

JANUARY 23, 2017

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

CAO: Greg Gayton
Steve Rawlyk – Public Works Supervisor
Mark Morrical – Beaverlodge Peace Officer
Gerry Leibel – Reporter – Town & Country News

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. Minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 01/17/07**

Council moved on to the delegations.

Mark Morrical introduced himself, he is presently working for the Town of Beaverlodge as a Peace Officer, and he does their bylaw enforcement and animal control. He explained that he has a wide variety of experience in different areas doing enforcement related duties. When he was working for the Town of High Prairie, he was also contracted out to the Town of McLennan and the Village of Donnelly for enforcement purposes.

Council asked him to explain his overall philosophy in terms of dealing with infractions. Constable Morrical explained that he was willing to give people time to remedy an infraction as long as there's proof that they are making progress. He is a believer in working with his clients and keeping the lines of communication open.

There was some discussion about his working with dogs and animal control, including vicious dogs. Mr. Morrical explained how he would deal with a vicious dog incident. It was noted that some earlier discussions on possible contracting out, had mentioned four hours a week as a work load. Council questioned if four hours a week was enough. Mr. Morrical noted that there is a large amount of time required for paper work for all enforcement. CAO noted that there was still some flexibility in the arrangements. Mark Morrical left the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Council then met with Public Works Supervisor Steve Rawlyk.

Mr. Rawlyk reviewed with Council his priorities for snow clearing and how he was approaching the issue during major snow falls.

There was some discussion about several insurance matters that are ongoing. Our Toyota truck hit a deer shortly before Christmas and that claim is still not settled. As there is substantial damage, the insurance company is not sure whether they should repair the Toyota or replace it.

The Public Works staff have been reviewing their inventory at the Public Works Shop regarding the theft incident on January 5, 2017. There are a substantial number of tools gone, some minor damage to the GMC truck and one window at the Public Works Shop still needs to be repaired.

Fire Chief Ed Woloszyn joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Council discussed snow clearing in more detail. There was some discussion that we should look into getting a blade for the skid steer. Councillor Sipe noted that he felt that 107th Street and 104th Avenue immediately east of 107th Street, should be able to move all the snow to the north side of 107th Street and all the snow on 104th Avenue to the east side of 104th Avenue. Councillor Sipe noted that this has been our past practice with these areas. Steve Rawlyk left the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Fire Chief, Ed Woloszyn was present to give Council the annual report for the Hythe Fire Department. He circulated a summary showing that the Hythe Fire Department had 188 calls in the 2016 calendar year. A large portion of these were medical first responses at the Hythe Pioneer Home. Chief Woloszyn advised that the Fire Department has 16 active members. They continue to do a lot of in house training to meet government requirements and their own needs. Some of the younger members are going to Calgary to take the Stair Climb Challenge. He noted that they have some younger volunteers in the department who are working their way up through the system.

Council complimented Chief Woloszyn on the running an efficient and effective fire department. Councillors noted that they have heard many positive comments in the community about our fire department. Councillor Sipe encouraged Chief Woloszyn to keep up the good work.

Ed Woloszyn left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

3. Business arising from the Minutes: No business arising from the minutes.

4. Meetings Attended: Council reviewed the meeting that they had attended from January 9, 2017 to January 23, 2017.

5. Correspondence

a) Oil and Gas awareness day -- A request had been received regarding an Oil and Gas awareness day – received for information.

b) County of Grande Prairie – Hwy 43 and 43X intersection -- The County of Grande Prairie was concerned about Alberta Transportation's plans for the Hwy 43 and 43X intersection. They had put forward a letter of concern to the Minister of Transportation and requested letters of support from the municipalities.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to support the County of Grande Prairie's position regarding construction of the Hwy 43 and 43X intersection. **CARRIED 01/17/08**

c) Alberta Govt. Finance Officers Association – membership -- The CAO circulated some information on the Alberta Governments Finance Officers Association. He felt that this would be an organization that would be worthwhile joining. Cost of the annual membership is \$32.00.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to join the Government Finance Officers Association of Alberta. **CARRIED 01/17/09**

6. Other Business & Information:

a) Rates and charges – various departments

CAO reviewed rate and charges for various services offered by the municipality. It had been awhile since many of these charges have been reviewed. Comparable information from the Town of Beaverlodge, Town of Wembley and the County of Grande Prairie was provided where applicable.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to approve the rates and charges as discussed. **CARRIED 01/17/10**

b) Sanding agreement – for review

The CAO presented a draft agreement regarding sanding on private property. It was noted that the Village sander had been used for a number of project where they were doing services on private property. The agreement noted that the Village will extend this service to private land owners, but only after the obligation to do streets and roads with the sander have been met. Council discussed some of the wording of this document. The agreement was set up so it could be used for each separate sanding project.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to approve this sanding agreement at presented. **CARRIED 01/17/11**

Gerry Leibel left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

7. Other matters (members' business):

The CAO noted that there is still and outstanding amount on the books of \$67,298.77 which represents loans that the Village has made over the past years to the Hythe Agricultural Society for operation of the swimming pool. This includes loans from capital projects and loans for cash flow. As the pool is no longer being operated, Council noted that it was doubtful that these funds would ever be paid back to the municipality.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to forgive the loans owed to us by the Hythe Agricultural Society for operation of the swimming pool in the amount of \$67,298.77. **CARRIED 01/17/12**

Councillor Adolf noted that Travis Peterson wished to advise Council that Culligan is ordering a mother board for the water well in Willow Grove. There continues to be some maintenance issues at Willow Grove well. She also asked that the exterior light above the door at Willow Grove be repaired.

When the rates and charges had been discussed earlier in the meeting, Council noted that there was an issue with damage to some of the residential garbage receptacles. Part of the problem are left outside all week which leaves them more susceptible for damage and detracts from the appearance of the Village. Council asked administration to runs some advertising encouraging people to put their garbage bins away after garbage pick-up. It was noted that leaving your garbage bin out all week gives the impression that no one is home and could cause a security risk.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to go into camera. **CARRIED 01/17/13**

While in Camera, Council reviewed some estimates for security improvements, individual bills for some community facilities in terms of sewer and garbage and compensation for staff.

8. In Camera

- a) Phone Co – security estimates
- b) Community facilities – utility billing
- c) Compensation review

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED 01/17/14**

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to cancel water and sewer invoicing on community facilities as per discussion. **CARRIED 01/17/15**

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to make compensation adjustments for staff as discussed. **CARRIED 01/17/16**

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 01/17/17**

Time of adjournment was 8:19 p.m.