

JANUARY 26, 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 5:12 p.m.

2. Minutes of the January 12, 2015 regular Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the January 12, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 01/15/09**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Phillips was concerned that there were still garbage bags by the old Real Deal restaurant. She noted that there were ten bags left next to the wooden garbage bin.

There was some discussion about Council's comments regarding hosting a public meeting at the last regular Council meeting on January 12, 2015. Council discussed hosting the public meeting and had further discussions on what information should be distributed to the public at that meeting. CAO will talk to Renay Morgan and Michelle Huey about this matter further and see what their plans were for a public meeting.

4. Representation:

a) Monica Shaw – FCSS Director – 5:30 p.m.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillors reported on meetings attended.

6. Correspondence:

a) Alberta Environment – letter of authorization – received for information

b) Station Stop Enterprises – request to sell caboose

The Village had received a letter from Station Stop Enterprises inquiring about selling the caboose, which is located at the west end of the Hythe campground. Council discussed the matter and felt that there was no need to sell the caboose at this time.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to decline the offer from Station Stop Enterprises to purchase the caboose. **CARRIED 01/15/10**

FCSS Director Monica Shaw joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Shaw gave a report on the meetings she had attended. The Conspiracy of Hope meeting on January 22, 2015 went well. About 100 people gathered to discuss Suicide Prevention. She had a meeting with the West County Children's Committee, they are hopeful that some funds will be made available in this year's Provincial Budget for programing in Hythe.

The FCSS Director had met with staff at the Hythe Pioneer Home to discuss a possible grant application. They are applying for a senior appreciation grant.

If the application is approved they will put on some events during Seniors Week which is held the first week in June.

Ms. Shaw noted that she had attended a Horse Lake interagency meeting. There was some discussion about a house fire that had happened in Horse Lake and about the Hythe Fire Department attending fires at Horse Lake.

The Regional School Playground Committee had met on January 26, 2015. They had asked that Ms. Shaw look into funding for a walking trail. Council noted that a walking trail concept should include lighting, dog control and snow removal. Council was concerned about the ongoing operating cost for a walking trail.

There was some discussion about the Passionate Heart Awards. Monica Shaw noted that the date for the Volunteer supper had been discussed with the Legion. The date was set for Wednesday, April 15, 2015 for the Volunteer Appreciation Awards Supper: Monica Shaw left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

- c) County of Grande Prairie – Agricultural Service Board Tour
 - d) Peace Library System – requisition plan
 - e) City of Grande Prairie – regional Transportation priorities
- Items c, d & e were received for information.

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) Bylaw #523 – re-zoning

Council reviewed Bylaw #523 which re-zoned a parcel of land to M-1 (industrial).

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to give Bylaw #523 third reading. **CARRIED 01/15/11**

- b) Press release – accessibility grant
 - c) Utilities charges survey
 - d) GPREP – 2014 activities report
- Items b, c & d were received for information.

8. Other matters (members' business):

CAO noted that Lonny Thiessen had been nominated for Young Entrepreneurs Award by the Alberta Chamber of Commerce. Council requested that a letter of congratulations be drafted for Mr. Thiessen. There was further discussion about commercial garbage disposal. Councillor Sipe was concerned about a posting on a local facebook page.

Elise Mumert left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go into Camera. **CARRIED**
01/15/12

9. In Camera:

a) Compensation adjustments - 2015

While in Camera, Council discussed proposed staff compensation adjustments for 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED**
01/15/13

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to approve the Compensation Package as amended. **CARRIED 01/15/14**

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to contribute \$200.00 to the Passionate Heart Event from the FCSS Budget.

CARRIED 01/15/15

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Sipe that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**
01/15/16

Time of adjournment was 7:15 p.m.