

MAY 23, 2017

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

CAO: Greg Gayton
Steve Rawlyk – Public Works Supervisor
Bob Marshall – County Councillor
Elizabeth Bell – Executive Director, PAZA

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m.
2. Minutes of the April 24, 2017 regular Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf that the minutes of the April 24, 2017 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 05/17/57**

Council then heard a presentation regarding the Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA). Bob Marshall who is the County of Grande Prairie representative on the board and is chairman of the PAZA board gave the presentation. He noted that PAZA focus is to monitor the air quality of the entire region. The region covers Grande Prairie, north to the Peace River, west to the BC border and east to the High Prairie area. The organization consists of a mixture of volunteers, oil company representatives and paid staff.

There are seven continuous monitoring stations, including one in Beaverlodge. The one in the Town on Beaverlodge is stationed at the Federal Research Centre. Councillor Marshall noted that PAZA provides educational support to the school system and has a program specially constructed that deals with air quality monitoring.

It was noted that in our area that the air quality health index is usually at very safe levels, however incidents like a distant forest fire may affect the index if there's a lot of smoke in the region. There are ten Airshed Organizations in Alberta.

Councillor Marshall commented that one of the advantages of joining PAZA is if there are local concerns regarding air quality, then PAZA can respond to them. The organization hold regular meetings, most of them are at the Encana office near the airport.

It is estimated that 11 of the 23 municipalities in the area have joined PAZA, including municipalities such as the Town's of Beaverlodge, Wembley and Spirit River. The City of Grande Prairie has not joined yet. Councillor Marshall requested that the Village consider joining the organization.

Bob Marshall and Elizabeth Bell left the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Council then met with Public Works Supervisor Steve Rawlyk to review the Public Works report.

Mr. Rawlyk noted that the summer student hired has been doing well. He has some experience running a Ferris mower and is proficient in running the mower properly. He noted that there had been some issues at the lift station and several pumps had been replaced with pumps that were in stock. Staff have also discovered a number of parts for the lift station pumps that would be available if we need to rebuild the pumps or replace parts. There was some discussion about the sinkhole at the post office, it has been left in its present state to see if there is any more settling.

It was noted that work on the municipal sewer main near FKD will commence tomorrow.

There was some discussion about issues with the back alleys. I was felt that the best way to

deal with this matter was to gate off the back alleys and then allow people access with a keyed system, this is similar to what's done in Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge. There was some discussion about the replacement truck for the Tundra. Council felt that a range of approximately \$27,000.00 to \$30,000.00 was appropriate for a truck. Steve Rawlyk left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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

4. Representation:

a) Ben Klimach – 6:00 p.m. – Mr Klimach did not attend. CAO noted that he was interested in cost sharing regarding a fence he wanted to build. Council was not interested in cost sharing.

5. Meetings Attended: Council reviewed the meeting that they had attended from April 24 to May 23, 2017

It was noted that there had been some discussion with the Grand Marshal Inn about the truck parking there. The consensus of Council was that the pad there should be improved in future years.

6. Correspondence

a) Alberta Municipal Affairs – MSI grant – received for information

b) County of Grande Prairie – Assessment contract

The County provided a long term forecast for the Village's assessment cost over the next four years. This was received for information.

c) ARPA – Community Awards – received for information

d) Liability Insurance – ball hockey

Staff had followed up with a request from the last Council meeting about liability insurance for ball hockey program at the Hythe Arena. Insurers had responded that this would be covered under the Villages present liability and the liability insurance carried by the Hythe Athletic Association.

e) Farm Safety Awards

There was some discussion about the value of this award. It was noted that the Village had contributed periodically in the past to this service.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to donate \$200.00 to the Farm Safety Awards. **CARRIED 05/17/58**

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Hythe Library – changes in membership

Council reviewed information from the Hythe Library board about changes in membership.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to appoint Candace Bates to the Hythe Library board and to accept Mike Bass's resignation from the Hythe Library board. **CARRIED 05/17/59**

b) Peace Airshed Zone Association – fee

Council discussed Peace Airshed Zone Association and the presentation they gave earlier in the meeting. Council debated the benefits of joining.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to decline membership in the Peace Airshed Zone Association. **CARRIED 05/17/60**

c) Woloszyn Contracting – estimate

Council reviewed a quote for approving air circulation in the municipal office and in the

library building. CAO requested permission to add the \$15,000.00 cost to the MSI Capital Grant Application for 2017. Council was in favor of making that change. Staff will seek out further quotes on the project.

d) Bylaw #533 – 2017 mill rates

Bylaw #533 establishes the taxation rate for 2017 budget year. Council reviewed the mill rates and also reviewed some comparative information showing how the Village of Hythe's mill rate compared to other small communities in Alberta.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to give Bylaw #533 first reading. **CARRIED**
05/17/61

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to give Bylaw #533 second reading. **CARRIED**
05/17/62

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to consider Bylaw #533 third reading at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 05/17/63**

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to give Bylaw #533 third reading. **CARRIED 05/17/64**

CAO advised that the tax notices should be sent out near the end of May.

e) Cheque Summary – Cheques #20170279 – 20170377 – received for information

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Sipe reported on a phone call he had received from Huey Graw at Any Time Towing. There was some discussion about which towing services the Public Works Supervisor was utilizing. Councillor Adolf asked about the wood supply in the campground, she was concerned that the caretaker would have to come back at night to supply people with wood. CAO will have a discussion with the Public Works staff on that.

Mayor Burgess noted that he will not be able to attend the Hythe Regional School Graduation on June 24th, 2017. Councillor Adolf volunteered to attend. CAO will help her in preparing some remarks.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to go into came. **CARRIED 05/17/65**

While in Camera Council discussed the County of Grande Prairie FCSS transition.

9. In Camera

a) County of Grande Prairie – FCSS agreement

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED 05/17/66**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**
05/17/67

Time of adjournment was 7:17 p.m.