

TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday June 24, 2009 - 6:00 pm

Town Council Chambers Smoky Lake, Alberta

PRESENT: Dave Franchuk Mayor
Therese Taschuk Deputy Mayor
Dave Paches Councillor
John Cherniwchan Councillor

NOTE: Councillor Taylor was absent from this meeting

ADMINISTRATION: Earla Wagar Interim CAO

PRESS: Smoky Lake Signal present

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dave Franchuk called the meeting to order at 6.10 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #223/09 **MOVED** by Councillor John Cherniwchan

That the June 24, 2009 agenda be adopted with the following additions:

6.j. Fireworks

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

a. Curtis Boychuk, Not present

4. QUESTION PERIOD

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) June 10, 2009 – Regular Council Meeting

MOTION #224/09

MOVED by Councilor John Cherniwchan

That the June 10, 2009 Regular Council minutes be accepted as amended/corrected.

CARRIED

(b) June 17, 2009 – Special Council Meeting

Motion #225/09

Moved by Councillor Dave Paches

That the June 17, 2009 Special Council minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. GENERAL GOVERNANCE SERVICES

a) Senior's Drop-In Centre

Ron Desmit and Olga Kokotilo representing the Smoky Lake Senior's Association approached Council with a request for assistance in completing the bathroom renovations to the Drop-In Centre. To date they have spent approximately \$25,000.00 and require approximately \$15,000.00 more.

Mayor Franchuk confirmed that the Town owns the building which houses the Senior Drop-In Centre. He further acknowledged that the facility serves as a hub for the seniors in the community.

Councillor Paches requested that the Senior's Association prepare a long term renovation plan for Council to review.

MOTION #226/09

MOVED by Councilor John Cherniwchan

That Administration be directed to work with the Smoky Lake Senior's organization to assist in accessing grant funds to complete their project.

CARRIED

b) Dust Control on 50th Avenue

The volume of traffic on 50th Avenue between Harvest Gold Drive and the County Public Works yard is creating a problem for the new car wash located in the area.

MOTION #227/09

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk

That the Town of Smoky Lake contribute a maximum of \$750.00 to Smoky Lake County for the incorporation of dust suppressant along 50th Avenue from Harvest Gold Drive to the Smoky Lake County Public Works yard.

CARRIED

c) MSI Grant Amending Agreement

MOTION #228/09

MOVED by Councillor John Cherniwchan

That the Mayor and Interim CAO be authorized to sign the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (Operating) Amending Agreement which will allow the Town to carry forward funds and projects for one year.

CARRIED

d) New Fire Truck

MOTION #229/09

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk

That the Town of Smoky Lake allocate a reserve fund for the purpose of a joint purchase with Smoky Lake County for a new Pumper Truck in 2013.

CARRIED

e) CAO Search

This item was deferred to the end of the meeting.

f) 2009 Budget Review

It was recommended by the Interim CAO that the 2009 Budget be reviewed prior to the introduction of the Tax Rate Bylaw to confirm that sufficient funds have been allocated for sewage lagoon cleaning and equipment repairs.

MOTION #230/09

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk

That the 2009 budget be reviewed and amendments considered prior to the presentation and approval of the Tax Rate Bylaw.

CARRIED

g) Meeting Schedule to approve Tax Rate Bylaw

MOTION #231/09

MOVED by Councillor John Cherniwchan

That the Council Meeting Schedule be amended to include a meeting on July 8, 2009 as well as the scheduled meeting of July 15, 2009 in order to allow Council time to review the 2009 Budget and approve the 2009 Tax Rate. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

h) Redwater-Smoky Lake Victim Services Unit

MOTION #232/09

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk that the Town of Smoky Lake sponsor one hole and donate to golf shirts to the Redwater-Smoky Lake Victim Services Unit for their 2009 annual golf tournament fund raiser.

CARRIED

i) Sewage Lagoon Sludge Build-Up

It has been identified by Public Works Foreman, Lorne Fedirchuk that the sludge build-up in the sewage lagoons has become a serious concern. He has indicated that the removal of the sludge this year will prevent any infiltration into other cells. This is considered a maintenance issue requiring attention every 7 to 10 years.

MOTION #233/09

MOVED by Councillor John Cherniwchan

That, subject to the 2009 Budget being amended, Aqua Clear Environmental Services be contracted to remove and dispose of the sludge from the sewage lagoons, as per their quote dated June 2, 2009.

CARRIED

j) Fireworks

Councillor Paches inquired about the funding for the Heritage Day and Christmas Light Up fireworks. Interim CAO, Earla Wagar confirmed that \$6,500.00 has been included in the budget, based on donations in the amount of \$3,000.00 for these occasions.

Mayor Dave Franchuk called for a recess at 7:25 pm

Mayor Dave Franchuk called the meeting back to order at 7:30 pm

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

a) Mayor Dave Franchuk

Reported he attended the following:

- Fire Committee Mtg.
- Muni-core
- JEDI Meeting
- Special Council Meeting, June 17, 2009
- Joint Municipalities Mtg.
- FCSS Meeting

b) Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk (*attached*)

Reported she attended the following:

- Regional Planning Seminar
- Special Council Meeting, June 17, 2009
- Joint Fire Committee Meeting
- Canada Day Mtg.
- Joint Municipalities
- FCSS
- Regular Council, June 24, 2009

c) Councilor David Paches

Reported he attended the following:

- Senior's Foundation, June 12, 2009
- Special Council Meeting, June 17, 2009
- Foundation Meeting
- Fire Dept Mtg.
- Joint Municipalities Mtg.
- Regular Council, June 24, 2009

d) Councilor Nathan Taylor

No Report

e) Councilor John Cherniwchan

Reported he attended the following:

- Special Council Meeting, June 17, 2009
- Fire Dept. Meeting
- Golf Course Meeting
- Joint Municipalities Mtg.
- Regular Council, June 24, 2009

MOTION #234/09

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk

That the Council reports be accepted as presented

CARRIED

MOTION #235/09

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk

That the following streets be closed to accommodate the Canada Day Parade on July 1, 2009 between the hours of 10:30 am to 12:30 p.m.

- Wild Rose Avenue beginning at the intersection of Railway Avenue, west to White Earth Street,
- north on White Earth Street to Wheatland Avenue,
- then east on Wheatland Avenue to Railway Avenue,
- and finally closing Railway Avenue between Wheatland Avenue and Wild Rose Avenue.

CARRIED

Administration was directed to notice the various emergency services of this closure.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

a) Administration Report

- 2009 Budget Review & Taxes
- 2008 Audit
- Bylaw Enforcement
- CAO Search
- Safety Codes Inspection Service
- TILMA
- Assessment Appeal Process
- Gas Utility Audit

MOTION #234/09

MOVED by Councillor John Cherniwchan

That the administration report and information listing be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Accounts Payable & Payroll

MOTION #235/09

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk

That the accounts payable in the amount of \$32,311.05 and payroll direct deposits and cheques in the amount of \$6,000.00 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

10. PUBLIC UTILITIES/GAS

In May, 2009 the Town gas well produced 1,009.4 gj of gas equating to 20% of the Town's consumption for that month.

The June gas rate is set at \$4.60 per gj.

11. PUBLIC WORKS

Serviced and cleaned radiator at gas well;
Replaced valves at Water Plant;
Annual spring flushing of water and sewer lines;
Water construction project near completion;
Service equipment;
Cut grass, sweep streets, trims trees;
Pot hole repairs;
Changed out 20 gas meters.

12. EMERGENCY/PROTECTIVE SERVICES

a) No report

MOTION #236/09

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk

That the Public Works and Gas Utility reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

13. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Athabasca-Redwater P.C. Association, request for donation to Golf Tournament.

- b) Minister of Transportation, confirmation of AMIP Grant.
- c) Hawkings, Epp, Dumont, LLP, Information letter.
- d) Capital Region Assessment Services Commission, 2008 Audited Financial Statement.

MOTION #237/09

MOVED by Councilor Dave Paches

To accept these correspondence items as information.

CARRIED

MOTION 238/09

MOVED by Mayor Dave Franchuk that the Town of Smoky Lake sponsor a Bronze Tee for the 2009 fund raiser golf tournament.

Question called by Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk.

CARRIED

ITEM # 6e CAO SEARCH

Mr. Archie Grover of Activation Analysis Group Inc. presented Council with a proposal and schedule for the recruitment of a new CAO.

MOTION #239/09

MOVED by Councillor Dave Paches

That an agreement with Activation Analysis Group Inc. for assistance in recruiting a new CAO, be entered into and that the process be started as soon as possible.

CARRIED

14. In-Camera Session

MOTION #240/09

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Therese Taschuk

That Council move "In Camera" at 8:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel item.

15. Out-of Camera

MOTION #241/09

MOVED by Councillor John Cherniwchan

That Council move "Out-Of-Camera" at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #242/09

MOVED by Mayor Dave Franchuk

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Dave Franchuk
Mayor

Earla Wagar
interim CAO