

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016

PRESENT

Doug Jones	Mayor
Kevin Brost	Deputy Mayor
Trevor Hittel	Councillor
Joseph Lazzari	Councillor
Dennis Punter	Councillor
Thomas Tracy	Councillor
Stacey Wiechnik	Councillor

ABSENT

None

ATTENDING

Charmain Snell	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Tracy Wright	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

C397(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hittel that Council adopts the agenda governing the Regular Council Meeting of June 8, 2016 as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Regular Council
Meeting held
May 11, 2016

C398(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Punter that Council approves the minutes of the May 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING
FROM PREVIOUS
MINUTES

None.

WRITTEN and/or
VERBAL REPORTS:

Public Works
Foreman's Report

The PWF provided a written report with verbal updates to Council on matters related to Public Works.

Recreation
Director's Report

The RD provided a written report to Council on matters related to Recreation.

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RESOLUTION by Councillor Wiechnik that Council accepts for information the Public Works Foreman's and the Recreation Director's reports as presented.
CARRIED

DELEGATION(S)

Andrea Thornton,
Communities in
Action

Andrea Thornton from Communities in Action was in attendance to provide Council with information regarding new program funding that Communities in Action has received. In November, 2015, CIA received a 2-3 year grant from Human Services to address and prevent domestic violence in our communities. The mandate of the program is to (1) Network with community agencies to raise awareness and create supportive, trauma-informed environments where people feel it is safe to report incidents of domestic violence, (2) Enhance knowledge and skills of informal supports through

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education and a website that houses directory of services, and (3) Strengthen the awareness of our community and the capacity of our networks to effectively deal with domestic violence and prevent it from happening.

Pat Boyd and
Brent Robertson,
MPE Engineering

Pat Boyd and Brent Robertson of MPE Engineering were in attendance to present Council with the draft report on the Hospital Storm Water Management Study that was initiated by Council at the February 10th, 2016 regular Council meeting. The report found that the area in question is a bowl that does not drain overland – it needs to be drained by pump, sewer or ponded. A new storm lift station sized appropriately to handle major rain events is not feasible, practical, or common practice. In addition, due to the proposed expansions of the Hospital and Physician’s Clinic, onsite storage may not be an option unless it went underground. There is a necessity to add additional storage ponds in the area or gravity sewer. Recommend options are a gravity sewer main to the golf course ponds or south along 2nd.

Sylvia Adams and
Jason Birchmore,
ATCO Electric

Sylvia Adams and Jason Birchmore were in attendance to discuss with Council a proposal to remove the current ROADWAY lighting product that was installed throughout the Town in 2015 with GENERAL ELECTRIC LED fixtures. With the recent fire events that have taken place in Fort McMurray, there were many street light structures that suffered irreparable damage. Fort McMurray recent converted 5100 street lights in their community from HPS to ROADWAY LED lighting fixtures at a cost of over 4 million dollars. Administrators in Fort McMurray have indicated that they would like ATCO Electric to replace the damaged lighting with the same ROADWAY lighting product that was installed previously. ATCO Electric is unable to obtain enough of the fixtures in a timely manner and have requested to remove the ROADWAY fixtures from Oyen, replace them with a comparable product, and place them in Fort McMurray at a zero cost to the taxpayers of Oyen.

Jordon Christianson,
Chairman, Special
Areas Board

Jordan Christianson, Chairman of the Special Areas Board was in attendance at the request of Mayor Jones to speak to Council regarding the Grassroots Alberta Landowners Association and the recently announced board review that the Provincial Government has undertaken.

RECESS

Mayor Jones called the meeting to recess at 8:30 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Jones calls the meeting to reconvene at 8:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:
Calendars

Council was provided with an updated calendar of upcoming events and meetings for the period June, 2016 through August, 2016.

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C400(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Wiechnik that Council accepts for information the calendar of upcoming events and meetings for the period June, 2016 through August, 2016 with the following changes:

- 1. June 15 – PEP Broadband Information Session – Mayor Jones**
- 2. June 15 – MGA Review – Mayor Jones and Councillor Punter**
- 3. June 27 – Oyen Health Task Force – Mayor Jones and Councillor Punter**
- 4. June 29 – Big Country Medical Dental Board – Mayor Jones (Councillor Lazzari and Councillor Punter Alternates)**
- 5. August 20 – Marigold Library Board – Councillor Punter (Deputy Mayor Brost Alternate)**
- 6. There will be no Oyen Municipal Library Board meeting scheduled in July and August.**

CARRIED

Sale of Doctor's Residence

Doctor Roxanne Ward (Conde) and her husband have submitted a request to purchase the residence that was purchased last year by the Town of Oyen in partnership with the Special Areas and the MD of Acadia. This request was reviewed by the Big Country Medical Dental Board and a recommendation to sell the house for a purchase price of \$350,000.00 has been put forward for Council approval.

C401(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Punter that Council supports the recommendation received from the Big Country Medical Dental Board for the sale of the home to Doctor and Mr. Ward for the recommended sale price of \$350,000.00; and that the resulting funds be held in trust with the Board for the future purchase of a new home for the future doctors.

CARRIED

Marigold Library – Schedule C

The Town of Oyen has received a letter from the Marigold Library System that requests the Town to sign off on an amendment to the Marigold Agreement outlining Marigold's levy rates for 2017 and 2018. A change or amendment to the rates requires written notification from 60% of the Parties to the Agreement representing 60% of the people living within the boundaries of Marigold Library System.

C402(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Council supports the levy rate increases to \$5.94 per capita for 2017 and \$6.06 per capita for 2018 that were approved by the Marigold Library System Board and authorize Mayor Jones to sign a revised Schedule C of the Agreement by and between the Parties comprising the Marigold Library System on behalf of the Town of Oyen.

CARRIED

Physician Clinic

A letter of request was sent to Alberta Health Services on May 5, 2016. The purpose of the request was to inquire if AHS would be willing to sub-divide and sell a portion of the property that is currently owned by Alberta Health Services and the location of the Big Country Hospital. The request was reviewed by the Zone and conditional accepted (subject to fair value and ministerial approval).

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor and Council submitted verbal reports on activities and meetings since the May 11, 2016 regular Council meeting.

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C403(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Tracy that Council accept for information the verbal Councillor Reports received on activity and meetings that were attended since the May 11, 2016 regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

CAO REPORT &
ACTION LIST

The CAO and Project Manager provided written reports with verbal updates to Council.

C404(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Council accepts for information the CAO and Project Manager's reports as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council was presented with the following information for review:

1. Letter received from Canadian Badlands re: Thank-you for contribution and support of the 6th Annual Canadian Badlands Tourism Development Conference and AGM.
2. Email received from Sharon Berg re: Donation of Family Swim Pass for a Golf Fundraiser Tournament.
3. Shoestring Social Media Marketing Training presented by Return to Rural
4. Letter received from Municipal Affairs re: Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence.
5. Letter received from Municipal Affairs re: Seniors' Week in Alberta
6. Letter received from Kari Kuzmiski, President, Chamber of Commerce re: Sponsorship of Local Event and Community Garage and Sidewalk Sale.

C405(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hittel that Council authorizes the donation of a "Family Season Swim Pass" to the Oyen & District Golf and Country Club to be used in support of their fundraiser on Saturday, May 28th, 2016.

CARRIED

C406(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Punter for Mayor and Council to proclaim on behalf of the Town of Oyen, the week of June 6-12, 2016 as "Seniors" Week 2016.

CARRIED

C407(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Wiechnik that Council accept the balance of the correspondence for information as presented.

CARRIED

C408(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Punter that Council go in Camera at 9:50 p.m. to discuss a matters related to labour.

CARRIED

C409(16/06/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Wiechnik that Council comes out of camera at 10:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jones adjourned the Regular Council Meeting on June 8, 2016 at 10:30 pm.

*Original Signed by
Doug Jones*

DATE

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*Original Signed by
Charmain Snell*

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO)

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