

JANUARY 25, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Burgess

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

CAO: Greg Gayton

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

2. Minutes of January 11, 2016

Moved by Councillor Sipe that the minutes of January 11, 2016 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED 01/16/07**

3. Meetings Attended

a) Councillor Descoteaux attended a Hythe Continuing Care meeting.

4. Representation

a) Debbie Balderston arrived at the meeting at 5:13 pm. Ms. Balderston came to discuss with Council matters pertaining to the Cemetery Committee. She would like to have a public meeting to get more public involvement. She would like to do some advertising before this meeting occurs. She requested that one Village Councillor sit on the Committee. Presently there is one volunteer cleanup per year. She would like to have at least three cleanups per year. She noted that Bevan Toews and Carlos Toews had volunteered to do grass cutting at the Cemetery as part of their Church activities. She has Ed Woloszyn contracted to build a gazebo this year. She would like it done before the Hythe Homecoming reunion. There was some discussion concerning the columbarium. Council still felt this was an option that should be pursued. Some discussion about doing some presales – opportunity. Ms. Balderston suggested that possibly there should be some more regulations on planting trees. She advised that when the Cemetery was cleaned up there were some trees and shrubs that had not been maintained. Council was in agreement with actions Ms. Balderston wished to undertake. Ms. Balderston left the meeting at 5:20 pm.

b) Teresa Boudreau, the contracted program coordinator for FCSS, joined the meeting. She introduced herself to Council and reviewed her back ground in FCSS. There was some discussion about the reporting frequency to Council. It was noted that an advisory board may be set up to provide Ms. Boudreau with some advice on programs for the community.

Ms Boudreau left the meeting at 5:41 pm

5. Public Works Report and Meetings Attended

a) It was noted the Public Works Report was reviewed

b) Councillor Phillips did not attend Hythe Pioneer Board meeting as it was changed on short notice and she could not get away from work. The Pioneer Home is strongly considering the modular option for the new addition.

6. Correspondence

- a) A Chamber of Commerce letter was reviewed that advised that Western Manufacturing had won an award. Council wanted a letter of congratulations sent to Western Manufacturing.
- b) Rohl Geomatics - Council reviewed a request from Rohl Geomatics for a five year extension on the rental agreement.

Moved by Councillor Phillips to approve the rental agreement for another five years at the rate of \$480.00 per year. **CARRIED 01/16/08**

- c) County of Grande Prairie. The CAO noted that Public Works staff need to be a bit more involved in the weed control program. It was noted that if the staff did some systematic weed control and recorded their hours, it would reduce the amount of the invoice from the County of Grande.
- d) City of Grande Prairie Performing Arts. Council reviewed a letter from the City regarding a performing arts centre. The timing was not appropriate to initiate a program that would probably bring some costs to the City ratepayers. Council felt that with the current state of the economy , some of these proposals should be deferred until the economy improves.

Moved by Councillor Descoteaux that a letter be sent to the City questioning the need for a performing arts centre at the time. **CARRIED 01/16/0**

4. Representation continued

d) Fire Chief, Ed Woloszyn – Fire Report – The Fire Chief presented a summary of the calls attended during 2015. Mr. Woloszyn said the Department had done a lot of training in 2015 and was working hard on the 1001 training in 2016. There was a list of expectations for firefighters so that the new recruits would know what was expected of them. They presently have 22 active members. There was some discussion regarding the arrangement with Horse Lake and the current situation with the Horse Lake Fire Department. It is noted that Horse Lake will be getting a new fire truck this year. Mr. Woloszyn left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

7. Other Business

- a) Corix Standpipes. Council reviewed information on standpipes that will help us. Council also reviewed information on standpipes out in Willow Grove Mobile Home Subdivision. The standpipes would help us flush the lines in that subdivision. An activity that has not taking place before.
- b) Municipal Affairs Collaboration Workshop. Municipal Affairs is holding a workshop regarding municipal collaboration on February 4 & 5, 2016. Councillor were unable to attend. The CAO may attend, if time permits.
- c) County of Grande Prairie – Capital Grants – received as information.
- d) Pitch-in-week 2016. Cost of enrolling is \$175.00. To be held April 17 – 23, 2016.

Staff will order bags from Pitch-in-Canada and these can be used when the school does its annual cleanup.

Moved by Councillor Sipe that the Village join the Pitch-in-week as a patron partnership in 2016. **CARRIED 01/16/10**

e) Alberta Community Partnership Grants – Council reviewed information from staff regarding the program. Applications are due by February 5, 2016.

Moved by Councillor Phillips that the Village of Hythe act as managing partner for the following two proposal: a) joint land use bylaw review conducted in conjunction with the Towns of Sexsmith, Wembley, Beaverlodge and Hythe and b) a hydrovac truck acquisition conducted in partnership with the Towns of Wembley and Beaverlodge. **CARRIED 01/16/11**

Moved by Councillor Descoteaux that the Village of Hythe be a partnering municipality in the following four projects: a) Wembley Fire Department Rescue Unit b) West water line preliminary design work c) Town of Sexsmith Fire Hall and d) Grande Prairie Regional Emergency partnership webpage upgrading. **CARRIED 01/16/12**

8. Other Matters

a) Councillor Sipe noted that the service road in front of the Legion and the Hotel had not been snow plowed yet and that it should be plowed. He noted Stan Hanson had been plowing snow off the Home Cooking Restaurant lot and putting it on the street. Councillor Sipe said he saw a notice on Facebook that Stan Hanson cleaned snow very early in the morning. The Village of Hythe Noise Bylaw does set time limits for snow clearing. Councillor Sipe was concerned that some people may be racing snowmobiles on the race track. Staff will look into this matter

9. **Moved** by Councillor Nicholson to go into camera. **CARRIED 01/16/13**

Council went into Camera at 6:58 pm

Moved by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED 01/16/14**

Council went back into open session at 7:10 pm

a) Old Fire Hall – **Moved** by Councillor Nicholson to lease the old fire hall building with conditions with regard to laundromat/car wash use of the water system and ongoing rental arrangements for the food bank. **CARRIED 01/16/15**

b) Compensation Package – **Moved** by Councillor Sipe to approve the compensation package as recommended by staff. **CARRIED 01/16/16**

c) Councillor Phillips said that she would be probably retiring from her job at the end of May and finished on Town Council at approximately the same time. Council discussed whether a by-election would be necessary. Staff will look into the Municipal Government Act requirements for that.

Moved by Councillor Sipe that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 01/16/17**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm