required to have a Drinking Water Safety Plan in place.

Mr. Wiwchar noted that there were a number of issues with our present system. He advised that the filtration system on Well #1 had not been cleaned or serviced for a long time. There are problems with the backwash system in the filtration mechanism. An estimate had been obtained from Culligan for repairing this problem. Council advised Mr. Wiwchar that he could proceed with the repair. Chad then discussed the cleaning of the cisterns in Well House #1 and then described the process of cleaning the cisterns.

He noted that there were a number of issues in dealing with Willow Grove Well. It is a bit more problematic to clean the cisterns there. He also noted that there should be two hydrants installed, these would be located at both ends of the system and facilitate flushing the lines. Presently there is not a system in place for flushing the water main there.

There was some discussion about getting a Vacuum Truck in to suck out the cisterns in Well # 2.

Some of the cleaning processes may require a tanker truck to hold water. Council suggested that if that was needed then Tim Webb's truck may be available. It was noted that there were air circulation issues in the Well House #1. It was suggested that possibly we could get some advice from an engineer on air circulation systems. CAO advised that air circulation was also an issue with the Village office and the Public Works Shop. Possibly when a review of Well House #1 is done, reviews of the Village office and Public Works shop can be done at the same time.

Kenny Huey joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

There was some further discussion about the need for power back-up's in doing the Drinking Water Safety Plan, Chad Wiwchar reported there was an ongoing risk management about the lack of backup power generation at Wells 1 and 2.

Council thanked Mr. Wiwchar for his presentation.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillor Descoteaux had attended a Library meeting.

Mayor Burgess had attended a meeting regarding the Hythe Swimming Pool.

Councillor Sipe reported that the Hythe Choir is still active, and has provided entertainment at a number of community facilities this year.

6. Correspondence:

Council reviewed correspondence from:

- a) AUMA – aggregated purchasing – received for information
- b) Wayne Drysdale – December 16th open house – received for information
- c) Grand Spirit Foundation – 2016 requisition – received for information
- d) Peace Library System – received for information

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) County of Grande Prairie – 2016 interim budget- received for information

- b) Asset disposition – FCSS office

CAO provided a list of some of the fixtures and supplies that were still present in the FCSS office. With the changeover in FCSS, it was felt that some of these assets could be used by the new program coordinator.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to allow the County FCSS department access to our FCSS assets at no charge for as long as they need them. **CARRIED**

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- c) Emergency Response Plan – water/power outage – received for information
- d) Program Coordinator ads – FCSS – received for information
- e) Husky Oil – flaring notification -- Council reviewed some information from Husky Oil regarding flaring at Section 26, Township 73, Range 11, West of 6th meridian. Flaring will be taking place between August 1, 2016 and September 1, 2016. Council was advised that Husky Oil would make a presentation to Council if they wished. Council did not feel that would be necessary.
- f) Cheque summary – cheques #20150833 - #20150927 – received for information

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Descoteaux asked about a warning notice that had been posted on a vehicle on December 11, 2015 at the Community Centre. The issue was that the vehicle was parked in the loading zone stall and was running, Councillor Descoteaux felt that this situation did not warrant a warning notice. CAO will look into the matter further.

CAO had discussed some options for Citizens on Patrol, he advised there was not much interest in Hythe. However someone in Beaverlodge was also looking at setting up Citizens on Patrol. Beaverlodge had already made some preliminary inquiries with the RCMP Detachment in Beaverlodge about Citizens on Patrol. Council was in favor in looking at a amalgamated Beaverlodge and Hythe Citizens on Patrol service.

It was felt an amalgamated service would facilitate getting enough volunteers on board

to get the program started.

Dave MacGregor left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go into Camera. **CARRIED 12/15/167**

Chad Wiwchar left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

9. In Camera

- a) Land development matters
- b) Staff matter – 6:00 p.m.
- c) County fire agreement

Kenny Huey left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go back into open session. **CARRIED**
12/15/168

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to offer Alberta Health Services \$30,000.00 for Lots 9 – 13,
Block 5, Plan 9925983. **CARRIED 12/15/169**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**
12/15/170

Time of adjournment was 7:29 p.m.