

MINUTES OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councilors: Gordon Nicholson
Carol Descoteaux
Cheryl Phillips
CAO: Greg Gayton
Dave MacGregor – Reporter, West County News

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

2. Minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular Council meeting
MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 09/15/124**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:
No business arising from the minutes.

4. Representation:

- a) Wayne Drysdale MLA – 5:30 p.m.
- b) Public Works report – attachment - 6:00 p.m.
- c) Barry & Emily Reed – Land purchase – in camera - 6:30 p.m.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillors and staff reported on the meetings they attended from September 14, 2015 to September 28, 2015.

Councillor Descoteaux had attended the Friends of the Library meeting. The Friends of the Library are currently submitting a casino application.

CAO had attended a table top Emergency Management Training exercise in Grande Prairie on September 15, 2015. Regional Landfill Committee meeting on September 16, 2015. Tourism Board meeting and a GPREP meeting on September 17, 2015. Met with the FCSS Director to review the job description on September 21, 2015, and on September 28, 2015 had participated in an inspection tour of the manholes.

6. Correspondence:

a) Emergency Management Training
Council reviewed an item on the incident command system for elected officials training. Mayor Burgess and Councillors Descoteaux, Phillips and Nicholson will attend the session in Beaverlodge on the evening of October 21, 2015.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Swimming Pool Study – terms of reference

Council reviewed the terms of reference for a study on the swimming pool.

b) IVIS – progress payment # 4

Progress payment #4 for IVIS, for sewer main relining was reviewed for information.

c) Request to raise rabbits.

Council had received a request to raise rabbits from Sharmain Lockard at 10112 – 105 street. The new dog control bylaw #526 that had been passed requires that any request to keep other domestic animals must be approved by Council. Two children had written, requesting to keep rabbits as part of a 4-H project. They would each like to keep one rabbit.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips that the request to keep rabbits be approved. Conditional that there not be more than two rabbits in the household and as long as they are contained in cages as noted in the request. **CARRIED 09/15/125**

d) Agreement – Old Fire Hall

Barry and Emily Reed had finally signed the existing Old Fire Hall lease agreement. Council was advised of that.

e) GPREP – large scale emergency management exercise

CAO noted that on September 30, 2015 there will be a large scale emergency management

exercise. The incident command centre for the exercise will be at the Hythe Fire Hall and Councillors were encouraged to stop by and observe the proceedings.

f) Policy – phone use policy

Staff had drafted a new policy for phone use. CAO explained the present practice and noted that the policy just confirmed the practices he had implemented for the staff in terms of cell phone use.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to approve the new cell phone policy 12-02. **CARRIED**
09/15/126

g) Credit Card use policy – amendment - CAO advised that the auditors had commented on the Villages credit card use policy, it was advised that clause 2 on the policy be omitted. Staff were in agreement with the auditors recommendation.

The policy was presented as amended.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to accept the credit card policy as amended. **CARRIED**
09/15/127

Wayne Drysdale MLA for Grande Prairie Wapiti joined the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

MLA Drysdale noted that he had been appointed the whip of the PC caucus which involved a number of responsibilities. He advised that the provincial budget is scheduled to be announced on October 26, 2015.

He was concerned that the new NDP government was doubling the carbon levy.

In terms of local projects he had discussed the Pioneer Homes application on the 48 bed level 4 building. It is his understanding that the response from the health minister on this project is positive. It is possible that an announcement will be made before the budget is announced. He noted that the twinning of Highway 43 is nearing completion 75% of the work has been done and some of it has been tendered out this fall for completion next year. Once highway 43 is done it is possible that the province will be looking at going back to at some further twinning of Highway 43. The pavement overlay on 672 way tendered out this fall. The work will probably be done next spring after break up, that way any repairs from break up can be done when the overlay is done.

Wayne Drysdale advised Council to feel free to call him if they had any provincial issues that they needed assistance with.

Wayne Drysdale left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Dave MacGregor left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

h) Inter-municipal meeting date -

Town of Beaverlodge has fixed a date of Wednesday, October 7, 2015 for the inter-municipal meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Beaverlodge town square. It was decided to carpool for that meeting, with Councillors meeting at the office at 5:30 p.m.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Descoteaux asked if the new "No Parking" zone at the Community Centre will have yellow curb paint when the "No Parking between signs" signs are put up. CAO advised that they would look in to that.

Councillor Descoteaux requested that Council ask for an update on the Hythe Pioneer Home as to the renovations to the Old Hospital located next to the village office. Council has been very disappointed with the speed in which this project being dealt with.

Councillor Phillips reported that at a meeting in early August the siding contract and electrical contract was awarded by the Hythe Pioneer Board. CAO advised that windows should be installed before the siding is put on. Council felt that the siding should be put on as soon as possible before the winter, so the building doesn't have such an unfinished look. Council noted that they had been getting questions from other tax payers on terms on what was happening with the building.

Councillor Phillips noted that she had difficulty attending the Pioneer Home Board meeting because they were holding them in the mornings. It is very difficult for her to get away from her job in the morning and the board was not interested in moving their meeting times. It was decided to appoint an alternate for Councillor Phillips if it continues to be an issue to have representation at the Pioneer Home Board.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to appoint Councillor Descoteaux as an alternate to the Hythe Pioneer Board. **CARRIED 09/15/128**

9. In Camera

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

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to go into Camera. **CARRIED 09/15/129**

Council went into camera at 7:08 p.m.

Barry Reed joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Mr. Reed had a number of issues going on, he is interested in purchasing the Old Fire Hall building from the Village. Mayor Burgess advised that the Village will probably get an appraisal done on the building before looking at a price.

Mr. Reed is also developing his lot south of the Public Works shop, he inquired about a well sharing agreement for sharing the well with the Public Works building. Council advised that they would consider that.

As part of the possible purchase of the Old Fire Hall building, the relocation of the Hythe Foodbank would be necessary. Mr. Reed indicated that he would help the Foodbank group move to a new building, and contribute towards any rent that they would have to pay on that building. They have looked at a number of options already. Mr. Reed was also interested in doing some improvements on his own property, including relocating the modular that was already there and putting in some new construction.

He ask Council their opinion on his plan. He was advised to get a development permit from the development officer in order to move that process forward.

Barry Reed left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Council then reviewed several personnel matters

- a) FCSS job description
- b) Public Works Supervisor – job description
- c) Land issue

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go back into open session. **CARRIED 09/15/130**

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to have the CAO look into an agreement with the County of Grande Prairie for provision of FCSS services. **CARRIED 09/15/131**

Council then reviewed other matters they had discussed earlier in the meeting, with the intent on seeing whether resolutions were necessary.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to have a qualified consultant prepare a report on the Hythe Swimming Pool. **CARRIED 09/15/132**

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to request an update on the construction of the Hythe Pioneer Home building, Plan 682 EO, Block 2, Lots 12-15, especially in terms of the exterior siding from the Hythe Pioneer Home. **CARRIED 09/15/133**

Hythe Pioneer Home would be welcome to send a delegation to Council to meet with Council.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 09/15/134**

Time of adjournment was 8:06 p.m.