

## NOVEMBER 28, 2016

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

CAO: Greg Gayton  
Gerry Leibel – Reporter – Town & Country News  
Sgt. Dave Gallant – Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Don McKenna and Inspector Craig Peterson joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Sgt. Dave Gallant reviewed some crime statistics for Hythe. He noted that the amount of serious crime has gone down substantially since last year. Things have calmed down a bit in 2016. One of the major issues last year was some theft of oil field equipment. A number of oilfield companies had ongoing problems with that. The stolen items were discovered at a residence in Hythe and the matter is now before the courts.

Sgt. Gallant has been able to have the reports narrowed down to each municipality including Beaverlodge, Hythe and Horse Lake.

Sgt. Gallant asked Council what their concerns were. Mayor Burgess said his primary concern was the speed of traffic coming through town on Highway 43, especially late at night. Also there are a number of truckers who are using their Jake brakes and this is causing a noise issue.

Superintendent Don McKenna and Inspector Craig Peterson then met with Council. Superintendent McKenna wanted to introduce Inspector Peterson as he will be the new Operations Manager for the Grande Prairie Detachment. There was some discussion about the working relationship between the Grande Prairie Detachment and the Beaverlodge Detachment, Superintendent McKenna noted that the Beaverlodge Detachment already has a great deal of autonomy and this will probably continue to be the case. He noted that throughout the Grande Prairie area the amount of crime has gone down. A number of the problem people have either moved on or gone to jail.

Sgt. Gallant, Superintendent McKenna and Inspector Peterson left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

2. Minutes of the November 14, 2016 regular Council meeting.

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe that the minutes of the November 14, 2016 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 11/16/151**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

4. Representation:

- a) Superintendent Don McKenna & Inspector Craig Peterson – See above
- b) Sgt. Dave Gallant – See above

5. Meetings Attended: Councillors reviewed the meeting that they had attended between November 14, 2016 and November 28, 2016.

Councillor Nicholson attended two Grand Spirit Foundation meetings. Councillor Descoteaux had attended a Pioneer Home Board meeting on the afternoon of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

6. Correspondence

- a) Town of Wembley – Community Partnership Grant

Council reviewed a letter from the Town of Wembley regarding the Alberta Community Partnership Program. The CAO's of the communities had met and discussed projects that would be eligible for the Grant Program. The Town of Wembley would be willing to act as the managing partner on a Grant Program to conduct a feasibility study to examine the needs of a Regional Handi Bus for the seniors and disabled residents within the region. Wembley requested a resolution supporting participation in ACP Application.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to support participation in the ACP Grant application being prepared by the Town of Wembley. **CARRIED 11/16/152**

- b) City of Grande Prairie – joint recreation committee

A new Recreation Master Plan has been prepared, as a result of that preparation they are now looking for participation from the municipalities on a Regional Board to deal with recreation.

Council reviewed a letter from the City and the County requesting Council's decision on participating on a Regional Board. There was some discussion on who would represent the Village on such a board. That decision would be influenced by the time of the meeting. If it were an evening meeting then it would be possible to send an elected official, but if the meetings are held during the day, it makes it difficult to send an elected official. It was decided to wait for further information about what is being considered for meeting times before making a decision on that.

- c) Hythe Library – Christmas Hamper Raffle Councillor Descoteaux will discuss the letter requesting a donation with the Library Board.

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) Agenda – Intermunicipal mtg. – Community Partnership Grant

Council reviewed the agenda for the December 1, 2016 Intermunicipal mtg. in Grande Prairie. Attached was a letter from the City of Grande Prairie regarding the Alberta Community Partnership Program. This letter will be reviewed at the meeting.

b) 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday notes

150<sup>th</sup> Birthday minutes from a regional meeting in August were reviewed.  
Received for information.

c) Municipal Government Act – amendments

Council reviewed some information from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding proposed changes to the Municipal Government Act. Some regulations have recently been announced which are starting to clarify some of the issues associated with the proposed changes. The CAO reviewed the matter with Council for information.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Nicholson was concerned about a snow pile in the back alley between 104<sup>th</sup> street and 105<sup>th</sup> street this is just west of 104<sup>th</sup> avenue.

Councillor Sipe asked that the Public Works staff do some snow removal around the curling rink to ensure that there is sufficient parking for curlers on Wednesday and Thursday nights. CAO will pass that request on to Public Works Supervisor.

Mayor Burgess was concerned about the number of heavy trucks parked at Tags. He felt that there may be a safety issue there because of the number of vehicles parked there that may contain dangerous goods. He noted that an explosion or a fire there could rapidly spread and could possibly affect access to the fire hall next door. Staff will review the dangerous goods rules and regulations and see if some legislation would be helpful there.

There was some discussion about a large truck parked by the old welding shop. Councillor Descoteaux asked if the staff could do some additional snow clearing at the Community Centre prior to the Christmas Party being held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. CAO will forward that request to the Public Works Supervisor.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to go into camera. **CARRIED 11/16/153**

Town & Country reporter Gerry Leibel left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

9. In Camera

a) GPN - upgrading

b) 2017 budget – initial discussion

While in Camera, Council reviewed a commercial matter and had a preliminary discussion regarding the 2017 budget

**MOVED** by Councillor Adolf to go back into open session. **CARRIED 11/16/154**

10. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Councilor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 11/16/155**

Time of adjournment was 7:10 p.m.