

MINUTES OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councilors: Gordon Nicholson
Carol Descoteaux
Cheryl Phillips
Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton
Dave MacGregor – Reporter, West County News

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Minutes of the October 26, 2015 regular Council meeting

Minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Councillors added a few more details on the meetings attended portion of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux that the minutes of the October 26, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as amended. **CARRIED 11/15/154**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Sipe was concerned about the situation with the dumpster at the curling rink and arena. It was noted that since the locks have been changed the curling club no longer has access to use the dumpster. Some discussion followed about the problems associated with dumpsters. These include use by other people who put garbage in the dumpster and if the dumpster is locked they just leave their garbage next to the dumpster. The cost of this service to the arena and the curling rink was also noted.

4. Representation:

a) Fire Chief Ed Wolozyn and Robin Fisher, Fire Department Training Officer joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The Fire Chief reported that the motor needs to be replaced in the Rapid Attack Unit. This is looking like an expenditure of approximately \$10,000.00. He requested that council look at contributing at least half the cost.

Robin Fisher reported on a proposed medical policy for the Fire Department that will eventually require adoption by Village Council. Mr. Fisher noted that the Fire Department had been providing some medical first responder services since 2001. But recently there have been some changes required by Alberta Health Services; these changes include the provision of a minimum level of standards as required by AHS. Mr. Fisher noted that the Fire Department now has a responsibility to file information on their medical responses with AHS. In the past they had completed the proper forms but then they just filed them in-house. The Fire Department has until the end of December to register the policy with AHS. Mr. Fisher provided council with the proposed draft policy. Council and the CAO will review it further and discuss it at a later date. Ed Wolozyn and Robin Fisher left the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

b) FCSS Director Monica Shaw joined the meeting at 5:57 p.m. Monica Shaw reported on the meetings that she had attended. She noted that Sandy Baker is now on the South Peace Regional Learning Council. She also mentioned that she is a member of the Jump Start Committee for Canadian Tire and there is a \$150,000.00 in funds available in the West County from the Jump Start Fund.

The FCSS Director also reported on the discussion regarding income tax preparation for seniors. In the past year income tax preparation for seniors was done in Beaverlodge by the Beaverlodge FCSS. They noted that there was a high number of applicants coming from Hythe, especially from the Pioneer Home.

A meeting was held with the new Pioneer Home CAO Delvin Napin, representatives from Hythe and Beaverlodge FCSS and a representative from Seniors Outreach. A more formal program was set up to deal with the needs of the seniors at the Pioneer Home regarding tax returns.

Applications are now being accepted for Christmas Hampers. Play Castle continues to attract a lot of entrants. Right now Rhymes Alive is being offered at the Tuesday session and Parent Link is looking after the Thursday session.

Monica Shaw had been participating on the Playground Committee. It was noted that in the future another community representative will have to be appointed in her stead. The FCSS Director had attended both the Horse Lake and Beaverlodge Interagency meeting.

Monica Shaw left the meeting at 6:19 p.m. Dave MacGregor, Reporter of the West County News also left the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillors and staff reported on meetings attended.

Councillor Phillips noted that she had attended the evening meeting of the Pioneer Home board. They are looking at a modular style construction option for the new addition now that it has been approved by the Provincial Government.

Councillor Descoteaux reported that she had attended a Beaverlodge Victim Services meeting on November 4. She had also attended the monthly library board meeting and attended a regular meeting at the Community Centre board. She had also attending a meeting of the Continuing Care Foundation.

CAO noted that he had a meeting with a local septic tank contractor regarding the use of the Hythe sewage lagoon for dumping septic loads. There was some discussion on that. It was noted that this was a situation that if the lagoon were left open to one contractor then it would have to be open to all septic tank contractors. There would be some staff time involved in monitoring the loads. It was also noted that Alberta Environment should be involved in the discussion. The CAO will check with the local office to see what Alberta Environment's position is on this type of issue.

6. Correspondence:

Council reviewed correspondence from:

- a) County Enforcement – smoking regulation – Council was not interested in considering smoking regulation in Hythe at this time
- b) Province of Alberta – Emergency Social Services – This was received for information.

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) Press Release – Support Living Projects – received for information
- b) 100th Anniversary Grant - received for information
- c) Traffic Safety Act – Section 108(c) - received for information
- d) Cheque summary – cheques #30150754 - #20150832 - received for information

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Descoteaux noted that at the Victims Service meeting there was further discussion about having a Citizens On Patrol in town. Councillors noted that there had been past attempts in Hythe to set up a Citizens On Patrol but there had been no success there. Councillors discussed other options to try to get the program off the ground. It was decided to put an advertisement in the paper looking for someone to spearhead the program for Citizens On Patrol. If a local volunteer can be found then a public meeting could be held.

Councillor Descoteaux noted that there was an issue with the "No Parking" signs at the Community Centre. Staff will look after that. The Community Dine and Dance has been set for November 28. Ticket price for that will be \$65 a ticket. CAO noted that there is a budgetary amount for the Village staff and the fire department.

Councillor Phillips asked about a RV trailer parked on the boulevard on 102nd Street and 103rd Avenue. CAO will look after that. There was some concern expressed by the neighborhood about the vehicle repair business operating at the old fire hall. The adjoining neighbor in the senior's home and the residents presently living in the old thrift shop building both had complaints about the late hours that the building was operating. Council noted that this was a noise bylaw issue and that both the RCMP and County Enforcement could probably assist in enforcing the noise bylaw.

It was noted that the Fire Department had requested some assistance with the Rapid Attack's engine.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to advance \$5,000.00 to the Hythe Fire Department for replacement of the engine in the Rapid Attack. **CARRIED 11/15/155**

9. In Camera

Council then moved on to the In Camera portion of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go into Camera. **CARRIED 11/15/156**
Council went into camera at 7:05 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED**
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Council went back into open session at 7:20 p.m.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**
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