

JANUARY 11, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Burgess

COUNCILLORS: Gordon Nicholson, Carol Descoteaux, Cheryl Phillips, Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Minutes of December 14, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Sipe that the minutes of December 14, 2015 regular meeting be accepted as presented. **CARRIED 01/16/01**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) There was some discussion on backup power generation for the water plant. The CAO reported that Wembley was in the same situation and found pretty good deal on backup generation by going to a Ritchie Brothers Auction. Council felt that we needed some information on size of backup generation needed for the water plant. It was also mentioned that people could leave word with Gaudin's in Beaverlodge as sometimes a good used generator will come in as a trade in.

b) The CAO advised that the staff had time to do some research on replacing the fire pits at the campgrounds. Normally this would wait for budget but staff have time now to do the work to replace the fire pits. The CAO asked for approval for an early expenditure of approximately \$1,000.00 for 20 foot culverts to be purchased.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson that the culverts be purchased and the process be started to replace the fire pits at the campgrounds. **CARRIED 01/16/02**

4. Meetings Attended

Councillor Sipe noted that he attended a Curling Club meeting. Replacement of one furnace was approved in the Curling Rink.

Councillor Descoteaux noted she had attended the Library Christmas party and one Library meeting.

Several Councillors attended the FCSS retirement party for Monica Shaw December 16, 2015.

Council did the annual Christmas Light Up contest.

The CAO met with Murray Soucy on December 21, 2015 along with some Council members

5. Correspondence

a) Items 6(a)(b)(c) & 7(a) received for information purposes

b) Item 7(b) The CAO advised that the CAO's from the County of Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge Sexsmith and Hythe met January 8, 2016 to discuss the possibilities for the Alberta Community

Partnership Program. Timelines are short for the program this year. Application must be in by February 5, 2016.

6. Other Business

a) Councillor Nicholson brought up the issue of snow removal. He received concerns from ratepayers about staff removing snow. The amount of snow did not justify the time and the fuel. Council discussed the issue. Council did appreciate staff wanting to remove the snow promptly. Council agreed that when there was not enough snow to warrant overtime hours on this issue, snow be removed during regular working hours. Council advised the CAO to instruct Public Works that when less than three inches of snow falls, removal shall be deferred to regular working hours.

b) Councillor Nicholson asked about a school bus driver who uses 106 Street. He felt it had been understood that buses were to come in and out of town on 103 Street and that they should not be allowed on 106 Street. It was not considered a pressing issue as school buses had come in and out of that part of town and it had not caused any traffic issues. It was felt the weight in terms of school buses on local roads was not an issue.

c) The arena had been experiencing a problem with the brine lines breaking over the Christmas holidays. One of the problems is that the Village Broiler insurance policy had a \$50,000.00 deductible when it comes to any line breaks in the ice plant system. As the Hythe Athletic Association will have to pay for these repairs they may need some cash flow assistance to get them through the year.

The CAO advised that in discussions with the Hythe Athletic Association, they were not certain at this time, if they required assistance. The Association advised that they shall try to continue operations until the end of the hockey season.

d) **Moved** by Councillor Descoteaux that Council go into camera. **CARRIED 01/16/03**
Moved by Councillor Phillips that Council come out of camera. **CARRIED 01/16/04**

e) **Moved** by Councillor Sipe that Council accept the offer regarding the sale of tax sale land. **CARRIED 01/16/05**

Moved by Councillor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 01/16/06**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Council had an informal budget meeting at the conclusion of the regular Council meeting.