

MINUTES OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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 5:04 p.m.

2. Minutes of the October 13, 2015 regular Council meeting
MOVED by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the October 13, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 10/15/145**

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Organizational meeting of council be approved as presented. **CARRIED 10/15/146**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

CAO followed up on some items from the last meeting noting which items had been completed and which items were still outstanding.

4. Representation:

a) Kenny Huey – Public Works supervisor Kenny Huey joined the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Mr Huey requested some speed limit signs on 99th Street in the industrial area. These signs would note a speed limit of 50 km. Mr Huey also forwarded some information on radios for the public works staff.

Mr. Huey was also interested in building a pole shed for storage of equipment at the town public works yard. The pole shed would be enclosed but would not have any gas or electricity. Mr. Huey was considering a building measuring 40 feet by 50 feet. Council discussed the possible snow load on a roof for a building that size. It was felt that electricity may be needed to provide light inside the building during the winter.

CAO and Mr. Huey will have a look at the mobile home subdivision roads on Tuesday to see if they require grading. Mr. Huey left the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillor Phillips reported that she has a Pioneer Home board meeting coming up, it will be in the evening.

Councillor Sipe commented on the October 21 meeting in Beaverlodge for the emergency measures course for elected officials. He said it was a very interesting course and it clarified some matters for him in terms of how the emergency management system is structured. Councillors Descoteaux, Phillips and Nicholson had also attended the October 21, 2015 session.

6. Correspondence:

a) Beaverlodge Victims Services – Their letter of thanks for a donation was received for information.

b) A letter was from the Hythe Food Bank requesting use of the swimming pool building for the annual Christmas food hamper program. Councillor Nicholson updated the situation. He noted that the swimming pool building is lacking in insulation and it isn't

well suited for winter use. Councillor Nicholson advised that the owner of the Baba J's building had offered the Food Bank the use of his building for preparing the food hampers. And as that building is right across the street from the Food Bank, it would be a convenient location for doing that. Council received the letter for information

c) Danielle Larivee – Minister of Municipal Affairs. An email from Danielle Larivee introducing herself as the new Minister of Municipal Affairs was received for information.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Water North Coalition – The CAO reported on a meeting he had attended on October 22, 2015 regarding the Water North Coalition. It is a group of municipalities and other parties interested in working together to ensure safe water and reliable water systems.

b) 2014 Franchise Report – received for information

c) Appointment of Fire Chief – Bylaw 384 of the Village of Hythe requires that the council appoint a new fire chief. CAO reported that the fire fighters had met and voted on a person whom they would like to nominate for the fire chief.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to appoint Ed Woloszyn as the new fire chief. **CARRIED 10/15/147**

d) Appointment of Councillor for Hythe Pool. Council discussed the possible appointment for the Hythe Swimming Pool advisory committee. The County of Grande Prairie had voted to send one staff member and Councillor Brock Smith to attend these meetings. Mayor Burgess volunteered to join this committee. It was noted that these meetings would be held in the evening, possibly Tuesday or Thursday nights.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to appoint Mayor Burgess to the Hythe Pool Advisory Committee. **CARRIED 10/15/148**

e) Capital Expenditures – sewer lines. Received for information.

f) Campground report – CAO had prepared a financial report on the expenses and revenue of the campground for 2015. Council discussed the possibility of putting in a cement building to provide showers for campground users. This will be discussed further during the budget deliberations. Councillor Descoteaux noted that the showers in a Dawson Creek campground, provided by the Rotary Club, would be a good example.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Some councillors were concerned about Barry Reed's use of the old fire hall building for mechanic work. The five or six motors that are being left outside on the front apron are unsightly. He should find another spot for them. There were also complaints about people working there at night and the noise arising from the outside work. It was noted that it may be difficult to work inside because of the exhaust issues, but there are other ways to resolve that problem.

Councillor Phillips noted that when she and her husband had taken some asphalt shingles to the regional land fill they were not separated from the regular refuse, they were instructed to put the asphalt shingles in with the conventional garbage. Staff will look into that matter with the regional landfill authority. There was some discussion about recycling and the processing of waste for recycling .

Mayor Burgess noted that Kerry Rowe still has some concerns with his sewer main. CAO advised that the public works staff had been inspecting that site on a

regular bases and felt that the problem was due to the fact that Mr. Rowe is not putting enough water in the line.

Dave McGregor left the meeting at 6:20 pm

9. In Camera

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

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to go into Camera. **CARRIED 10/15/149**
Council went into camera at 6:25 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go back into open session. **CARRIED**
10/15/150

Council went back into open session at 7:05 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to proceed with further negotiations with the County of Grande Prairie regarding administration of FCSS. **CARRIED 10/15/151**

Council had reviewed a building appraisal on a Village owned property. Council decided to make an offer to Barry Reed on the old fire hall based on the appraised value.

Council further discussed the discussions with the County of Grande Prairie, towns of Beaverlodge and Wembley regarding the County fire services. The existing agreement expires on Dec. 31, 2015. CAO had discussed the matter with the fire department and it was noted that while some additional assistance would be appreciated we are not requesting a major overhaul of the agreement.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to approve the recommended position with the County of Grande Prairie regarding fire services. **CARRIED 10/15/152**

There was some discussion about a first budget meeting for the 2016 Budget. Council decided to have the budget meeting on Nov. 22 following the regular council meeting.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**
10/15/153

Time of adjournment was 7:13 p.m.