

JANUARY 12, 2015 MINUTES

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councillors: Cheryl Phillips
Gordon Nicholson
Carol Descoteaux
Lyle Sipe
CAO: Greg Gayton
Elise Mumert – Reporter for West County News

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

2. Minutes of the December 8, 2014 regular Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the December 8, 2014 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 01/15/01**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

There was some discussion about the request for a “No Parking” zone in front of the properties located on 101 Avenue. The initial discussion had tended towards a handicapped parking stall. Councillor Sipe suggested it may be more practical to have signs that say “No Parking between signs”. Staff will continue to work with the adjoining land owners and see what can be done there.

4. Representation:

a) Cpl. Graham Johnson from the Beaverlodge RCMP detachment joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m. He presented Council with a written report. Cpl. Johnson reported that the new Sgt. for the Beaverlodge detachment will be starting on February 2, 2015. The shared administration position has a new person working there as the previous employee is now on maternity leave.

Some of the issues they are dealing with is vehicle’s being left unlocked and people are stealing valuable’s from these vehicle’s. The traffic officers have been out in Hythe quite a bit, primarily policing speeds on Hwy 43.

Mayor Burgess had a question about video surveillance cameras. There was some discussion on the information on a video surveillance tape and who can you show them to. Cpt. Johnson felt that if the owner of the property owns the video tape and has the right to do with it as he see fit.

It was noted that in the period of October 1, 2014 and December 21, 2014, Beaverlodge RCMP had responded to 90 calls for service in the Village of Hythe and the immediate surrounding area. This resulted in 7 of the 90 calls being dealt with by way of either a criminal or provincial charge. Cpt. Johnson reported that normally the detachment has seven constables, right now they are down to five. So in the near future they will have two new constables starting and a new staff Sgt. He will bring the new staff Sargeant out to the Village of Hythe to meet with Council once she commences work. Cpt. Johnson left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillors reported on the meetings they attended.

Councillor Phillips advised that Carrie Hogg has been hired as the new Lodge Manager for the Pioneer Home Board.

6. Correspondence:

a) Aquatera – operator assistance quote

CAO reviewed a detailed quote from Aquatera for various services that would assist

our water and sewer operators. Council reviewed which portion of the quote would be appropriate to consider in further budget discussions.

b) Dexon Air Systems – blower for lift station

Council reviewed a quote from Dexon Air Systems for a blower for the lift station. This was referred to budget.

c) Aqua Clear – Environmental – lagoon cleaning – this was referred to budget.

d) Well house #1 – furnace

Council received three options from Albright Refrigeration regarding the replacement of the furnace in Well house #1. There was some discussion regarding the need to have stainless steel as it is more rust resistant.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to have the heater replaced in Well house #1 as described in option two of the quote from Albright Refrigeration. **CARRIED 01/15/02**

Elise Mumert left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Ag. Society Casino – February 14 & 15

There are presently several openings left for people who would like to volunteer to assist the Ag. Society with working at the Grande Prairie Casino. Funds from this casino would be used for the Hythe Swimming Pool costs. Councillor Sipe advised that he would be available to work on February 15, 2015. CAO noted that he had volunteered to assist at the casino as well.

b) County Capital Grants – received for information.

c) Growing the North Conference

CAO was given permission to attend if time permits.

d) Passionate Heart

Council discussed the Passionate Heart Award event slated for Grande Prairie on February 13, 2015. Cost of participation in the past has been \$350.00. In 2014 this matter was removed from the FCSS budget. Some discussion followed about the appropriateness of participating.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to decline their request to donate to the Passionate Heart Awards Luncheon. **CARRIED 01/15/03**

e) Farm Safety Awards – received for information

f) Bylaw #523 – re-zoning -

g) Cheque summary – cheques # 20140791 – 20140907 – received for information.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Descoteaux asked that the yellow bridge crossing between 103 Street and the Hythe Regional School be made more visible. Snow is piled up there which is detracting from the visibility of the bridge or the people on it. CAO will have the Public Works staff look after that.

There was some discussion about the loan for the swimming pool. Staff will research the circumstances in terms of when that loan went through. The CAO asked Council to consider some date for a public meeting regarding the eventual fate of the Hythe Swimming Pool. Council felt that March or April 2015 would be an appropriate time to have a public meeting. At present it is difficult to inspect the building. There was also some discussion about having a building inspection done to ascertain any future cost. CAO advised that Renay Morgan had told him that the inspector would not allow the pool to be opened in 2015 if the cement around the swimming pool was not repaired.

Lonny Thiessen joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Thiessen was here to respond to comments and questions made at the last meeting regarding the rezoning by Ann Nordhagen.

Mr. Thiessen advised that the while the entire parcel was being rezoned, development was only planned in the short term on the 21 acre parcel which would be 8west of the highway 43 twinning right of way. There may be future development contemplated east of the highway right of way, but that was much further in the future. It may be in cooperation of the municipality at the time a light industrial subdivision or a residential area.

In response to some of the questions that were put forward on December 8, 2014 the location of new facilities will be a substantial distance away from the Nordhagen residence.

The new construction will see more of the processing done indoors, which result in less noise. They will also be putting in grid recovery systems to eliminate the circulation of grit. There will be some fencing done to deal with drifting garbage.

Storage tanks noted on December 8, 2014 are considered a moveable item and not a permanent structure.

Council was provided with a letter from Grande Prairie County, saying that the County had no concerns about the proposed rezoning.

Lonny Thiessen felt that the distance between the proposed development and the Nordhagen property meant that there would be no significant effect on their ground water.

He advised that if Mrs. Nordhagen had any more concerns she was welcome to meet with him directly.

Lonny Thiessen left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Council discussed the matter further.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to give second reading to Bylaw #523. **CARRIED**
01/15/04

Council discussed a date for a possible next budget meeting. The next budget meeting will be on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Other matters: CAO advised of the staffing arrangements during the recent snow falls on the weekends of January 3 & 4 and January 10 & 11, 2015.

He advised that there was some interest of purchase of lagoon effluent. Hopefully if the arrangement falls into place, they will be trucking from the lagoon on January 22, 2015.

There was some discussion about the Fire Department doing a joint project with the office, encouraging people to put civic address numbers on their house. Barry Evaskevich and Ken Westwater did an inventory of the houses that are lacking civic addresses. Staff will be writing a letter to them. Council noted that there was a bylaw that made the posting of civic addressed mandatory and this was a good step to enforcing that bylaw.

CAO advised that federal grant had been approved for handicapped access at the Hythe Library, Village Office and the Community Centre. The amount of the grant was \$7,574.00.

There was some discussion about mandatory standardized garbage bins. Presently we still have some land owners in town who are using wooden bins that are emptied occasionally by their own employee's. Council felt that it may be an idea to have metal bins for all business, so this can be done in a consistent manner.

Council requested that some advertisement be placed in the Beaverlodge West County News regarding snow removal. The residents need to keep their own snow on their own properties. It should not be shoveled onto the street.

Council discussed a recent employment matter.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to ratify the hiring of Larry Pasaluko as Public Works supervisor. **CARRIED 01/15/05**

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to go into Camera.

CARRIED 01/15/06

9. In Camera:

- a) Andy Tiesenhausen – change in duties
- b) Equipment Proposal

While in Camera, staff discussed a personal matter and a Equipment purchase proposal.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session.

CARRIED 01/15/07

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Phillips that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

01/15/08

Time of adjournment was 7:59 p.m.