

MINUTES OF THE NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009 AT GIBBONS SCHOOL

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

Staff Present: Mark Oberg, Town Manager, Gary Spitzig, Director of Marketing and Development and Chris Sutherland, Recording Secretary

As there was a quorum present, Mayor Nimmo called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Town Clean Up
2. Fire Update

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

09/098 Councillor Boutin moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – April 22, 2009

Deputy Mayor Horner advised that under Committee Reports, Item 4 of the April 8th meeting it should have been amended to read Deputy Mayor Horner attended the Community Planning Association of Alberta Conference not Mayor Nimmo. Also Item 5 under New Business of the April 22 meeting should have stated that the Town Manager would forward a letter of support to Sturgeon County in regards to the proposed Interpretive Centre and Forest Walk.

09/099 Deputy Mayor Horner moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2009 be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

1. Accounts

09/100 Mayor Nimmo moved that the accounts in the subtotal amount of \$132,863.16 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

Councillor Parsons declared a pecuniary interest and left the room at 10:37 a.m.

09/101 Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$134,120.01 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

Councillor Parsons returned to the room at 10:38 a.m.

2. Monthly Statement – March 2009

09/102 Councillor Fraser moved to accept the March 2009 monthly statement as presented. CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Teena Pasay – Sunflower Community Resource Program

Ms Pasay introduced herself and explained what the Sunflower Community Resource Program is all about.

The program had its official launch June 17, 1997. The program moved to the current location, across from the Community Hall in Gibbons, on February 5, 2001 and opened its doors to the public on April 5, 2001.

The program is a community information and referral service offered through a partnership between Sturgeon County and the towns of Bon Accord, Gibbons, Legal, Morinville, Redwater and the Sturgeon School Division. This program is a free confidential service that serves any individual, agency, club, or organization who wishes to obtain or provide community information and referrals. The program serves residents of the Sturgeon Region

including: the Towns of Bon Accord, Gibbons, Legal, Morinville and Redwater; the City of Fort Saskatchewan, the Sturgeon County and surrounding areas.

Teena Pasay left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Horner was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for another 6 month term by Mayor Nimmo.

2. Sturgeon Foundation – Sidewalk Repair/Funding

The Town Manager felt that the repairs need to be done not only for liability issues but for safety issues as well. After talking with Debbie Turner, they both felt that the payment could come out of the Community Services Reserve.

Town Manager recommended that Council support the payment up to \$30,000 for the asphalt and sidewalk repairs at Spruce View Manor.

09/103 Councillor Wyatt moved to support the Town Manager's recommendations by supporting the asphalt and sidewalk repairs up to \$30,000. CARRIED.

3. Alberta Transportation – Street Improvement Program

This item was received for information.

4. City of Edmonton – Letter of Appreciation

This item was received for information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tour de l'Alberta – Rest Stop Support & \$500 Cash Contribution

Gary Spitzig, Director of Marketing and Development explained that the Tour de l'Alberta is asking for support from the community for its annual bike tour to be held on July 26, 2009. The group is asking for support for a rest stop at the Gibbons museum that will serve approximately 400 cyclists undertaking the 178 km route. They are also looking for volunteer support, which the Historical Society has agreed to provide. Mr. Spitzig also recommended that Council support the group with a \$250.00 donation.

09/104 Councillor Fraser moved to support a donation of \$250.00 to the Tour de l'Alberta. CARRIED.

2. Town Clean Up

Mayor Nimmo thanked the Grade 6 class for school's participation in the town clean up and recommended a letter commending the school for their participation be sent.

3. Fire Update

The Town Manager advised that he had talked to Terry Cashin from Sturgeon County for an update on the fire northeast of Gibbons. As of 9 a.m. the fire was still out of control. He assured everyone that the rumors that the town was in danger were not true. Sturgeon County has opened up a reception area at the community hall for evacuated families.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Town Managers Report

Letters of appreciation are being gathered to support Mayor Nimmo's nomination for an AUMA Award of Excellence. The nomination will be sent in mid or late May.

I will be part of the Fort MacMurray Trade Show group from Gibbons on May 8-10. I'm looking forward to the trip ... it will be long and tiring, but it gives us an opportunity to showcase our community.

I will attend the Municipal Administration Leadership Workshop in Kananaskis from May 12-15. The learning will be great and the opportunities for networking will be even better.

I've spoken with Chris Davis (Landrex) and his plan is to work extensively on two draft Area Structure Plans (Emerald Ridge and West Gibbons) in May. Work is continuing on getting the Wedgewood subdivision ready for Council decision on the development agreement.

On May 21, MLA Jeff Johnson and MP Brian Storseth are holding an Open House at Gibbons Community Hall from 2 till 4 pm.

Meetings

Ken Lauinger (Manager, Bylaw Enforcement), Mayor Nimmo – April 23 – Gibbons

The three of us went for the annual tour of Gibbons. We looked at the properties in town that are unsightly. The Town looks better this year than in previous years.

Judy Danyleyko (Branch Manager, Servus Credit Union), Debbie Turner – April 23 – Gibbons

We met to discuss the choices we have for investing reserve money at the Credit Union.

John Smyth (Owner, John Smyth Developments), Gary Spitzig – April 23 – Gibbons

We discussed the intent of Mr. Smyth to begin construction in 2009. He assured us, and a follow-up letter from his lawyer followed, that his intent is to build this year.

Sierra Ridge Public Hearing – April 28 – Gibbons Community Hall

I spoke for the Town of Gibbons on the issues of increased traffic entering Hwy 28A and the status and timelines of the 8 quarter sections that are referenced in the Area Structure Plan. The 8 quarter sections are mentioned because of the desire to plan utilities with the larger area in mind.

Sturgeon CAOs Meeting – April 29 – Morinville (Sturgeon County Centre)

We had another productive meeting. Some of the topics we dealt with were: the possibility of joint purchasing a "tar pot", the sidewalk cleaning bylaws in other municipalities, pandemic planning, MSI funding cutbacks, and the May 30th Sturgeon area municipal BBQ / meeting.

Rick Desjardins (Sprung Instant Structures), Gary Spitzig – April 29 – Gibbons

AUMA President's Summit – April 30-May 1 – Red Deer

Meetings before the Council Meeting

City-Region Study Centre Presentation on the City of Portland – May 5 – Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel

2. Public Works Report

1. Water

Chlorine is good.

Reservoir is at 75% (due to filling fish pond)

Hydrants will start to be serviced as soon as fire season ends.

Water Values will be checked the month.

2. Sewer

New sewer line has settlement around some manholes Select has been advised

3. Roads.

Pot holes are 85% filled.

Initial sweeping was done snow route only.

Back lanes are graded.

4. Parks

Inspections this month

Stumps in Poplar Park are removed

Exterminator was here seems to have worked fine; he is returning mid June for second treatment.

5. Equipment

Grader 1500 hr service complete needs about \$1000 circle turn adjustment.

Grass equipment oil changes are complete.

Will look at one sweeper today and make a decision by the end of the day.

Trailer will arrive by end of next week.

6. Arena

Minor repairs to be completed by us.

Heater for plant room is ordered.

Awaiting quotes on new condenser.

Hockey nets will go to King sandblasting end of month.

Telsco will be out to upgrade the alarm system.
Fire alarm panel in the curling club was serviced.

7. General
Everything seems to running fine.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission

Councillor Parsons attended this meeting. He advised that the Commission is in good financial shape and that everything is running well. He also advised that plans are underway to build cells 4 and 5, which has been tendered out. They are also discussing construction of a new compost pad.

2. Capital Region Water Commission

Deputy Mayor Horner and Councillor Boutin attended this meeting where they discussed automated testing and controls. Councillor Boutin added that there may be a short fall this year because of interest.

3. Military Silent Auction

Councillor Wyatt and his wife attended this event. He advised that there was a great turnout.

4. Sturgeon School Division "Night of Music"

Councillor Wyatt attended and advised that it was very enjoyable and that we have a lot of talented students.

5. Curling Club

Councillor Smyth attended and advised that the club has elected a new Board, with Rico Sebastianelli as President. The new lights are installed and work great.

6. Library Conference

Councillor Boutin attended this conference. New frame work for Libraries was discussed and the possibility of municipalities and schools working together.

7. Northern Lights Library

Councillor Boutin attended and advised that plans on the new building are coming along and has gone out to tender. There may be a short fall this year because of interest.

8. Tour of Town

Special Constable Lauinger, Mark Oberg and Mayor Nimmo toured the back alleys to look for issues. Mayor Nimmo reported that it was not as bad as expected.

9. Lord Strathcona's Horse - Desert Ram Training

Mayor Nimmo spent three days in Suffield training and participating in the Desert Ram Training and found it very interesting.

10. President Summit

Mayor Nimmo and Mark Oberg attended the Presidents Summit where they discussed changes in the local government. They had a speaker from New Zealand and Australia, who spoke about their experiences.

Councillor Fraser moved that Council go in-camera to discuss a land issue.
CARRIED. Council went in camera at 12:04 p.m.

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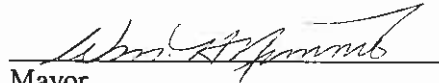
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Deputy Mayor Horner moved to revert to normal sitting. CARRIED. Council reverted to normal sitting at 12:12 p.m.

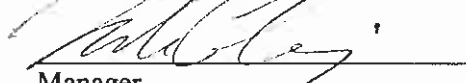
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Councillor Fraser moved to accept John Smyth's proposal as presented. CARRIED.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.



Mayor



Manager