

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

Council Present: Mayor Nimmo, Deputy Mayor Horner, Councillors Boutin, Fraser, Parsons, Smyth and Wyatt

Staff Present: Mark Oberg, Town Manager, and Chris Sutherland, Recording Secretary

As there was a quorum present, Mayor Nimmo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

09/055 Councillor Parsons moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – March 11, 2009

09/056 Councillor Fraser moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2009 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

1. Accounts

09/057 Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$69,258.81 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

2. Monthly Statement – January 2009

09/058 Councillor Wyatt moved to accept the January 2009 monthly statement as presented. CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:03 p.m. – Bart Clark, Emergency Services, Sturgeon County

Mr. Clark attended the meeting to give Council an update on a few issues.

Parkland County has served notice of a significant increase in cost for 911 Fire Dispatch. Strathcona County has been contacted and will provide dispatch at \$2.50 per capita with a minimum three-year contract. Mr. Clark recommended terminating the contract with Parkland County and enter into an agreement with Strathcona County for 911 Fire Dispatch.

09/059 Councillor Horner moved to concur with Bart Clark's recommendation to terminate the contract with Parkland County and enter into an agreement with Strathcona County for 911 Fire Dispatch. CARRIED.

Bart Clark explained that NR CAER cost have gone up considerably but feels that the benefits of the Community Notification System is well worth the price.

Bart advised that they are working on a firefighter recruitment campaign to encourage more members. Day time crews are a concern. Bart also gave Council some ideas to think about in regards to purchasing a new truck as ours is getting old.

Bart advised council that as of April 1, 2008 the government will take over ambulance service. Bon Accord Gibbons Ambulance Service will have a 2-year contract.

Bart Clark left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

 2. Don Grimble and Dianne Conway, Activation Analysis

Mr. Grimble gave a brief overview of where we are at with the Municipal Sustainability Plan and advised that the deadline is March 2010. He explained that the plan should address social, cultural, economic, environmental and governance dimensions. It was suggested that Council appoint the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Council will be kept informed of what is happening but will not be part of the committee. Town Administration involvement will be in a non-decision making capacity and will be there for committee support.

The committee will meet approximately 3 times a month, open houses will be held and information will be linked to the website. Activation Analysis is hoping to have a draft document ready for September.

Mr. Grimble and Ms Conway left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Brian Storseth, MP – Letter of support – Community Hall/Recreation/Banquet Facility/Library

This item was received for information.

2. Brian Storseth, MP – Letter of Support – Sanitary Sewer Lift Station

This item was received for information.

3. Gibbons Seniors Twilight Club – Letter of Appreciation

This item was received for information.

3. Snow Plowing at School Yards

Mark Oberg advised Council that Eric Lowe has been in contact with Contractor and they will come up with a solution.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gary Spitzig – Logo Approval

09/060

Councillor Fraser moved to concur with the recommendation to add the 50th Anniversary Logo to the Town letterhead. CARRIED.

2. Edmonton's Countryside Country Soul Stroll-Request for Town Representative

It was the consensus of Council that Gary Spitzig, Director of Marketing and Development, represent the Town of Gibbons for the Country Soul Stroll.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Town Manager's Report

I've started getting information from other municipalities on sidewalk cleaning. I'll ask around at the LGAA Conference also.

Eric Lowe is talking with the contractor responsible for clearing the snow in the Gibbons School parking lot about the replacement of backup beepers with strobe lights.

Mr. Lowe will also forward you information gathered previously about the options and costs related to dust control in our back alleys.

Reminder – There will be a Capital Budget Meeting after the March 25th Council Meeting.

Three of our MSI projects were reported on to AUMA. They were: the Community Centre / Public Library feasibility study, the 2008 sanitary sewer upgrade, and the RV sani-dump.

Two Building Canada Fund applications were sent out on March 13th. These would be jointly funded by the Federal, Provincial and municipal government. The projects are the Community Centre / Public Library project and the sanitary sewer project.

Our audit is complete and Lionel L. Larcombe will make his presentation to Council on April 8th. Your copies of the Financial Statements will be in your boxes. Please keep these confidential till after Mr. Larcombe's presentation.

Council talked about holding a joint training session with other area municipalities in early April. I'm still exploring the possibilities.

Our M.L.A. Jeff Johnson was looking for an appropriate event to come to Gibbons for a visit. I have suggested the Volunteer Appreciation Tea on April 19th to Mr. Johnson. I'll let you know if this is suitable.

It was brought to our attention that the map of the Heartland Transmission Project (Altalink / Epcor) shows an "airport setback" in close proximity to our eastern border. I have asked for information from Sturgeon County on this matter.

We are booked for April 4th at Lily Lake Resort at 9 a.m. for our Council Retreat.

Meetings

Capital Region Board – Royal Glenora – March 12

The Land Use Plan was passed by a narrow margin at this meeting. Now the Growth Plan will be brought to the March 19th meeting for decision.

Meeting with Auditor – Gibbons – March 16

Mr. Larcombe went through the Financial Statements with me.

Meeting with John Smyth and Steve McDonald (Re/Max) – Gibbons – March 18

Mr. Smyth came in to talk with Gary Spitzig and I about moving forward with the purchase of the land just north of the Alliance Church.

Local Government Administration Association Conference – Red Deer – March 18-20

Meetings Before the Council Meeting

Kindergarten Visits – Gibbons – March 24

2. Public Works Report

a. Water

Chlorine has been a little high, no concerns.

Reservoir is at 95%.

Partial power outage caused back up pump to come on, all worked fine.

b. Sewer

All good

c. Roads

Streets are being cleared as time permits.

Pot holes will be looked at as soon as the snow stops.

d. Parks

No inspections until spring

e. Equipment

Grader needs a new control shock, will be on today.

f. Arena

Condenser is leaking on the bottom which is causing lots of ice and water build up by the arena, this due to the leak on the bottom pan and ice buildup. We are keeping up on it the best we can.

g. General

Everything seems to running fine.

3. Fire Chief's Report

This item was received for information.

09/061

Councillor Fraser moved to accept the Staff Reports as presented. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Curling Club

Councillor Smyth attended this meeting.

2. Community Services

Councillor Smyth attended this meeting.

3. Roseridge Landfill

Councillor Parsons attended this meeting.

4. Capital Region Board

Mayor Nimmo and Deputy Mayor Horner attended these meetings where the Landuse Plan was approved. Mayor Nimmo advised that he voted against the approval and feels that there are still too many unanswered.

5. Jeff Johnson Fund Raiser

Deputy Mayor Horner attended this event.

6. Library Board

Councillor Boutin attended this meeting where they reviewed the plans for the new library.

7. Sturgeon Foundation

Councillor Fraser attended and advised that Spruceview Manor has settled on the Union Contract. The new addition at Northridge will be named Northridge Place.

8. Wastewater Commission

Councillor Fraser attended and advised that they had their annual audit report and everything is good.

9. Municipal Emergency Plan

Mayor Nimmo advised that Gary Spitzig and he are reviewing the Municipal Emergency Plan and there are lots changes to do. When it is finished they plan to have a walk through with council.

IN-CAMERA

09/062 Councillor Fraser moved that Council go in-camera to discuss Land, Employment, Enforcement and Development Agreement Issues. CARRIED. Council went in camera at 7:47 p.m.

09/063 Councillor Horner moved to revert to normal sitting. CARRIED. Council reverted to normal sitting at 9:15p.m.

Councillor Horner moved to secure payments of offsite levies for Silverwood and Wedgewood by revising the Development Agreement to state:

- 50% of the Offsite Levies being required payment upon execution of the Development Agreement;
- A deferral of the remaining 50% to be paid at time of application for Final Acceptance Certificate (FAC) for the Municipal Improvements, on the following basis:
 - o The remaining 50% would be paid to the Town of Gibbons at the Offsite Levy rates that are in place at the time of payment (FAC), and
 - o Upon execution of the Development Agreement, the remaining 50% shall be secured by an irrevocable letter of credit, in a form approved by the Town's solicitors, which shall include the conditions provided by section 22.6 of the Development Agreements. The security shall be released only upon payment of the outstanding Offsite Levies.

09/064 CARRIED.

Mayor Nimmo suggested that the Town send a team to the Sturgeon County's Mayor Golf Tournament.

09/065 Mayor Nimmo recommended that Councillor Wyatt and his wife attend the 7th Annual Yellow Gala & Silent Auction. CARRIED.

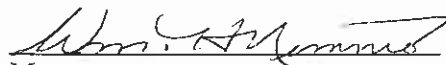
Deputy Mayor Horner volunteered to attend the 25th Anniversary celebrations for the Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association.

Council reviewed the proposed Capital Budget and requested we advise Sturgeon Foundation that we are not able to contribute to the repairs and replacement of the sidewalk and parking lot at Spruce View Manor this year. Council requested the Superintendent of Public Works bring actual quotes for the proposed purchase of a new street sweeper as well as financing options.

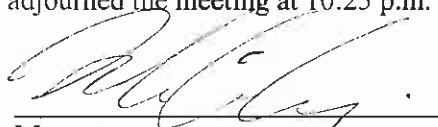
09/066

Deputy Mayor Horner moved that the Town purchase a new diesel truck as quoted, under \$40,000 plus the GST as this is a very good price. CARRIED.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.



Mayor



Manager