

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councilors: Gordon Nicholson
Nadine Adolf
Carol Descoteaux
Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

2. Minutes of the January 23, 2017 regular Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the January 23, 2017 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 02/17/18**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

CAO noted that the staff had taken the headache rack and the Fleetmatics apparatuses off the Toyota truck.

4. Representation:

- a) Theresa Boudreault – 5:30 p.m.
- b) Steve Rawlyk – 5:30 p.m.

Theresa Boudreault, FCSS Program Director and Steve Rawlyk, Public Works Supervisor were both unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Boudreault was on vacation and Mr. Rawlyk had a sewer main blockage that he was dealing with.

5. Meetings Attended: Council reviewed the meeting that they had attended from January 23, 2017 to February 13, 2017.

Councillor Nicholson reported that he had attended a meeting of the Grand Spirit Foundation and they are still working on construction details for their new building. Councillor Descoteaux had attended a Library board budget meeting.

CAO noted that he and Public Works Supervisor Steve Rawlyk had attended meetings in Grande Prairie. They met with Alberta Environment to discuss issues with underground water levels and they also met with GFL Contracting regarding issues with garbage pickup. CAO also noted that he had attended a meeting on January 27, 2017 regarding drainage issues with Pioneer Place.

6. Correspondence

a) Horse Lake First Nations – Annual Gathering

Mayor Burgess was invited to attend the Horse Lake First Nations Annual Gathering, that would run through the week of July 1, 2017 to July 6, 2017. This is a gathering of all the representatives of Treaty 8 First Nations. Mayor Burgess indicated that he would have to check his schedule further. The matter was tabled until the Mayor's schedule can be confirmed.

b) AUMA – annual membership

Council reviewed information from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding their services to the membership and the benefits of being a member of the AUMA.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to pay the annual membership for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association. **CARRIED 02/17/19**

c) Postal Banking – received for information

d) Peace Regional Fire Chiefs – donation request

Council reviewed a request for a donation from the Peace Regional Fire Chiefs. The Peace Regional Fire Chiefs have held an annual conference that is attended by officers and fire fighters from across the northern region. The conference is usually held in Peace River. CAO noted that having the ability to have conferences in Northern Alberta does save the fire department money as opposed to having them go to Edmonton. It was noted that our fire department does often send representatives to this conference. Sponsorships for the conference were available in varying amounts.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to support the Peace Regional Fire Chiefs with a sponsorship of \$200.00. **CARRIED 02/17/20**

e) Hythe Population increase

Council received information regarding the 2016 federal census. The data just received noted that the population had increased from 820 in the 2011 census to 827 in the 2016 census. The CAO noted that the Villages population had stayed very steady over the last ten years.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Cash Position report

CAO had prepared a brief analysis of the Villages cash position at year end December 31, 2016. Received for information.

b) ALARIE update – disposition of assets

Information was received regarding the distribution of the ALARIE assets. The distribution of the assets will not be finalized until March or April of this year.

c) Municipal Law seminar

Reynolds, Mirth, Richards and Farmer will be holding a session in Grande Prairie on March 3, 2017. This is usually an all-day seminar. Mayor Burgess was interested in attending, but will have to see if his work schedule will permit it. The CAO noted that he would like to attend also. Council advised that they could attend if it worked out for them.

d) Dog issue – Received for information.

8. Other matters (members' business):

CAO noted that there had been discussion regarding a blade for the skid steer, Council felt that this would be a good addition to our snow clearing efforts as it would give the skid steer a bit more flexibility in terms of dealing with drive ways. The Public Works Supervisor had obtained two quotes. Council reviewed the two quotes. It was noted that in the future Council would like Public Works to get quotes from Cassity Equipment as well for this type of purchase.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to approve the purchase of the skid steer blade from Big City Equipment in the amount of \$4290.00 **CARRIED 02/17/21**

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to go into camera. **CARRIED 02/17/22**

Council went into camera at 6:31 p.m.

9. In Camera

- a) Alberta Environment
- b) Personnel matters

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED 02/17/23**

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to continue with the existing grid arrangement for the accounting clerk/assistant CAO as discussed. **CARRIED 02/17/24**

Council noted that the Code of Practice for water systems required that chlorine residual monitoring be monitored with in the distribution system daily, this requirement has become very onerous for the public works staff as it requires visiting private residences every day to obtain water samples. Staff has been doing this weekly. When they do Bacti samples their also doing chlorine samples. However a recent inspection noted that the requirement is for daily samples.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to appeal the condition noted in the Code of Practice regarding chlorine residual monitoring with in the distribution system. **CARRIED 02/17/25**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 02/17/26**

Time of adjournment was 7:08 p.m.