

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

PRESENT

Doug Jones	Mayor
Stacey Wiechnik	Deputy Mayor
Kevin Brost	Councillor
Trevor Hittel	Councillor
Joseph Lazzari	Councillor
Tom Tracy	Councillor

ABSENT

Dennis Punter	Councillor
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ATTENDING

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

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Wiechnik called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

AGENDA

C612(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Tracy that Council adopts the agenda governing the regular Council meeting of June 14, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Regular Council
Meeting held
May 17, 2017

C613(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Brost that Council approves the minutes of the May 17, 2017 regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING
FROM PREVIOUS
MINUTES

Old Swimming Pool

The CAO suggested to Council that they have CT & Associates Engineering take core samples at the Old Swimming Pool Property as a first step prior to undertaking a Phase One Environmental Study to investigate if there is any contaminants present in the soil. If contaminants are found to be present, Council can decide if they wish to proceed with any further investigations.

C614 (17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Council direct Administration to request core samples be taken by CT & Associates Engineering at the Old Swimming Pool property and test the samples for possible contaminants within the soil.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Keith and Donna
MacLean, Kim Walker
Andy Reeves

Keith MacLean, Donna MacLean, and Kim Walker all of MacLean's Funeral Home, and Andy Reeves from Summit Memorials were in attendance to discuss Section 6 (9) of the Cemetery Bylaw No. 830-13 which states "Twelve (12) full months must lapse between the date of interment and the placing of any marker or monument". Council discussed the matter with the delegates and it was suggested that the Cemetery Committee be tasked with reviewing the Bylaw and bringing suggestions forward to Council at a future Council meeting.

Daniel Schindel

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Schindel Agencies
114 Main Street

Daniel Schindel, owner of the building located at 114 Main Street presented Council with a letter and a quote for work that needs to be completed to repair or replace the sewer line that is located underneath of his building. He has contracted with a directional driller to price out and develop a plan to run new lines into the building, however, this would require the removal of the sidewalk and excavation down to where the lines are located so they can tie the new line into the main. He is requesting financial assistance from the Town to complete this project. The matter was discussed by Council and due to the fact that the Public Works Foreman was unable to attend the meeting, the matter was held over until the next Council meeting.

WRITTEN and/or
VERBAL REPORTS:

Public Works
Foreman's Report

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

Recreation
Director's Report

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

C615(17/06/14)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Calendars

Council was provided with an updated calendar of upcoming events and meetings for the period June, 2017 through August, 2017.

C616(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Brost that Council accepts for information the calendar of upcoming events and meetings for the period June, 2017 through August, 2017 as presented CARRIED

Letter of Resignation
Dennis Punter

Councillor Dennis Punter submitted his letter of resignation from Council to the Chief Administrative Officer on May 31, 2017 due to his relocation away from the Town of Oyen. As per Section 161(3) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), "the resignation is effective on the date it is received by the Chief Administrative Officer" and as per Section 161(4) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), "The chief administrative officer must report the resignation at the first council meeting after receiving the resignation."
Under Section 162 of the MGA, a council must hold a by-election to fill a vacancy on council unless:
(a) the vacancy occurs in the 6 months before a general election, or
(b) the council consist of 6 or more councillors and the vacancy occurs
(i) in the 18 months before a general election and there is only one vacancy, or
(ii) in the 12 months before a general election and the number of councillors remaining is at least one more than the majority of the number of councillors comprising the council under section 143.

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C617(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hittel that Council, direct Administration to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature acknowledging Councillor Punter's resignation and thanking him for his service to the Town of Oyen; and further, that Council elect not to hold a by-election to fill the position as per Section 162 (a) of the Municipal Government Act. CARRIED

AMSC Energy
Aggregation Program

AUMA understands the fiscal pressures our municipalities are facing and take proactive steps to help ensure our members receive strong value for their money. This aggregation opportunity will achieve budget stability while locking-in pricing during this low priced environment. Although the electricity market is also undergoing a phase of uncertainty due to the Government of Alberta's announcement of a transition towards a capacity market, the government and the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) have communicated that no changes will be implemented until 2021. To ensure AUMA members can take advantage of this opportunity while mitigating the risk of an uncertain future electricity market, AUMA/AMSC will be offering aggregated procurements for electricity supply up to December 31, 2020, and natural gas supply up to December 31, 2022.

C618(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hittel that Council authorized the execution of the Pricing Schedule to participate in the AMSC Energy Program's aggregated public procurement for Electricity for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 and for Natural Gas for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022. CARRIED

Lease of Land to
Ruschkowski

John Ruschkowski has approached the Town to inquire as to whether or not he would be able to lease a portion of land adjacent to the airport for the purpose of grazing horses. John had a previous lease with the Town for same portion of land that expired in 2012. He is requesting to reinstate the lease but he will build at his own cost a new section of fence to keep the six (6) horses that will be grazing on this lease away from our borrow pit (created for the subdivision) and the pond (dump) used for the golf course.

C619(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Tracy that Council direct Administration to prepare a new lease agreement with John Rushkowski for the land identified in the map presented at Council for a cost of \$40.00 per month plus all taxes that may be levied by the Town. CARRIED

Environmental
Assessment of
101 Main Street

The final report on the Hazardous Materials Survey completed by Sherlock Environmental on 101 Main Street was presented for review to Council.

C620(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Brost that Council accept the report for information and direct Administration to bring the matter forward to the next regular Council meeting. CARRIED

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Letters of Support
BCAS and Assumption
School Parent Council

The Assumption School Parent Council attended the previous regular Council meeting in May and informed Council of their plans to purchase a new playground for the Assumption School. They have since requested a letter of support from Council that can be included in their applications for grant funding.

Big Country Ag Society has also submitted a request for a letter of support from Council to be included in their application for grant funding to build an indoor animal wash bay within the current facility.

C621(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that Council direct Administration to prepare for the Mayor's Signature a letter of support for the Big Country Ag Society in support of their grant applications to build an indoor animal wash bay. CARRIED

C622(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Tracy that Council direct Administration to prepare for the Mayor's Signature a letter of support for the Assumption School Parent Council in support of their grant application to build a new playground. CARRIED

Request of Speed
Control – Ball's Mobile
Home Park

Ken Graham, owner of Ball's Mobile Home Park has submitted a request to Administration for the Town to post a speed limit of 15 km/h within the park. Section 10.2 of Bylaw 785-08 Regulation Actions in Public Places states that "unless otherwise posted the speed limit within the Town shall be fifty (50) kilometers per hour except the maximum in any alley shall be twenty (20) kilometers per hour."

C623(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Council direct Administration to inform the Park owner, Ken Graham, that speed limits in alleyways is currently set at twenty (20) kilometres per hour; and further to instruct Public Works to post signage at either end of the park to indicate this for residents travelling through the Park. CARRIED

MSI Amending
Memorandum of
Agreement

The current agreement for MSI funding expired on December 31, 2016. In order to continue the flow of funding for 2017 and 2018, an amending agreement must be signed to formally extend the program.

C624(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that Council direct Administration to prepare the MSI Amending Memorandum of Agreement received from Municipal Affairs for signature and once signed forward said documents to the Honorable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs for processing. CARRIED

Fire Safety Program

Paul Lijdsman, Fire Chief for the Oyen Volunteer Fire Department has requested that the Town cover the cost of booking Mary Lambert Productions to present "Sing Out Fire Safety" to the elementary level students in Oyen and the surrounding communities (New Brigden, Acadia Valley, etc.).

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C625(17/06/14) **RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that Council direct Administration to cover the cost of the fire safety production on behalf of the Oyen Volunteer Fire Department and include it as a training and development expense in the 2017 budget. CARRIED**

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 857-17
Amending Bylaw
847-15

A bylaw of the Town of Oyen to amend Bylaw No. 847-15, being a bylaw to incur indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing three (3) Dodge Ram trucks.

C626(17/06/14) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Tracy that Bylaw 857-17, a bylaw of the Town of Oyen to amend Bylaw No. 847-15, being a bylaw to incur indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing three (3) Dodge Ram trucks, be given first reading. CARRIED**

C627(17/06/14) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Brost that Bylaw 857-17, a bylaw of the Town of Oyen to amend Bylaw No. 847-15, being a bylaw to incur indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing three (3) Dodge Ram trucks, be given second reading. CARRIED**

C628(17/06/14) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Council, with the unanimous consent of Council members present, proceed to the 3rd reading of Bylaw 857-17 at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C629(17/06/14) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Hittel that Bylaw 857-17, a bylaw of the Town of Oyen to amend Bylaw No. 847-15, being a bylaw to incur indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing three (3) Dodge Ram trucks, be given third and final reading. CARRIED**

Bylaw No. 858-17
Amending Bylaw No.
858-17

A bylaw of the Town of Oyen to amend Bylaw No. 858-17, being a bylaw of the Town of Oyen in the Province of Alberta to authorize temporary borrowing for the purpose of financing operating expenditures in 2017.

C630(17/06/14) **RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that Bylaw 858-17, being a bylaw of the Town of Oyen in the Province of Alberta to authorize temporary borrowing for the purpose of financing operating expenditures in 2017, be given first reading. CARRIED**

C631(17/06/14) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Tracy that Bylaw 858-17, being a bylaw of the Town of Oyen in the Province of Alberta to authorize temporary borrowing for the purpose of financing operating expenditures in 2017, be given second reading. CARRIED**

C632(17/06/14) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Brost that Council, with the unanimous consent of Council members present, proceed to the 3rd reading of Bylaw 858-17 at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C633(17/06/14) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Bylaw 858-17, being a bylaw of the Town of Oyen in the Province of Alberta to authorize temporary borrowing for the purpose of financing operating expenditures in 2017, be given third and final reading. CARRIED**

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor and Council submitted verbal reports on activities and meetings since the May 17, 2017 regular Council meeting.

C634(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Council go in Camera at 8:03 p.m. CARRIED

C635(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that Council comes out of camera at 8:21 p.m. CARRIED

C636(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Council accept for information the verbal Councillor reports received on activity and meetings that were attended since the May 17, 2017 regular Council meeting. CARRIED

CAO REPORT & ACTION LIST

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

C637(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hittel that Council accept for information the CAO and Project Managers reports and action list as presented. CARRIED

FINANCIAL

The CAO presented the Budget Performance Report for the Year-to-Date Period ending May 31, 2017.

C638(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that Council accepts for information the Budget Performance Report as presented. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Letter received from Heather Norris, President Badlands Baseball Academy re: Upgrades to the Senior Baseball Diamond

C639(17/06/14)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Tracy that Council receives for information the correspondence presented at the June 14, 2017 regular Council meeting. CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jones adjourned the regular Council meeting on June 14, 2017 at 9:30 pm.

*Original Signed by
Doug Jones*

DATE

MAYOR

*Original Signed by
Charmain Snell*

DATE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO)

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