

JUNE 12, 2017

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councillors: Gordon Nicholson
Nadine Adolf
Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton
Behrend and Linda Klimach

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. Minutes of the May 23, 2017 regular Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe that the minutes of the May 23, 2017 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 06/17/68**

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

4. Representation:

a) Arta Juneau – 5:30 p.m. re: subdivision – Arta Juneau did not attend the meeting.

b) Ben Klimach – 5:38 p.m. re: fence

Mr. Klimach spoke to Council about two issues. He is building a fence on the south end of his property for a privacy screen. He asked that the Village contribute with the cost of the fence. Mayor Burgess inquired about the amount he was looking for, for this project. Mr. Klimach advised that he did not have firm numbers yet, but committed to providing Council with some. Councillor Sipe was concerned with the precedent that would be set if Council cost shared on a fence. He noted that many other land owners in the Village of Hythe had built fences in their rear yards, adjacent to municipal easements or right of ways, without any compensation. Mr. Klimach also advised that there was an issue on 104th avenue in front of his property. He felt that the paved portion of road was encroaching on his property, a real property report had been copied and circulated to Council. Council advised that they would look into this matter further.

Behrend and Linda Klimach left the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

c) Steve Rawlyk – 6:00 p.m. re: truck purchase

Steve Rawlyk joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Mr. Rawlyk reported on his day to day activities. Council then reviewed the quotes for vehicles, as there still a requirement to replace the Toyota Tundra that was damaged in December 2016. Staff circulated some advice on some prices that were available from local dealers. There was some discussion about the different makes and models reviewed.

After some discussion, Council voted to proceed with the lowest price quoted, which was a 2017 GMC Sierra 1500 with four-wheel drive.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to proceed with the purchase of the 2017 GMC unit discussed at a cost of \$30,000.00. **CARRIED 06/17/69**

Steve Rawlyk left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

5. Meetings Attended: Council reviewed the meeting that they had attended from May 23, 2017 to June 12, 2017

Councillor Adolf had attended a GRPREP quarterly meeting and had attended an awards ceremony for Dr. Miller as one of our SPARC representatives.

Mayor Burgess advised that there is a meeting planned for the 16th of June with the local

Mayors regarding the proposed changes in the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Report. In that report, it is proposed that the Town of Beaverlodge, Wembley and Hythe be moved from the Grande Prairie constituency and placed in the Central Peace-Notley constituency. Initial comments from the three municipalities were that they did not feel that this was a good idea. A meeting of the Mayors will be held to discuss it further.

6. Correspondence

a) Alberta Municipal Affairs – grants – received for information.

b) Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission – proposed changes
Mayor Burgess will report back from the June 16th meeting as to what action the Mayors propose to take.

The commission is holding public hearings in July, including one in Grande Prairie.

c) Carol Descoteaux – resignation

Councillors reviewed an email from Councillor Descoteaux advising that due to personal circumstances she felt that she could no longer continue with her Council responsibilities. She noted that she enjoyed being on Council in the Village for many years, and wished Council good luck in the remaining years of service.

Council dealt with the issue of the need to hold a by-election. Section 162 of the Municipal Government Act was reviewed. It was noted that if a vacancy occurred in six months before a general election then the decision to hold on an election is at the discretion of Council. Council felt that a possible election would occur quite close to the normal municipal election, which is scheduled for October 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to decline to hold a by-election to deal with the Council vacancy created by Councillor Descoteaux resignation. **CARRIED 06/17/70**

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Subdivision Application – West Peace Building Supplies

The CAO reviewed some of the requirements for subdivision processing that was necessary. The Alberta Subdivision and Development regulations were circulated. Many of these issues still needed to be dealt with.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf that the subdivision application from West Peace Building Supplies be held in abeyance as it is incomplete in terms of the subdivision requirements noted. **CARRIED 06/17/71**

b) AUMA – Council update and employment law changes – received for information.

c) Ag. Society – Ag Fair

CAO advised that the Ag. Fair is being forwarded their cheque for \$500.00 for a donation as per budget and past practice.

d) Campground reservation policy

Council reviewed a policy regarding a Campground use.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to approve the proposed Campground Reservation Policy. **CARRIED 06/17/72**

e) Bill Guise Letter of Complaint

Council reviewed a letter of complaint received from Bill Guise regarding maintenance and upkeep within the Village of Hythe.

Council felt that Mr. Guise should be advised that elections are coming up this fall and he has the opportunity to run for Council if he chooses.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Adolf asked for information on the school commencement exercises. The CAO will provide her with that.

Council had been advised in the Public Works report that research is continuing on the upgrading to the chlorination system for both Willow grove and Well #1. Council requested that the Water Operator attend the meeting with Council when the project estimates are finalized and the staff research is completed.

There was some discussion about scheduling of Council meeting for the summer months. After discussion, Council agreed that Monday, July 10th and Monday, August 14th would be the days for the two summer meetings.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to hold regular meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017 and Monday, August 14, 2017 at the regular times. **CARRIED 06/17/73**

There was some discussion about advertising promoting the opportunity of running for Council. CAO noted that Beaverlodge has already started promotional activities. Council felt that we could partner with them on this matter.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to go into camera. **CARRIED 06/17/74**

While in Camera Council discussed a notice of intention received from TD Insurance.

9. In Camera

a) TD Insurance – notice of intention

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to go back into open session. **CARRIED 06/17/75**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Sipe that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 06/17/76**

Time of adjournment was 7:30 p.m.