

MINUTES OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councilors: Lyle Sipe
Gordon Nicholson
Carol Descoteaux
Cheryl Phillips
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 August 10, 2015 regular Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the August 10, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 09/15/112**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

Staff noted that there was some information on file regarding cemetery bylaws. We will work on that over the fall and have a meeting with Deb Balderston when the cemetery bylaw is ready to go.

4. Representation:

a) Monica Shaw – FCSS Report – 5:45 p.m.

FCSS Director Monica Shaw joined the meeting at 5:55 pm. She noted that victim service is providing a plaque that will go with the bench that is in the Rae Dolemo Park. The FCSS Director reported that Parent Link is coming regularly for their services at the Hythe Community Centre.

Denise Horseman is now doing some referrals for the Hythe Food Bank regarding Horse Lake clients. The Food Bank is doing well; the shelves are full and there is money in the bank. A preliminary table top exercise is planned for September 15 for a 'mock disaster' slated in Hythe for September 30. This is an initiative by the FCSS directors to test out the emergency social services portion of our emergency management capability.

There has been good results in running the Home Alone Safety program and the Roots of Empathy program. FCSS handed out 25 Welcome Bags this year.

The FCSS director is still working on her outcomes report, but there have been some technical difficulties with the provincial electronic reporting system. FCSS is hosting a community garage sale with the Service Clubs Information Event on September 19, 2015.

Monica Shaw left the meeting at 6:10 pm.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillors and staff reported on the meetings they attended from August 10, 2015 to September 14, 2015.

Councillor Sipe judged floats at the Hythe Ag Fair. Comments were that it was a well-run fair and that attendance at both breakfast and dinner has been increasing every year for the last several years.

Councillor Phillips reported that the new administrator for the Hythe & District Pioneer Home will start work on September 22, 2015. Pioneer Home also has a new maintenance manager there.

Councillor Descoteaux reported she had attended the monthly Library meeting and also attended a Community Centre board meeting.

6. Correspondence:

- a) Husky Oil – gas production well - received for information
- b) GPREP – 2016 budget – received for information

- c) Safety Codes Council – received for information
- d) ATCO Power distribution revenue - Council reviewed a letter from ATCO Power regarding the franchise rate. Council has an opportunity every fall to review the franchise rate for implementation the next calendar year.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe that the franchise rate remain at 6.0% for the 2016 calendar year. **CARRIED 09/15/113**

- e) Friends of Hythe and Community Playground Society – request for meeting – Council received a letter from the Friends of Hythe and Community Playground Society requesting a formal audience with the Village Council regarding drainage issues at the school. Council did not think such a meeting was appropriate for council participation.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to decline the request for a meeting from the Friends of Hythe and Community Playground Society and refer the matter to staff. **CARRIED 09/15/114**

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) EMCO Waterworks – campground servicing - Staff had assembled some quotes for servicing the campground with water. The CAO had done some work with Collin Juneau on the matter and they had received a price of approximately \$10,000 for the materials. The plan is that once the new excavator that is partially owned by the Town of Beaverlodge, Town of Wembley and the Village of Hythe is available then the materials could be installed. The work would probably take place in 2016 but the materials can be bought in 2015. This would also satisfy the requirements of the MSI Operating Grant for this project.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to buy the materials for campground servicing utilizing the monies from the MSI Grant. **CARRIED 09/15/115**

- b) Manhole replacement and sewer re-lining - Council reviewed some of the financial information for the work that Mainline and Ivis had been doing in August of 2015 in Hythe. Council commented that both contractors involved had worked very professionally. There had been no problems encountered with them while working on our streets with these projects.

- c) Debenture #15 – final payment – received for information

- d) Cheque Summary – cheques #20150495 - 20150672 – received for information

- e) Promotional Items – Staff had done some work on some possible promotional items for the Village. There is a budget allocation of \$1500 for this year. Council and staff discussed purchasing an item that would fit the needs of the Hythe Homecoming on July 14-17, 2016. Council reviewed a number of possible promotional items then settled on the idea of tote bags. There was some discussion about colors. Council felt that we should be working with the Homecoming Committee to see if they would like some tote bags for the event before we finalized the number of tote bags that would be purchased.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to go ahead with the purchase of tote bags for the promotional item. **CARRIED 09/15/116**

8. Other matters (members' business):

Council discussed a few other matters under members' business.

9. In Camera

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

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go into Camera. **CARRIED 09/15/117**

Council went into camera at 6:25 p.m.

While in camera council discussed matters pertaining to

- a) personnel matters
- b) proposed contract for water and sewer services
- c) and several land issues

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to go back into open session. **CARRIED 09/15/118**

Council went back into open session at 8:08 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips that council investigate assisting with the cost of an access road if the BMTG Grant will cover these costs. **CARRIED 09/15/119**

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to make arrangements with Teare Creek on the repayment of tax arrears. **CARRIED 09/15/120**

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to offer \$20,000.00 to Alberta Health Services for a property in Hythe. **CARRIED 09/15/121**

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to decline the request from Joy Juneau for a property tax adjustment. **CARRIED 09/15/122**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Sipe that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 09/15/123**

Time of adjournment was 8:15 p.m.