

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Stacey Wiechnik	Deputy Mayor
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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

**C640(17/07/12)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Brost that Council adopts the agenda governing the regular Council meeting of July 12, 2017 as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

MINUTES

Regular Council  
Meeting held  
June 14, 2017

**C641(17/07/12)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Hittel that Council approves the minutes of the June 14, 2017 regular Council meeting as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM PREVIOUS

MINUTES

Demolition of 101  
Main Street

The CAO discussed with Council the demolition of 101 Main Street and the necessary funding that would have to be acquired before the job could begin. The CAO is meeting with Municipal Affairs in August and will try to find some solutions to bring back for Council consideration.

DELEGATIONS

None.

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 to Council on matters related to Recreation.

**C642(17/07/12)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Hittel 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 July, 2017 through September, 2017.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
CAO

C643(17/07/12)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Council accepts for information the calendar of upcoming events and meetings for the period July, 2017 through September, 2017 with the following changes:**

1. July 17 – Oyen & District Golf Course – Councillor Brost (Councillor Lazzari Alternate)
  2. July 26 – Palliser Economic Partnership Railway Project – Mayor Jones
- CARRIED**

Mandatory Training for Elected Officials

AUMA and AAMDC are providing a training course that will fully satisfy the MGA requirements for municipalities to offer training to all new and returning elected officials within 90 days after they have taken the oath of office. This will be a two-day Municipalities 101: The Essentials of Municipal Governance course is part of the modernized Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP). This course is a joint venture of AUMA and AAMDC funded by Municipal Affairs.

The Village of Consort is also attempting to organize a training event for this fall after the general election. The CAO has contact Derek King from Brownlee LLP to present a full day of training in order to meet the new requirements under the amended MGA.

C644(17/07/12)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Brost that Council direct Administration to enroll all newly elected or returning officials and the Chief Administrative Officer in the training course that will be offered by the Village of Consort to ensure that the Town is in compliance with the training requirements as required by the Municipal Government Act.**

**CARRIED**

Advance Vote

Section 73 of the Local Authorities Election Act provides for the holding of an advance vote. The right to vote is a fundamental democratic right that is protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It is the cornerstone of democracy. While democracy involves much more than holding election every four years, voting is a powerful way to send a message to governments and politicians. The more votes, the more powerful the message is. In other words, every vote counts. Providing citizens with the option to vote in an advanced poll increases the opportunity for every citizen to have a voice in their local government.

C645(17/07/12)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Council resolve to hold an advance vote with dates and times to be determined by the Returning Officer.**

**CARRIED**

Leave of Absence

Council approval is being sought for a Leave of Absence for members of Council unable to attend the July 12, 2017 regular Council meeting.

C646(17/07/12)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Tracy that approve the absence of Deputy Mayor Wiechnik from the July 12, 2017 regular Council meeting.**

**CARRIED**

BYLAWS

None.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor and Council submitted verbal reports on activities and meetings since the June 14, 2017 regular Council meeting.

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Mayor

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CAO

C647(17/07/12)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Lazzari that Council accept for information the verbal Councillor reports received on activity and meetings that were attended since the June 14, 2017 regular Council meeting.** **CARRIED**

CAO REPORT &  
ACTION LIST

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

C648(17/07/12)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Tracy 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 June 30, 2017.

C649(17/07/12)

**RESOLUTION by Tracy that Council accepts for information the Budget Performance Report as presented.** **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter received from Jay Slep to Justice Myra Bielby, Chair, Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
2. Letter received from Sandy Kelts re: Incident at the Oyen Senior's Lodge
3. Crime Statistics Report – Oyen RCMP Detachment
4. Email received from Walter Valentini, Palliser Economic Partnership re: Port of Wild Horse

C650(17/07/12)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Brost that Council approve the complete removal of the power pole and the relocation of the street light to the pole located directly South of the current location by ATCO power for a cost not to exceed \$1,400.00.** **CARRIED**

C651(17/07/12)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Hittel that Council support the following resolution:**

**Whereas the "The Port of Wild Horse - a Business Case for Service Improvements" report, confirms the economic opportunities will be realized when the hours of operation are extended and electronic equipment installed at the Wild Horse Border crossing.**

**Whereas the Town of Oyen is in full support of this initiative as this action will enable and increase the flow of commercial traffic, thus enhancing economic activity and growth of Southeast Alberta.**

**Whereas combined incremental costs for staff and equipment at the Port of Wild Horse would be approximately \$500,000, it is estimated that the benefit-cost ratio to the Government of Canada would be in excess of 2.0.**

**Whereas the Canada Border Services Agency, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada has committed \$2M to upgrade the border crossing.**

**Whereas the Town of Oyen is an active partner with the Wild Horse Border Crossing Committee through its involvement with Palliser**

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Mayor

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CAO

**Economic Partnership, and likeminded organizations in the State of Montana.**

**Therefore be it resolved that the Government of Alberta designate the Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade as the key elected representative, supported by the Honourable Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Honourable Brian Mason Minister of Transportation and Minister of Infrastructure, to advocate the following efforts to Canada Border Services Agency, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada:**

- 1. Extend the Port of Wild Horse Border hours of operation to a minimum of 13 hours per day, 365 days per year.**
- 2. Install the Electronic Data Interchange Equipment and System to facilitate processing of commercial traffic and process commercial traffic at the Port of Wild Horse 365 days per year.**

**CARRIED**

CONFIDENTIAL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jones adjourned the regular Council meeting on July 12, 2017 at 7:57 pm.

*Original Signed by  
Doug Jones*

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DATE

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MAYOR

*Original Signed by  
Charmain Snell*

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DATE

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO)

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Mayor

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CAO