

## SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess

Councillors: Gordon Nicholson  
Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Minutes of the September 12, 2016 regular Council meeting  
**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the September 12, 2016 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 09/16/124**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

It was noted that the matters pertaining to the road way in the industrial subdivision will be discussed when another subdivision matter is dealt with.

CAO advised that November 30, 2016 is the last suggested meeting for the fall inter-municipal meeting. Council was fine with that date.

Earl Smith joined the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Mr. Smith inquired about whether the Village had a long term plan to install water mains for properties in the southern part of the Village. Council noted that there is a substantial expense associated with that. Mayor Burgess advised that the Village had no plans in the short term to incur this expense. Presently our highest priority is the relining and replacement of the sewer mains that has a \$10,000,000.00 price tag of its own.

MLA Wayne Drysdale joined the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Councillor Adolf joined the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Mr. Smith asked about the standards for waste water being discharged from the Hythe sewage lagoon, he also inquired about the timing of the discharge. There was some discussion about issues with a fall discharge. Staff will do some research in terms of whether or not there is a formal standard for the quality of effluent that is discharged into the environment. Council did note that we do work closely with Alberta Environment on this matter and there has been extensive consultation between the licensed sewer operator and Alberta Environment regarding the discharge activity. Earl Smith left the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

MLA Wayne Drysdale was here for his annual meeting with Village Council. Mr. Drysdale noted that the tender for the 43X bypass near Grande Prairie closes on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. He commented that it is anticipated the new Municipal Government Act as amended will be passed this fall. There will be some changes coming to the Municipal Government Act, following some consultations that were held this summer. Mr. Drysdale had attended some of those meetings, he noted that some opposition to the proposed changes in the MGA was from developers. They were concerned that Municipality might be levying higher off site levies due to changes in the act. Mr. Drysdale was optimistic that Alberta Health would be approving some construction on the Beaverlodge Hospital in the near future. He planned on attending in Hythe on September 30, 2016 for the Sod Turning for the new 48 unit addition to the Hythe Pioneer Home.

Mr. Drysdale asked how the enrollment numbers at the Hythe Regional School looked

this year as compared to previous years. That information was not available.  
MLA Wayne Drysdale left the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

4. Representation:

- a) Wayne Drysdale - MLA
- b) Earl Smith – sewage lagoon

5. Meetings Attended:

Council and staff reviewed meetings they had attended between September 12, 2016 and September 26, 2016.

All the Councillors present attended the interviews for the Public Works Supervisor Position on Monday, September 19, 2016.

6. Correspondence

a) Elected officials training – September 29, 2016 – Mayor Burgess and Councillor Adolf will try to attend.

b) Hythe Pioneer Home – September 30, 2016 sod turning – Councillors will attend if available.

c) Supt. Brenda Lucki – RCMP – received for information.

d) Brock Smith – physician assistance – A letter from Councillor Brock Smith was reviewed by Council. Mr. Smith requested that the Village provide some rental assistance to the physicians that were moving into the Medical Clinic. CAO will talk to the CAO of the Pioneer Home about this matter when time permits.

e) Harley & Cathie Jones – Tree removal request – Staff are authorized to investigate the situation further, before bringing a recommendation back to Council.

CN Rail – Staff reviewed some information regarding rail crossings. The CAO will write back to CN Rail asking for an update on the status of the rail line proceeding through Hythe. It was noted that other parts of this particular rail line are in the process of being dismantled and maybe that is something that should be looked at for the rail line proceeding through Hythe.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Subdivision Application – West Peace Building Supplies – Council reviewed an application for a subdivision in the industrial area. Council felt that the applicant should meet with Council and explain what future development is envisioned with this subdivision.

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe to table the Subdivision Application until the next regular Council meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 and invite Arta Juneau to that meeting. **CARRIED 09/16/125**

b) Cemetery Interim Statement – received for information.

c) Five year capital plan – Council reviewed the Five Year Capital Plan for the municipality. It was noted that this is a requirement of the new Municipal Government Act legislation.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to approve the Five Year Capital Plan. **CARRIED 09/16/126**

d) Cheque summary – cheques #20160604 – 20160713 – Council reviewed the cheque summary, there was some discussion about the campground, in terms of whether or not it was profitable. The CAO commented that it usually incurs a small deficit.

8. Other matters (members' business):

CAO noted that there are some issues with the John Deere front end loader. Our new Public Works Supervisor, Steve Rawlyk has been looking into it, it seems that a substantial amount of repairs are needed. Council discussed some possible options for dealing with the loader including whether or not it should be leased or replaced as compared to repairing it. In the end Council felt the best course of action would be to repair it.

**MOVED** by Councillor Adolf to authorize an expenditure of not more than \$21,000.00 for repairs to the John Deere Loader. **CARRIED 09/16/127**

Councillor Sipe was concerned about a vicious dog matter, CAO advised on the bylaw enforcement process for vicious dogs.

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe to go into camera. **CARRIED 09/16/128**

9. In Camera

- a) Chad Wiwchar – training cost
- b) Old Fire Hall lease agreement

**MOVED** by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED 09/16/129**

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to give a six month lease extension on the old fire hall, with the provision that the arrears on the rental account have to be brought up to date by March 15, 2017. **CARRIED 09/16/130**

10. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Councilor Adolf that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 09/16/131**

Time of adjournment was 8:03 p.m.