

FEBRUARY 27, 2017

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

CAO: Greg Gayton
Delegation – Holly Gould – Hythe Regional School
- Miles & Amanda Lacey – Hythe residents

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Minutes of the February 13, 2017 regular Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the February 13, 2017 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 02/17/27**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

4. Representation:

a) Delegation re: dog – 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Burgess noted that Wilmer Sawatzky's brother Frank was asked to be in attendance at this meeting to discuss the dog issue, but he was not.

Miles Lacey spoke first to the issue regarding the Sawatzky Rottweiler that had been involved in an incidence at the school property on December 21, 2016. Mr. Lacey noted that his son Brennan is still having some issues pertaining to the attack. He noted that in the two months since it happened, they have never received an apology or any other contact with the owner of the animal. Mr. Lacey had asserted that animal control had received several other complaints on that dog and complaints had also been made by the Hythe Pioneer Home prior to the attack. He presented a petition that had been circulated at the Hythe Arena and had been signed by a number of concerned residence. He asked that Council take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the dog does not return to Hythe.

Holly Gould then spoke to the matter as a representative of Hythe Regional School. She noted the teachers who supervise recess in the playground are not trained for fending off attacks, from a dog that attacks without provocation. The school has a concern for the safety of the students and feel they should be able to play outside freely and safely. She noted that in this particular incident the children had done nothing to provoke the dog and it had attacked two children. She commented that it is very difficult for the staff at the school to ascertain what a dog is capable of when it approaches children. She requested that Council exercise what powers were available to it to provide some assurance of no future attacks at the Hythe School. Miles and Amanda Lacey and Holly Gould left the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Steve Rawlyk, Public Works Supervisor joined the meeting at that time.

b) Steve Rawlyk – PW Supervisor report – 5:45 p.m.

He noted in his report that the Toyota truck is still in the yard of the public works shop. The headache rack and the tracking system have been removed from the truck and it is now ready for the insurance company to deal with.

The leak in the Willowgrove line flushing system was fixed on February 9, 2017. They've been monitoring it, and have not found any signs of leakage so far.

Mr. Rawlyk noted that the skid steer blade works very well and it will be a big part of their snow removal efforts.

Some items that public works wished to sell from the shop were reviewed and discussed with

Council.

There was further discussion regarding a security and camera system for the shop. After some discussion the consensus that the best solution was to have a motion sensor with a loud alarm and make sure the windows are barred with appropriate materials.

Steve Rawlyk left the meeting at 6:10 p.m

5. Meetings Attended: Council reviewed the meeting that they had attended from February 13, 2017 to February 27, 2017.

Councillor Nicholson had attended a Grand Spirit foundation meeting regarding their building project.

6. Correspondence

- a) Municipal Affairs – information bulletin
- b) Minister of Transportation – 43/43X intersection
- c) Leaders of Tomorrow - luncheon
- d) Water North Coalition

Items 6. a, b, c & d were received for information.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Hythe Pioneer Home – Spring Fling – April 8, 2017 (no attachment). Councillors discussed who would be able to attend the Hythe Pioneer Homes fundraiser for the Pioneer Place addition on April 8, 2017. Councillor Nicholson, Adolf and CAO will be able to attend. Councillor Descoteaux may attend if she is in town at that time.

b) March 1, 2017 Regional Recreation meeting

It was noted that there is a Regional Recreation meeting planned for March 1, 2017 at noon in Grande Prairie. No Councillors were able to attend, the CAO was unable to attend also. The meeting will be notified accordingly.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Staff was asked to buy a twelve month calendar for Council chambers, so Council can see all twelve months on the same board.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to go into camera.

CARRIED 02/17/28

9. In Camera

- a) Code of Practice issues - report
- b) Groundwater situation

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session.

CARRIED 02/17/29

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to instruct Regional Enforcement that under no circumstances is Sawatzky's dog to be allowed back within the corporate limits of the Village of Hythe. **CARRIED 02/17/30**

Some of Council's concerns with the issue are at present we have no proof of insurance for the animal. Sawatzky's did not meet the deadlines specified with in the Bylaw for constructing a pen. Council has concerns with the proposed cage that has been constructed in terms of its ability to contain the dog. Council noted that no one from the Sawatzky family attended the meeting tonight to speak in support of their application to bring the dog back. Council noted that there was a substantial amount of public concern expressed about the dog and they felt they should respond to the concerns expressed by both the public and the school. There was also some concern about the liability of the

municipality if the dog was allowed back into Village and attacked another individual in the future.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

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