

MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011

Council Present: Mayor Nimmo, Deputy Mayor Fraser, Councillors Horner, Parsons, Rollison, Sandahl and Wyatt

Staff Present: Henry Taylor, 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

11/001 Councillor Wyatt moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – December 8, 2010

11/002 Deputy Mayor Fraser moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 8, 2010 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

1. Accounts

11/003 Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$336,221.81 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

2. Monthly Statement – November 2010

11/004 Councillor Sandahl moved to approve the monthly statements for November 2010 as presented. CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS

1. James J. McHardy – Project New Hope

Mr. McHardy was not present for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bylaw No. PI 4/10 – A Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta Respecting Waterworks and Sewer Servicing in the Town of Gibbons and To Provide for the Collection of Water and Sewer Service Charges in the Town. – Amendments Discussion

Councillor Rollison requested that under I-Definitions item #17 be changed to include “or agreement”.

17. “RENTER” means a person/s or organization that holds, or has the use of, property by payment of rent or agreement to the property owner.

Deputy Mayor Fraser requested 2(c) of III-Waterworks (last sentence) change “purchased” to “obtained”.

2(c) All new construction shall include installation of water meter(s) by the Town, prior to providing water for building purposes. Meters will be obtained from the town by the property owner(s) or builder in accordance with Schedule “A”

Deputy Mayor Fraser requested that the last sentence of IV-Sewers 4(e) be removed.

The person responsible for the spill shall pay the costs invoiced



Bylaw PI 4/10 will be amended and brought back to Council for third reading.

2. Policy No. GA 50-10 – Council Recognition of Long Term Volunteers

11/006

Councillor Rollison moved to approve Policy No. GA 50 – 10 – Council Recognition of Long Term Volunteers as presented. CARRIED.

3. Alberta's Industrial Heartland – 12th Annual Stakeholder Update & Luncheon

This item was received as information. Councillor Rollison will attend in Mayor Nimmo's absences.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Canadian Cancer Society – Daffodil Campaign

10/007

Councillor Wyatt moved to support the Canadian Cancer Society in their annual Daffodil Campaign by displaying their Daffodil Pin Box. CARRIED.

2. Bruce Turner Memorial Fastball Tournament – Request for Support

After much discussion, Deputy Mayor Fraser requested Administration to create a procedure policy regarding requests for support.

Councillor Sandahl moved to support the Bruce Turner Memorial Fast Ball Tournament as a tourism event by waiving the rental of the ball diamonds.

Deputy Mayor Fraser moved to table this motion. CARRIED. The request for support will be forwarded to the Community Services Board for their recommendation.

3. BrownLee LLP – Emerging Trends

Mayor Nimmo, Deputy Mayor Fraser and Councillors Rollison Sandahl and Wyatt will attend.

4. Fortis Alberta – Franchise Agreement Extension

This item was received for information.

5. See Virtual Tour – December Report

This item was received for information.

6. Total E&P Canada Ltd. – News Release

This item was received for information.

7. Dave Rodney, MLA – Bill 203

It was the consensus of Council not to support Bill 203

8. AEMA – Training Dates

This item was received for information.

BYLAWS

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STAFF REPORTS

1. CAO's Report

Sanitary Sewer Lift Station:

The pumps have been installed and the electrical work is due to be completed next week. The completion date is scheduled for the later part of January however we have no firm dates on servicing the gas and power from ATCO and FORTIS.

Watermain Upgrade:

The water main upgrade project for 51st Street is complete with the exception of some minor paving on 52nd Street in front of the Riverview Point Condominium which will be completed in the spring. Based on information from our engineers the sewer line under 51st street can be repaired by using a resin liner therefore additional excavation of the street will not be required therefore repaving of 51st can proceed and will be included as a project for Council's approval of the 2011 road improvement budget. Although final invoices have not been received as of the date of this report the project looks like it will come under budget.

Strata Developments:

At a meeting on January 6, 2011 the company indicated that they have sold all of their standard residential lots in Fort Saskatchewan and will be proceeding with development of a cul-de-sac in phase 7a this year. They are redesigning the proposed sub-division to conform to the updated development standards of the Town.

New Civic Centre Development:

The Town is expecting a first architectural draft of the proposed Civic Centre along with an updated cost estimate for the Council planning later in January.

2. Public Works Report

a) Water

Chlorine is at 1.20 mg/ltr average for two weeks. The minimum chlorine is 0.5 mg/ltr the high is 1.5 mg/ltr. This is at the reservoir. We also do grab samples at various locations through the Town 5 days a week and send in a Bacterial Test to the lab once a week from various spots around Town.

Reservoir is at 85% it has been maintaining this level steady.

b) Sewer

Sewer no problems over the holidays.

Industrial Park holding tanks are being pumped out once every two week now.

c) Roads.

Snow removal is ongoing, we were just about caught up and now we will start again. Main Street will done then Brumfit and Williams Park first, these are ones we missed last time. Lanes are always a problem, especially the ones in Birch area, we will try different options and see which works.

d) Parks

Nothing until spring.

Outdoor arena is being well used, it will have to be cleaned and flooded again, this may not happen for a while.

e) General.

Lift station construction is ongoing, electrical installation should be done by the end of the week, most of the mechanical is done about two days left for that. The small lift station to service Toans area is and hooked up but no power yet.

Post Office extension is started.

Arena roof is still leaking and in different areas this time. NE corner and over the Dance



4. Sturgeon County – November 2010

This item was received as information.

5. Significant Events Report – November 2010

This item was received as information.

6. Sturgeon County – December 2010

This item was received as information.

7. Significant Events Report – December 2010

This item was received as information.

8. Sustainability Development Report

Meeting wise it has been very quiet, which allowed me to work on some other projects. On December 23 I did attend the Landrex Christmas Social in St. Albert. It was a good chance to catch up with people from other local communities.

January 6 and 7 I started my Economic Development Training with the first course Establishing the Foundation. It was two very intense days which looked at almost all aspects of Eco Dev. It was extremely interesting and informative.

I completed my Planning Course, at the University of Alberta, in late December. It was very detailed look at planning in Alberta, and the information I learnt will come in handy with all the future development we will be seeing.

11/008 Deputy Mayor Fraser moved to accept the Staff Reports as presented. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Curling Club

Councillor Rollison attended and advised that they are still having problems with their website. Their receivables are up. They are also looking at getting over ice cameras, but are having problem finding anyone to come out.

2. Roseridge Landfill

Councillor Parsons attended this meeting

3. Gibbons Fire Department

Councillor Horner attended. Mayor Nimmo advised that at this year's candy drive they picked up 4411 lbs of food and \$1,100 in cash donations.

4. Sturgeon Foundation

Councillor Wyatt attended this meeting. They are reworking their budget. Councillor Wyatt has asked for a copy of their business plan.

5. Gibbons Library

Councillor Sandahl advised that he has contacted the Gibbons Library regarding downloading e-books. It appears that the library has a 16 bit program that does not allow for downloading to a 32 or 64 bit operating system. The librarian will be sending an email to see if there is a fix for this problem. It will probably need a new program which will cost.



11/009 Deputy Mayor Fraser moved that Administration prepare a sidewalk snow removable bylaw for Council's consideration. CARRIED. Council was advised that Public Works Staff is also working on a snow removal policy.

7. Food Bank


Mayor Nimmo advised that over the Christmas season he spent a lot of time working with the Food Bank.

8. Community Futures Tawatinaw Region

Mayor Nimmo attended.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.


Mayor


Manager