

MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

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

Staff Present: Debbie Turner, Acting Town Manager, Eric Lowe, Superintendent of Public Works 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

10/001 Councillor Wyatt moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – December 9, 2009

10/002 Councillor Fraser moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2009 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

1. Accounts

10/003 Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$234,199.78 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

2. Monthly Statement – November 2009

10/004 Deputy Mayor Horner moved to accept the November 2009 monthly statement as presented. CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Lawrie & Doug Edwards – 41 Avenue Parking

Mr. & Mrs. Edwards attended the meeting to talk to Council about the parking issues in their neighbourhood. Mrs. Edwards advised that although residents along 53 Street were notified of the changes in parking along their street, residents along 41 Ave were not. This change in parking is now affecting 41 Avenue, as residents of 53 Street are parking on 41 Ave, where parking is already an issue. She feels these decisions need to be made public. Mr. & Mrs. Edwards also requested that residents be allowed to park on Town property behind 41 Avenue beside the Memorial Park. They suggested residents pay for a summer parking permit, so it could be policed. Winter parking would not be permitted due to snow removal. Discussion took place and Council agreed that different options would be investigated; however, they could not guarantee anything.

Mr. & Mrs. Edwards left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. RCMP Victim Services – Thank you - Gibbons Community Grant

This item was received for information.

2. Saville Group – Thank You

This item was received for information.

3. CUPW-STTP – Preserving Public Post Offices and Rural Delivery

This item was received for information.

4. Municipal Sponsorship – Resolution of Council

Councillor Boutin moved to approve the following resolution and enter into an agreement with Sturgeon County and the Town of Bon Accord for the Purchase of (2) two Fire Fighting Pumper Trucks:

1. "Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Town of Gibbons to participate in a Municipal Sponsorship Program grant application for the Purchase of (2) two Fire Fighting Pumper Trucks under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Sponsorship Program; further
2. That the Town of Gibbons agrees that Sturgeon County be designated the managing partner of the Purchase of (2) two Fire Fighting Pumper Trucks for the purposes of applying, receiving, administering, allocating, reporting and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners; further
3. That the Town of Gibbons agrees to allocate 100% of its Municipal Sponsorship Program base grant to the Purchase of (2) two Fire Fighting Pumper Trucks; and further
4. That the Town of Gibbons agrees to enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds if it is the managing partner, or if not agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement signed by the managing partner on behalf of the other eligible municipal partners governing the purpose and use of the grant funds."

10/005 CARRIED.

5. Coin-Op

10/006 Councillor Fraser moved to concur with staff recommendations and approve the new rate of \$2.20/cm for bulk water at the coin op. CARRIED.

The Acting Town Manager advised that this new rate would not come into effect until the Water and Sewer Bylaw has been updated and approved.

6. Select Engineering Consultants – Award of Tender

10/007 Councillor Fraser moved to award the 2009 Sanitary Lift Station and Forcemain Project to In-Line Contracting Ltd with the understanding that there will be additional costs for required controls and variable speed drives. CARRIED.

7. 2010 Garbage Contract – Do We Want to Add Organic Bins?

Council concurred that organic bins would not be added and that no changes would be made to the Garbage Contract at this time.

8. Sturgeon County – Prins' Subdivision Authority Approval

This item was received for information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB Tourism, Parks and Recreation – 2013 Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games

This item was received for information.

2. Sturgeon County – 2010 Regional Symposium – Strength in Partnerships

This item was received for information.

3. AB Municipal Affairs – Budget 2010

This item was received for information.

4. KatzGroup – J. Robert Black

This item was received for information

5. SeeVirtual Tour 360 – December Report

This item was received for information


STAFF REPORTS

1. Acting Town Manager's Report

1. Interviews – New CAO
Saturday, January 16th, 2010 – try to be at the office for 8:30 am with first Interview starting at 9:00 am. We'll have lunch brought in for 12:00 noon.



2. Sanitary Sewer Forcemain/Trunk
Our Engineers are still speaking with adjacent Land Owners to obtain permission to access their properties while constructing the new trunk in the existing Utility Right of Way belonging to the Sewage Commission.
Still waiting for something in writing from the Province regarding location of the crossing under Hwy28A.
3. TCA – Tangible Capital Assets
I've been working with the Auditor to get ready for the TCA requirement for the 2009 Financial Statements. We have now gone live on the computer system, which means we have all the Assets in and valued to December 31, 2008. I'll be working to enter all of our 2009 TCA's into the system so that we have the necessary figures for the Province for the 2009 reporting requirement.
4. FOIP Investigation
We have been notified that a complaint has been filed against the Town of Gibbons and that the office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner will be conducting a review early in the new year. They gave no indication what the complaint is. I'm sure it will be enlightening.
5. West Gibbons Area Structure Plan
I have forwarded the West Gibbons ASP to Sturgeon County as required under the MGA for their review. Landrex and their Engineers are working on an Amended Traffic Impact Assessment which I understand should be completed around the end of January 2010. Sturgeon has advised that they also want to see the Amended ASP. Landrex is anxious to have the ASP forwarded to the Capital Region Board. I have informed them that once Sturgeon County has had their opportunity to review the entire ASP and provide any comments, we are ready to submit to the CRB.
6. Signed No Parking for Snow Removal/Plowing
We signed the first small area to plow and remove snow for Dec 22, 2009. 41 Ave from 51 St to 53 St and 53 St from 41 Ave to 40 Ave. 8 Signs were posted 9:30 am on Dec 21st. At 7:50 am on Dec 22nd there were 15 vehicles still on the road. We had 3 vehicles towed. One admitted she was at fault – paid for her towing and got her vehicle. One filed a complaint and asked for his towing fee to be reimbursed as they were away during this time. I discussed with the Mayor and wrote a letter denying the request and have copied it to Council. The other vehicle towed has resulted in numerous threats, phone calls, office visits, etc. I am hopeful that everyone has calmed since then. We are planning to sign and clear Birch Drive the week of Jan 18 – 22, 2010. It will be done in two or three sections as it is too long to complete in one day.
7. Staff Sergeant Mac Richards – Morinville RCMP
Mr. Richards has requested an appointment with Council to give his 2009 Summary Report and to discuss Councils priorities for 2010. I have put this summary in your mail boxes for review prior to his appointment with Council. Staff feel that speeding, especially along 47 Street and 51 Street, is an issue. Weekends and evenings speeding and stunting are a concern. As the Special Constables work week days only, we are unable to utilize them for enforcement in this area. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns prior to his visit.
8. Community Services Director
Kelly Taylor continues to have serious issues with her eyes. Her last procedure was on Wednesday, January 6th. She is able to work half days for the new two weeks and then return to full time after that. We are all hoping that her recovery goes well.

The Community Services Board has scheduled a Planning Session for Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Marg Clarke will be facilitating as the Board identifies short and long term projects/goals and priorities them. If any of Council would like to attend please let Kelly know.
9. Council Remuneration Review

A group of three residents has been approached to review Councils remuneration. They have been provided results of a survey of similar sized municipalities in this region as well as policies, board assignments, etc. I am hopeful that this group will have a recommendation for Council at the February 10, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.
10. Assessment Review Training
We are still investigating training availability. We have just contacted other municipalities in regards to see if there is an interest in pursuing a Regional Assessment Review Board and will let council know the results. Deputy Mayor Horner suggested a letter be sent to the Minister regarding the availability of the required courses.

2. Public Work's Report

a) Water

Chlorine is good.
Reservoir is at 95%

b) Sewer

Sewer lines are good at this time.
1 complaint over the Holidays it was the resident's line, our main line was clear.

c) Roads.

Snow removal has commenced.
We started the signing and towed 3 vehicles, 1 had no problem she knew she was in the wrong, one was away left the morning before for 48 hrs, and the 3rd person was livid. We will remove snow through the weeks on Streets that have no parked vehicles, 19, 20 and 21 Jan we will be picking 43 Ave, Birch and 50 St. These will be signed 1 day prior and by-law will be on site in the morning. Work will commence at 0800.
Vehicle safety for the public and ourselves is a concern while moving snow and doing other work around Town on the roads. We have tried barricades and they go around them, we cannot utilize flag persons as we don't the staff for it. We have put a notice in the water bill asking people and advising them to be aware of us working. Our operators are cautious and are constantly looking all around, but still vehicles are there undetected. We will keep looking at this for solutions, and I will ask at the next NAIG meeting to see what other Towns do.

d) Parks

Nothing until spring.

e) Arena

Next Broncos game is Friday the 15th, I will check on it.
We have been having compressor problems; Matt is working with Cimco them.

f) General.

Outdoor arena seems to getting good use. The only complaint is there is no man door on the West side. We look at this after the season.
We had furnace problems at the Community hall over the holidays, it was fixed but a new furnace should be installed.
Equipment is running good.

3. Permit Report – December 2009

This item was received for information.

3. Marketing and Development Report

This item was received for information.

10/008

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Curling Club

Councillor Smyth attended this meeting.

2. Roseridge Waste Management

Councillor Parsons attended the annual Organizational & Board of Directors Meeting. Albert St. Jean was appointed Chair with Mel Smith as Vice-Chair. Everything else stayed the same. The Management Agreement with Sturgeon County was renewed for a 5 year term. A CAO meeting was set up for February 11, 2010.

3. Northern Gateway Community Advisory Board

Deputy Mayor Horner attended and advised that they are just in the process of setting up the Board.

4. Water Commission

Deputy Mayor Horner attended this meeting where they met with Water for Life, Jeff Johnson and the Highway 643 and 28 Committee. Water for life advised that they will not provide funding as much of the line will be used for industrial.

5. Luncheon with Honorable Ray Danyluk and Jeff Johnson, MLA

Deputy Horner attended the informal luncheon with Ray Danyluk and Jeff Johnson.

6. Activation Analysis

Mayor Nimmo, Deputy Mayor Horner, Councillors Fraser, Parsons, Smyth and Wyatt attended the meeting with Activation Analysis to discuss the CAO position.

7. Royal Canadian Legion

Councillor Boutin attended the Installation Ceremonies at the Legion and found it very interesting.

8. Sturgeon Foundation

Councillor Fraser attended and advised that they are still working on budget.

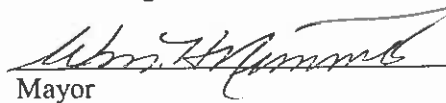
9. Houston 2010 Mission

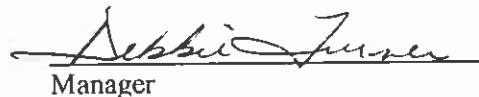
Mayor Nimmo advised that the group met and it was agreed that promotional material would be taken at a cost of approximately \$300 per community.

10. Tawatinaw Community Futures

Mayor Nimmo advised discussions took place regarding the 2010-2011 operation plans and funding.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.


Mayor


Manager