

## SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess

Councilors: Gordon Nicholson  
Lyle Sipe  
Nadine Adolf

CAO: Greg Gayton

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Minutes of the August 22, 2016 regular Council meeting

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe that the minutes of the August 22, 2016 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 09/16/114**

3. Business arising from the Minutes: No business arising from the minutes. CAO updated Council on the Mark Meiers situation.

4. Representation:

- a) Deb Balderston - cemetery
- b) Chad Wiwchar – public works report, water level issues

5. Meetings Attended:

Council and staff reviewed meeting they had attended between August 22, 2016 and September 12, 2016.

Councillor Nicholson attended a Grand Spirit meeting on August 23, 2016. Councillor Adolf attended a SPPARC meeting on August 25, 2016 and a GPREP meeting on September 8, 2016.

6. Correspondence

a) Imperial Oil – road lease

Council received some correspondence from Imperial Oil regarding a lease agreement with the Village in the industrial area. The Village has a five year lease on land containing an existing roadway, which expires on September 30, 2016. Imperial Oil is planning to do some environmental assessment remediation work and the work may involve the closure or relocation of the existing roadway. With that in mind, Imperial Oil wanted to extend the lease on a month to month basis effective October 1, 2016.

Council discussed the matter and felt the best long term solution would be to purchase the roadway from Imperial Oil for a nominal amount and have the land formally dedicated as a road.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to enter into negotiations with Imperial Oil regarding the road lease. **CARRIED 09/16/115**

Deb Balderston joined the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Ms. Balderston was there to discuss cemetery matters. She noted that it had been an unusual year for rain fall, resulting in a lot of grass cutting. Although the County did do the standard two cuts per year, we had to hire out some additional grass cutting to have the cemetery looking good for the Homecoming and the Fair. Ms. Balderston requested that the Village set aside \$3,500.00 in a reserve that could be used for additional grass cutting cost in years when it was needed. The money will stay in reserve until there is a need to draw on it.

She noted that it had been a productive year out at the cemetery. The Gazebo had been completed, and the signage has been upgraded substantially. As the money held in the

cemetery fund is close to being used up, it is time we research some more grants that could be used towards cemetery projects. It was noted that the County had contributed \$3,000.00 towards the Hythe cemetery.

The next priority for the cemetery is the headstone issue. There are a lot of headstones there that need to be repaired as there are issues with the base underneath the headstones and they are tilting.

Deb asked that the Village do a plaque dedication with Donna Shail. This dedication would be in memory of her husband Eldon Shail, who spent a lot of time and effort out at the cemetery over the years. Council agreed to do this.

Deb Balderston left the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

b) Town of Beaverlodge – Health Care Facility – received for information.

c) Husky Oil – project cancellation – received for information.

d) ALARIE Asset Distribution – received for information.

e) ATCO Electric – Franchise Fees

CAO noted that the Franchise Fee for power had has been at 6% for several years now, he did not see a need to change it.

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe to keep the Franchise Fee at 6%.

**CARRIED**

**09/16/116**

f) Earl Smith – Lagoon issues – received for information.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Reserve Bid – tax sale property

Council reviewed information on Lots 9 & 10, Block 7, Plan 682 EO. This property will be going for tax sale auction on September 20, 2016. CAO provided information on the assessment, he had also talked to a realtor who had listed the property in the past. Council felt that the condition of the property was not well reflected in the assessed value. They felt there were issues with the structure that require either extensive repair or demolition.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to set the reserve bid for Lots 9 & 10, Block 7, Plan 682 EO at \$40,000.00.

**CARRIED 09/16/117**

b) Library Board September 7, 2016 minutes – received for information.

c) FCM – Canada 150 – received for information.

d) Regional Transportation Priorities

It was noted that there will be a meeting on September 16, 2016 at the County office between 10:00 a.m. and noon, to discuss regional priorities and transportation. The Mayor and the CAO will be attending.

e) Inter-municipal mtg. – October 19, 2016 – Grande Prairie

Council was advised that the inter-municipal mtg. has been set for Wednesday, September 19, 2016 in Grande Prairie, the city has not yet set a location.

f) AUMA resolution 2016 – B1

This resolution dealt with Level 1 water and sewer licensing. – received for information.

g) Landfill fees – 2017

Council was advised that the landfill fees from 2016 will go up substantially in 2017. In 2016 the Village of Hythe paid \$36,213.00 as a partner in the West County Regional

Landfill. In 2017 that cost is forecast to go up to \$52,622.00. The CAO reviewed with Council some of the reasons the fee has gone up. It was noted that the Village of Hythe pays the same amount as the Towns of Beaverlodge, Wembley and Sexsmith. It was felt that as the Village is substantially smaller than these other urban communities it would be more equitable to find another cost sharing arrangement rather than each partner municipality paying 15% of the cost. Also the amount that the County pays at 40% could also be looked at. CAO will bring some calculations back to the next Council meeting on September 26, 2016.

**MOVED** by Councillor Adolf to request a re-evaluation of the Regional Landfill cost sharing. **CARRIED 09/16/118**

h) Food Bank report – verbal report

Councillor Nicholson provided a verbal report on the Hythe Food Bank. He noted that the food bank has sent several letters to Horse Lake First Nations requesting some assistance with the cost of operating the Hythe Food Bank. The food bank felt that a substantial amount of its resources were being spend providing for the Horse Lake residents, and there should be some assistance from the Band. The Food Bank Society has decided that service to Horse Lake residents will be discontinued effective September 15, 2016, if there continues to be no response from the Band. Councillor Nicholson noted that people who are coming in from Horse Lake are already being notified this change will be happening.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Adolf reported on a unique situation she was aware of, where there is a large amount of frack sand that is available for free due to a mix up in shipping. 1200 tons are available in Sexsmith if someone had a use for this sand.

CAO advised that staff would like to make a contribution toward the memorial fund for the late Jody Evans. A \$100.00 contribution was suggested.

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe to approve a \$100.00 contribution to the memorial fund for the late Jody Evans. **CARRIED 09/16/119**

Mayor Burgess noted that he had been in discussion with Alberta Health Services on another matter, and it had been mentioned that our offer for the land had been accepted, so paperwork will be following shortly.

Chad Wiwchar joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

There was some discussion about the lift station pumps, Mr. Wiwchar had researched several options in terms of which rebuilding pumps or buying new ones. Council advised that their direction to staff in the past has been to have two pumps operating at the lift station and have a stand by pump available, however it seems over time that this direction has not been followed. It was noted that the optimum solution would be to rebuild one pump at GPR and buy a new pump from Berman. That would keep us in a good situation in case any of the pumps break down again.

**MOVED** by Councillor Adolf to have one pump rebuilt at GPR and to purchase one pump at Berman. **CARRIED 09/16/120**

Chad Wiwchar gave a report on the issues with FKD, regarding their sewer problems. He also noted there was a well there that was leaking that he had repaired for them. There was some discussion regarding the mowers and also lagoon release issues. Earl Smith will be attending the next meeting.

Chad Wiwchar left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to go into camera.

**CARRIED 09/16/121**

While in camera, Council discussed some matters pertaining to hiring of the Public Works Supervisor, and narrowed down the short list for interviews.

9. In Camera

a) Public Works Supervisor – hiring

**MOVED** by Councillor Adolf to go back into open session.

**CARRIED 09/16/122**

It was noted that interviews will be held on either Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. or Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. depending on circumstances.

Council reviewed the mower issue and decided to proceed with the Ferris, as the preferred option.

10. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Councilor Sipe that the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

**09/16/123**

Time of adjournment was 9:34 p.m.