

**MINUTES OF THE NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010**

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

Council Absent: Mayor Nimmo

Staff Present: Henry Taylor, Town Manager and Chris Sutherland, Recording Secretary

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

10/085 Councillor Parsons moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

10/086 Councillor Fraser moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 28, 2010 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**ACCOUNTS**

1. Accounts

10/087 Deputy Mayor Horner moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$129,258.59 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Staff Sgt. Mac Richards – Morinville RCMP, Quarterly Report

Staff Sgt Richards attended the meeting to present Council with the first quarterly report of the year. On a whole, thefts and particularly theft from vehicles are down dramatically. Mischief complaints and criminal code are down as well. These three months are the most quite of the year. The policing direction for 2010-2011 as directed by Council will be property damage, theft from vehicles, vandalism, drugs, traffic and community relations such as visibility, community events, school programs and the Dare program.

Councillor Wyatt commented that the visibility of the RCMP in the Landing Trail area has been good.

The Town Manager mentioned that we had an incident of an individual taking select bags of recycling from certain households in Gibbons. His concern is identity theft.

Staff Sgt Richards left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. RCMP Victim Services – Charity Golf Classic Fundraiser

10/088 Councillor Fraser moved to sponsor the Victim Services Charity Golf Classic in the amount of \$200.00. CARRIED.

2. AB Municipal Affairs – High Intensity Residential Fires

This item was received for information.

3. Gibbons Public Library – Library Board Appointment

10/089 Councillor Boutin moved to appoint Crystal Bugg to the Gibbons Library Board. CARRIED.

4. See Virtual 360 – April Report

This item was received for information.

5. Town of Redwater – Request for backup EOC

Councillor Wyatt moved to accept the Town of Redwater's request to use the

10/090 Town of Gibbons municipal office for a backup location for their EOC in case of an evacuation. CARRIED.

6. Policy GA 47-10 – Solid Waste Receptacle Loss and Replacement Policy

10/091 Councillor Smyth moved to approve Policy GA 47-10 – Solid Waste Receptacle Loss and Replacement Policy as presented. CARRIED.

**STAFF REPORTS**

1. Town Manager's Report

- a) The Director of Marketing and Development and I will be meeting with the Honorable Mr. Jeff Johnson on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss issues around the Highway 28A twinning and the Gibbons Fire Department Grant for the replacement of the ERU which was denied by the Province.
- b) The Town Office Staff were host to the Gibbons School Grade 6 class as they toured the town office and Council Chambers as they completed their studies of municipal government.
- c) I have confirmation that I have successfully completed and passed the Administrative Law I course and I have now satisfied the requirements under the MGA and the regulation regarding matters relating to Assessment Complaint Regulations section 49 and can now act as the Clerk for the Local Assessment Review Board.
- d) CNN Minor Hockey has made a request for earlier start dates for the Arena for 2010/2011. Staff will review the costs of an earlier opening. The proposal is to have the arena opened on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- e) I will provide a detailed report on the convention for the Society of Local Government Managers at the next Council Meeting.
- f) The Sturgeon County CAO's will have a conference call on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM to deal with outstanding issues with respect to the Lily Lake Retreat held in February.
- g) I will have a meeting with the Gibbons Curling Club regarding grant funding for 2011 on May 5th, 2010.
- h) Tax and Assessment Notices were mail to our residents on Friday April 30, 2010.

Mr. Taylor advised that his meeting with Rico from the Gibbons Curling Club was very positive. The discussed funding issues both short and long term. They discussed cooperation with regards to grant applications. As they are a non-profit society, they can apply for grants that the municipality can't. They also talked about the renewal date of the contract, the responsibility of repair and maintenance as opposed to structural responsibilities of the town. Mr. Taylor said they are looking forward to working with the Club this year.

2. Public Work's Report

- a) Water  
Chlorine is good.  
Reservoir is at 90%
- b) Sewer  
Sewer lines are good no complaints.
- c) Roads  
Checking for Potholes and filling as required.  
Back lanes are being graded as conditions permit.  
Street sweeping is going good.
- d) Parks  
Equipment has been checked, fixing as parts become available.
- e) General.  
School is supposed to be going around to pick garbage. Timing unknown.  
Lift station construction is on schedule.  
Fish pond we will start filling this week.  
Grass equipment is ready to go.

Councillor Fraser questioned the quality of work of the Street sweeper. Mr. Taylor advised that Public Works has been having a few problems and they have done some tweaking of the valves and runners to fix the problem.

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1. Fort McMurray Trade Show

Mayor Nimmo, Councillors Fraser, Parsons and Wyatt all participated in the trade show. Councillor Parsons advised that they were not overly busy. Councillor Wyatt commented that they were in a bad spot. The Mayor and Councillor Wyatt inquired into better locations and they were told that in order to get the spots they wanted they would have to register in January. Mr. Taylor advised that this item would be brought forward next January for action.

#### 2. Sturgeon River Historical Society

Councillor Wyatt reminded everyone of the Chicken Supper and Silent Auction on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Horner congratulated Councillor Wyatt on passing his Administrative Law II course and advised that he also received his certificate for this course.

#### 3. Library Conference – Jasper

Councillor Boutin attended the library conference in Jasper which was a good conference. They discussed RVing in Mexico which is adult programming. They discussed getting the younger generation 12-34 into the library through technology, since this group is so focused on technology. This is the first time ages have been grouped together like this because all ages are at 6% of our population.

#### 4. PC Policy Conference

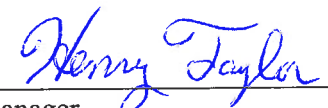
Deputy Mayor Horner was a delegate at this conference. While he was there he had a chance to talk to the Minister of Transportation, Mr. Ouellette. He explained to him the situation on our highway and how we have been put on hold. Mr. Ouellette told him to send a letter to him addressing our concerns and he assured that he would look after it.

Mr. Taylor advised that he has sent an email to Ian Baird in regards to concerns the town has and also mentioned the possibility of an acceleration lane on the south end of Town as discussed at last council meeting. Mr. Taylor will compose a letter to the Minister for the mayor's signature addressing all concerns.

Deputy Mayor Horner advised that at the conference value added industry was a very popular topic. About half of the people want the government to work on upgrading, agriculture etc. rather than shipping raw material out of province.

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Horner adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Manager