

MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

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

Staff Present: Debbie Turner, Acting 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.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Policy No L1-09 – Remuneration to Members of Council was added to the agenda as Item 8.6

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

09/001 Councillor Smyth moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – December 10, 2008

09/002 Councillor Boutin moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2008 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

1. Monthly Statement – October 2008

09/003 Councillor Wyatt moved to accept the October 2008 monthly statement as presented. CARRIED.

2. Accounts

09/004 Mayor Nimmo moved that the accounts in the subtotal amount of \$380,996.63 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

Councillor Boutin declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 7:04 p.m.

09/005 Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$381,386.44 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

Councillor Boutin returned to the room at 7:05 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:15 p.m. – John Szumlas – Activation Analysis

John Szumlas and Dianne Conway attended to update Council in regards to the Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment

09/006 Councillor Wyatt moved that Council go in-camera to discuss a personnel issue. CARRIED. Council went in-camera at 7:10 p.m.

09/007 Council Fraser moved that Council revert to normal sitting. CARRIED. Council reverted to normal sitting at 7:53 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Alberta Legislative Assembly – Sanitary Sewer Lift Station and Forcemain

This item was received for information.

2. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Grant Approval - \$39,898.00

This item was received for information.

3. MPS – 07-L-297 – Stanlec Consulting
This item was received for information.
 4. Alberta First Community Profile Contest – Winners
This item was received as information.
 5. Alberta Seniors and Community Supports – LAP Grant
This item was received for information.
 6. Policy No. L1-09 – Remuneration to Members of Council
Councillor Fraser requested that a comparison on meals and incidentals be conducted by staff.
- 09/008 Councillor Fraser moved to approve Policy No. L1-09 – Remuneration to Members of Council as presented. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2009 Residential Garbage Rates - Resolution of Council to increase monthly residential garbage rate by \$2.00/month. Current monthly rate is \$15.79 + proposed increase = \$17.79/month.
Councillor Parsons moved to concur with recommendation to increase the monthly residential garbage rate by \$2.00/month, increasing the monthly rate to \$17.79. CARRIED.

- 09/009 2. Community Services Board – Recommendations to Council
Moved to appoint Lore Grant, Christine Stevenon, Irene Heath and Dawn Rubin to the Gibbons Community Services Board for a one year term ending December 2009. CARRIED.
- 09/010

3. AB Municipal Affairs – Province Caps Property Assessment
Council concurred with recommendations to make changes to our bylaw to comply with Provincial laws. Property Assessment Complaint Fees for single-family residential and farmland properties will be \$50, while multi-family residential, non-residential (commercial), and machinery and equipment will remain at \$150.00.
Changes to the bylaw will be made and brought back to Council for approval.
4. Alberta Forest Products Industry
This item was received for information.
5. New Safe Communities Fund to Help People at Risk and Reduce Crime
Councillor Boutin recommended this item be forwarded to the RCMP and Citizens on Patrol. This item was received for information.
6. Government of Alberta – First Regional Advisory Council
This item was received for information.
7. AB Municipal Affairs – CRB – Cost Allocation Formula
This item was received for information.
8. Seevirtual360 – December Report
This item was received for information.
9. Gibbons 50th Anniversary – Request for Support
Council concurred to wave facility fees providing the requests are in conjunction with the Anniversary Celebrations and the requests come directly from the 50th Anniversary Committee.

Seevirtual

10. Infrastructure Program Office – Announcement of Municipal and Rural Infrastructure Investment

Acting Town Manager is working with the Engineer and applications will be forward before the deadline of March 15, 2009.

11. AB Solicitor General and Public Security – Crime Prevention Awards 2009 Nominations

This item was received for information.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Acting Town Manager's Report – December 10, 2008

- a) Subdivision Appeal Process. The fee is \$200.00. Also Council appoints the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Secretary. Do you wish to wait until we have a new Town Manager or would you like to appoint our Development Officer? Appointed by resolution under Bylaw 5/96.

Council will be appointing the new Town Manager.

- b) Stand Stone Waste Services - pickup start times. Our Bylaw doesn't specify times and our Contract with Stand Stone indicates 7am in one spot and 8am in another. They are requesting a start time of 7am as this allows sufficient time to complete our pickup and make it to the Landfill before closing, as well as gives a bit of leeway should they have any problems. We have agreed to make the 7am deadline for waste to be at the curb, effective April 1, 2009. This gives us adequate time to re-educate the public. We have been telling people 7am but our old Bylaw stipulated 8am.

- c) Sturgeon County's Capital Agricultural Recreation Facility Development Program Grant – We have now received the first \$100,000 installment.

- d) Vacation – I'll be out the office on Friday January 23 and returning to work on Wednesday, January 28th.

- e) New Staff Sergeant, Mac Richards- Morinville detachment, Sergeant Chris Narbonne will be attending the January 28th regular Council meeting to introduce the new Staff Sergeant.

- f) Proposed Revised Area Structure Plan Sohum Park – Prem Singhmar January 19th @ 6:30 pm.

2. Public Works Report

- a. Water
Chlorine is good.
Reservoir is at 85%.

- b. Sewer
Industrial tanks being drained 2 times a week now.

- c. Roads
Snow removal is ongoing.

- d. Parks
No inspections until spring

- e. Equipment
No major problems at this time

- f. General
Arena is running fine
Concession is running fine

Xmas lights coming down on 15 Jan 09
It has been quiet since the last report

3. December Permit Report

This item was received for information.

4. November Significant Events Report

This item was received for information.

5. Sturgeon County – November Occurrence Report

This item was received for information.

09/011

Deputy Mayor Horner moved to accept the Staff Reports as presented. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Sturgeon Regional Economic Development

Deputy Mayor Horner attended and found it very interesting.

2. Gibbons Fire Department

Deputy Mayor Horner attended. The Fire Department had a movie night on January 3rd, approx. Chris25 people attended. They will be planning another one in the spring.

3. Royal Canadian Legion

Mayor Nimmo attended the Installation of Officers

4. CRB - Transit Committee

Mayor Nimmo attended.

5. Business Luncheon at the Base

Mayor Nimmo attended.

6. CRB Orientation

Mayor Nimmo attended.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.


Mayor


Manager