

Minutes of Tuesday June 18, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, held in Council Chambers, at 906 Highway Avenue Nobleford, AT 7:00PM

Council

Mayor Marguerite Wobick, Councilor Don McDowell, Councilor Wanda Luchia, Councilor Pete Pelley

Councilor Tony Aleman (absent)

Staff

Kirk Hofman, Chief Administrative Officer, Ashley Sherman, Recording Secretary

Gallery

No one in the gallery

Call to Order

Mayor Wobick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. --- Open floor to citizens.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

June 18, 2013

208 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor Pelley to approve the June 18, 2013 meeting agenda with the addition of 8.4 regarding Councilor Aleman's leave of absence and filling the committees for the time of this leave.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 4, 2013

209 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor McDowell to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2013 meeting with the correction of motion # 191 – 2013 to read as follows:

#191, "MOVED BY Councilor Luchia to approve the agenda for the June 4, 2013 regular council meeting with the addition of ~~letter from Jen's Restaurant~~ regarding parking on Highway Avenue."

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Three Bay Fire Hall Plans Review, Authorize CAO to advertise, Award contracts at July 2 Meeting

210 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor McDowell that Council approve MPE drawings for 3 bay Fire hall and that CAO prepare tender and invite bidders, with bids to be presented at July 2, 2013 Council meeting and that CAO inquire about the costs for separate electric and gas services for each building.

CARRIED

\$30,000 concrete sidewalk tender bids to be collected and presented to Council on July 2, 2013.

DELEGATIONS

Merlin McNaughton, Fortis

Made a presentation regarding renewal of the Franchise Agreement including the following:

- Opting out of the Agreement
- Street Lights – LED v. Standard
- Benefits of being part of this type of Agreement
- Length of the Agreement and what happens if Agreement lapses
- Changes to the Agreement
- Franchise Fees
- Bylaw and process

FORTIS Franchise agreement

211 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor Pelley to request that the CAO draft a ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT Bylaw for the first and second reading at the July 2, 2013 meeting.

CARRIED

Jen's Restaurant, Highway Avenue Parking Request

David from Jen's Restaurant was here to make a presentation on the parking issues in Nobleford with interpreter Yan Yan, owner of the Enchant Restaurant helping with translation. Email letter from June 17 from Taylors was also reviewed. David spoke about their concerns with the highway avenue parking situation and what the alternatives are to parking on Highway Avenue.

Jens Parking

212 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor Pelley that the Village reconfirm is NO Parking position on Highway Avenue and that CAO send out a letter to Jens reiterating and clarifying that Jens Restaurant customers are allowed to park in Municipal Office/ Museum parking area.

CARRIED

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Museum Society Building Lease, tabled from June 4, 2013 Meeting.

Museum Society is not interested in purchase of any property and buildings at this time and does not want 3 building lease agreements and prefers 1 lease agreement.

213 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor McDowell to receive June 1, 2013 committee meeting with Museum Society minutes and that CAO is to prepare a single Museum Society, building Lease Agreement, with the noted changes.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

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214 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor McDowell to accept the Accounts Payable Ratified in the amount of \$86,147.72.

CARRIED

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No Accounts Payable

Bank Reconciliation F.S.

MOVED BY Councilor Pelley to accept the Bank Reconciliation Statement as information, with balance of \$2,780,453.53.

CARRIED

ATB Financial Statement

MOVED BY Councilor McDowell to accept the ATB Financial Statement as information

Mastercard

216 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor Luchia to accept the Mastercard Statement as information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Figment, Internet Tower

217 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor McDowell to decline the proposal from Figment Internet for the lease of the tower at this time.

CARRIED

Financial Indicators

Council reviewed 2011 financial indicators report from Provincial Government in preparation for 2012 report. Indicators state that relative to other similar Municipalities Nobleford has had the;

- Lowest equalized Tax rates since 2008 and in 2011 was 1.7% (90% less than median of 10.9%).
- Lowest Equalized Tax rate for non residential in 2011 of 4.7% (75% less than Median of 18%).
- Lowest net property tax per capital since 2008, in 2011 it was \$181 (75% less than Median of \$810).
- Property Tax revenue as % of total revenue in 2011 was 8% (75% less than median of 33%).
- General Government cost in 2011 was \$329 per capital (15% less than median of \$389).
- Per Capita expenditure on salaries and wages in 2011 was \$392 (35% less than median of \$602).
- Ratio of assets to Liabilities as risen from a net debt status pre 2004 to 2.3 in 2008 to 17.26 in 2011 (2,695,790 to 156,212)

Nobleford has built new and rebuilt significant amounts of infrastructure since 2004 without increasing Liabilities or incurring increases in operating costs.

2011 Estimated employee cost spread sheet was reviewed.

Councillor Honorarium discloser was reviewed indicating an average pay, not including expenses, to each councilor was \$4,405 for 2012, when other committee pay is included the average is \$6,282 each. Average in 2011 = \$4328, 2010 = \$3504, 2009 = \$2952.

Council disclosure Policy

218 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor McDowell to accept financial indicator report and Councilor disclosure report and that CAO prepare Policy regarding Council disclosure to include all pay to councilors including committee appointments and expenses .

CARRIED

Palliser Joint Election

219 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor Pelley to sign the Joint Civic Election Agreement with Palliser Regional School Division

CARRIED

Committee Vacancies Councilor Aleman

220 - 2013

MOVED BY Councilor Luchia that Councilor Pelley take over in any of Councilor Aleman's committee duties until the end of the term.

CARRIED

REPORTS

CAO REPORT

- Jen's Restaurant, Highway Avenue parking requests.
- Electrician to get skate park east receptacles operating by August
- Public works removed east chain link fence from Skate Park, clean up to continue.
- Public Works working on the yard behind the Village Office
- Milo Councilor visit with CAO to review theirs and other Rural Alberta Issues
- PW Summer staff will begin work June 27, Summer fun starts July 8.

221 - 2013 MOVED BY Councilor McDowell to accept the CAO Report as information

MAYORS REPORT

CARRIED

222 - 2013

MOVED BY Mayor Wobick to accept the Mayor's Report as emailed to council on ~~July 26th 12:11pm~~ as information.

Mayors Report June 18, 2013

*June 5 – 9 am -Picked up meat & cheese tray & cake from Kosters in Picture Butte for Seniors Week coffee with Nobleford Seniors. Positive response on excellent lunch with 29 attending. (Leftovers taken to Village Office)

June 5 – 7 pm – Development Appeal Board meeting at Coalhurst – request for drive through at grocery store.

June 6 – 7 pm – OORSC AGM – Steak BBQ (which I missed). Guest Speaker was Lee Cutforth Alberta Property Rights Advocate. Financial Report on years activities and compliance with MGA.

June 7 – Mayors & Reeves – Lethbridge Mayor Dodic and Alderman Wickersham presented information on the need for local dispatch and need for 5 centres not 3. (adding Lethbridge & Red Deer). Letter to be sent to Premier, Ministers, etc. requesting dispatch centre to be kept in Lethbridge. (will add funding scenario, etc. at meeting)

June 13 – GreenAcres Executive meeting.

Council dinner

CARRIED

223 - 2013

MOVED BY Mayor Wobick that council attend a Social dinner at Paradise Canyon Golf Course, Mayor to arrange date and confirm with Councilors.

CARRIED

COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Wanda Luchia

No written report submitted in advance of meeting

- Regional Waste Management Meeting on Monday, June 24, 2013

Councilor Don McDowell

No written report submitted in advance of meeting

- Fence at the Skate Park is in the process of being fixed as well as the tennis court.
- What use is the Cinder block building at complex.
- Angle Parking lines at the Post Office – When will the lines be painted?
- Former Harvest, Corner lot, container, weeds, need clean up on 4th ave
- Cutting grass nice, but not trimming things.
- Few results on the tree trimming and hedge trimming enforcement
- R. Gronenboom, field clean up, fence catching garbage.
- Howe Road, people are living in an RV Trailer. Barons St and Howe intersection pothole.
- Grass bag Barrel is full of garbage bags, grass pile is high.
- Edwards, Ag Growth, yard is cleaned up, but plastic and cardboard in chain link fence.
- Public Works should be written up for open excavation left with no barricade on King street.
- NO Highway Avenue Parking, Still Parking on boulevard and the grass
- Height of the Highway avenue NO parking signs are 15 ft. Signs to be lowered to 7 feet.

Councilor Pete Pelley

No written report submitted in advance of meeting

- Tree trimming in the Village, needs to be enforced
- Kenex Street sign being spun around. Needs to be fixed so that signs can not spin
- Some signs to low by sidewalks, resident hit head on low sign.
- Sink in south soccer washroom needs instalation
- Suspects Oil being dumped in Barons street alleyway
- 5 year Minimum Levy Increase with a decrease in the taxes, requests minimum levy be added to the agenda for the July 2, 2013 meeting
- Concerned with Bill sent to Marguerite Wobick for personnel ad. Requests newsletter policy be added to the agenda for the July 2, 2013 meeting.

CAO will respond to Council report at next meeting and encouraged Council to follow Council meeting bylaw. CAO left Council chambers.

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224 - 2013 MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept all of the Councillors Reports as information.
CARRIED

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE
10-1 Emails Circulated

10.2- Coaldale Emergency Services, Fire Chiefs. Interest in regional

10.3 Picture Butte, Emergency Services, Regional DEM, Interest in Regional

225 - 2013 MOVED BY Councillor Luchia to accept items 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3 as information.
CARRIED

Oldman Water Shed AGM June 20, 2013, Enmax, One Booked

226 - 2013 MOVED BY Councillor Luchia to send Councillor Pelley to the Oldman Water shed
AGM on June 20, 2013.
CARRIED

EMS Dispatch Minister Ivan Moore, Lethbridge Lodge 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Mayor and CAO

227 - 2013 MOVED BY Councillor McDowell to send the Mayor and CAO to the EMS Dispatch
meeting on June 26, 2013 in Lethbridge.
CARRIED

Service Alberta, FOIP

228 - 2013 MOVED BY Councillor Luchia to accept the Service Alberta FOIP as information.
CARRIED

MEETING DATES

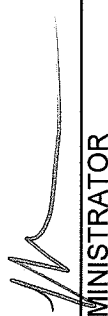
July 2	Regular Council meeting
August 6	Regular Council meeting
August 10	Heritage day
September 3	Regular Council meeting
Sept. 17	Regular Council meeting
September 23	Nomination day
October 1	Regular Council meeting
October 21	Election
October 23/24	Tentative orientation for new Council
October 29	Tentative Organization and Regular Council meeting
October 31	Tentative, Regional Council orientation with George Cuff
November 5	Regular Council meeting
November 19	Regular Council meeting -cancelled
Nov 20-22	AUMA Calgary, 6 rooms booked
December 3	Regular Council meeting
December 17	Regular Council meeting

229 - 2013 MOVED BY Councillor McDowell to accept the meeting dates as presented.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

11:00 p.m. Mayor Wobick declares meeting adjourned.


MAYOR


ADMINISTRATOR