

FEBRUARY 8, 2016

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

CAO: Greg Gayton

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. Minutes of the January 25, 2016 regular Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the January 25, 2016 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 02/16/18**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

CAO will have the Public Works staff keep an eye on the Hythe Motor Speedway, to check to see if any snowmobile drivers are using the race track. There have been no recent reports of this. There was some discussion on how the snowmobilers were getting in.

At the meeting on January 25, 2016 there had been a request for Council to appoint a Council member to the Cemetery Committee. Council discussed the request further and they felt it was not necessary for Council to appoint a member to the Cemetery Committee.

4. Representation:

a) Public Works Supervisor – Kenny Huey – 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Huey reviewed some purchasing request with Council, these included some alterations to the bucket on the skid steer. These changes would increase the skid steer's bucket capacity in terms of loading snow. Another quote had been obtained for doing the body work repairs on the Toyota Tundra, a quote had been submitted by Blair Smith for \$861.00 to fix some of the dents that were presently on the vehicle. Ken Huey noted that he needed to replace some of the chains on the Husqvarna chain saw. In terms of activities, the Public Works staff have got the new fire pits pre-built for the camp ground, these will be installed when the weather permits in the spring. An inspection had been done on the furnace in the Old Fire Hall and on the circulating air unit in the Public Works Shop.

Kenny Huey left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

John Ferguson. Superintendent for the RCMP Grande Prairie/Beaverlodge detachment joined the meeting at that time.

b) Superintendent – John Ferguson – 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Ferguson advised Council that he had recently moved to the Grande Prairie area when he was posted as the Superintendent of the Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge detachments of the RCMP. He noted that Graham Johnson is still the Detachment Supervisor in Beaverlodge. They are hoping to announce a hiring soon for the new Beaverlodge Detachment Commander. There was some discussion about Citizens on Patrol, Superintendent Ferguson advised that there is a Citizens on Patrol coordinator who helps out the volunteer groups based in Edmonton. There was some further discussion about policing issues in the area.

Superintendent Ferguson left the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillor Descoteaux advised that the Library Board meeting had been cancelled due to many members having the flu.

Councillor Philips noted that she had a Pioneer Home Board meeting coming up in the near future.

Councillor Nicolson noted that he had attended three meetings of the Grand Spirit Foundation. One was a regular Board meeting and the other two pertained to building committee. The new building in Clairmont is having some difficulties during the construction phase.

6. Correspondence:

Council reviewed correspondence from:

a) Northern Alberta Elected Leaders – received for information.

b) County Disposal – sale of company -- CAO advised that the sale of County Disposal should not affect our present five year contract with the company for residential collection. Item was received for information.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Section 162 – MGA – Council reviewed the section of the Municipal Government Act that dealt with issues pertaining to the resignation of a Councillor. It was noted that if a Councillor resigned more than six months prior to the next upcoming general election, then that vacancy on Council must be filled.

b) Home Support report – 2015 – Total expenses for home support had gone down. The Budget for 2015 was \$12,000.00, Hythe's actual cost were \$7,750.00.

c) Cheque summary – cheques# 20150927 – 20160100, were reviewed for information.

d) Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 – Volunteer week celebration (no attachment) – Council was advised that Volunteer Week this year fell on the second week of April. If we scheduled the Volunteer Pancake Supper on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 then we would be part of the Province wide recognition of Volunteers. Councillors indicated that April 13, 2016 would work for them. Staff will proceed to finalize the arrangements.

e) Annual water reports – Council reviewed the annual water consumption and treatment for 2015 calendar year, this was received for information.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Sipe brought up some issues pertaining to the size of the proposed building at the Public Works shop. It was noted that it was still early in the planning process.

This building and the details should be debated during budget.

Council was concerned about the damage to Village vehicles due to minor accidents.

CAO will provide a report on this matter to Council.

Some discussion about the snow clearing and the sidewalk maintenance in front of the Community Centre. It was noted that there were a number of circumstances that made that area a perennial problem. Councillor Descoteaux suggested that in the past one solution had been to sand that entire stretch of sidewalk in front of the Community Centre with the sanding truck. Staff would have to check with the people at the Community Centre to see if that would be acceptable to them if there is a lot of sand on the sidewalk it will track into the Centre.

The CAO advised that the design for the welcome bags for the homecoming had been changed. There is still not clarity between the Village and the homecoming committee on how the bags would be cost shared. Council felt that a 50/50 split on the bags would be appropriate. There would be approximately 800 bags made at approximately \$2,000.00 in total.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go into Camera. **CARRIED 02/16/19**

Council went into Camera at 7:08 p.m.

9. In Camera

a) Water well issues

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go back into open session. **CARRIED 02/16/20**

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to get a formal appraisal on the vacant land noted in condo plan 9925983. **CARRIED 02/16/21**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Phillips that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 02/16/22**

Time of adjournment was 7:25 p.m.