

Minutes: FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 906 HIGHWAY AVENUE, NOBLEFORD on March 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Council Mayor Don McDowell, Councillor Don Holinaty, Councillor Marguerite Wobick, Councillor Pete Pelley, Councillor Don Vincent

Staff Kirk Hofman, Chief Administrative Officer; Lisa Wiebe, Recording Secretary

Call to Order Mayor McDowell called meeting to order at 6:32 pm

Gallery None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
March 15, 2016 Agenda
#78-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept the agenda for the March 15, 2016 regular council meeting with the addition of; *Public works equipment, Emergency services, Taber*

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 1, 2016 Minutes
#79-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

\$66,099.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORRSC Council Questionnaire

Concerns regarding the fairness of the formula used to come up with the annual fee and a request was made for the amount each municipality/pays. The fee is capped on highly assessed municipalities such as County of Newell and Brooks, ~~\$65,000~~. Council question if they pay enough to cover the services they receive. The rates are set for this year but Council wants to see Nobleford representative on the finance committee in order to be better positioned to determine if rates are fair and equitable. CAO will complete the questionnaire and coordinate with Councillor Pelley and circulate it to Council.

#80-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to support the ORRSC representative collecting information regarding council's concerns that the requisition formula is not fair and equitable and to report back to council.

CARRIED

In Camera – 6:58 pm Land, King Street Development, Public works equipment, Emergency services, Taber Emergency Services.

#81-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to go in camera.

CARRIED

Out of Camera – 7:45 pm

#82-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to go out of camera.

CARRIED

Emergency Services Joint Meeting, March 30, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Mayors of Picture Butte, Nobleford and Coalhurst, recently met informally over lunch and agreed to only send 2 representatives each, Mayor and CAO, to March 30 Emergency services meeting. All thought that their Mayor would fairly represent Councils unanimous position on issues. County has not responded as to whom will be attending meeting. CAO will inform County of attendance and possible change in meeting location.

Letter from Coaldale, Invitation Declined

That Council direct administration to send a letter to the Village of Nobleford, and listed parties, declining the regional fire services meeting invitation of March 30, 2016 as Coaldale has no concerns with its Fire Services Agreement with Lethbridge County.

Nobleford Council felt that Coaldales response indicates that they may not understand the agenda of the March 30 meeting. At present Nobleford, Coalhurst, Picture Butte, are satisfied with the agreement with the County, but have concerns as stated in the agenda that should be clarified. The intent of the meeting is not to bash the County but to encourage improvements in an effective and efficient manner of all involved. Coaldale is welcome to attend if they change their mind.

1. Call to Order. Nobleford Mayor Don McDowell
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA , CHANGES / ADDITIONS TO THE Agenda,
3. Does the Lethbridge County intend to have their own fire department?
4. There are concerns regarding a lack of official communication to the municipalities while articles continue to appear in the media. Media reports such as Sunny South news paper article and County Connection implying the Services Municipalities provide to the County are not sustainable, this could be considered hear say. (Attached news clips)
 - 4.1 Does County elected body sanction these news articles?
 - 4.2 Why is there no official communication such as a letter from County Council or CAO.
5. Coaldale, Coalhurst, Picture Butte and Nobleford manage and operate their Emergency Service departments effectively and efficiently. Regional agreements to provide service to the Lethbridge County are in place and work fine.
 - 5.1 Is the County satisfied with these agreements?
6. Other:
 - 6.1 Why should we support the County?
 - 6.2 How can we support the County ?

7. What Next.

8. Adjournment

#83-2016 Emergency Services Joint Meeting, March 30, 2016 at 7:00 pm attendance

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to support having only Mayors and CAOs from Picture Butte, Coalhurst, Nobleford, and Lethbridge County Reeve or Council representatives of their choice and CAO attend the Emergency Services Joint Meeting on March 30, 2015, the location of the meeting to be determined.

CARRIED

#84-2016 Coaldale EMS Joint Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive as information the letter from Coaldale declining the invitation to the Emergency Services Joint Meeting on March 30, 2016.

CARRIED

Purchase of Case 580 Loader

2001 Case 580 loader, hoe pack, frost bucket, 6000 hrs, asking \$30,000 in Nobleford.

#85-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to authorize the CAO to move forward with negotiating purchase of the Case 580 loader ,hoe pack, frost bucket with 6000 hrs that is currently for sale in Nobleford.

CARRIED

YPM, 2015 Audit Engagement Letter

#86-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive as information YPM 2015 Audit Engagement letter.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

Accounts Payable for Approval

ORRSC requisition is for GIS for the year. Chinook Tourist Association membership.

#87-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to approve the proposed payments to ORRSC (2016 GIS Services) \$5,100 and Chinook County Tourist Association (2016 Membership) \$787.50 in the total amount of \$5,887.50

CARRIED

Accounts Payable for Ratification

Discussed D&L Dog Catcher's follow-up on citizen's barking dog complaint. Park Lake excavating Rubie Crescent water line repair.

#88-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve the Accounts Payable ratification in the amount of \$39,430.20.

CARRIED

MSI Cap, SFE for 2015

#89-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive as information the MSI Cap SFE for 2015.



CARRIED

Employee Pay Forms

Council reviewed the CAO 2015/2016/2017 and 2015 /2016 Employee pay forms that are presented to Auditor and Council felt they were appropriate. CAO stated that all employees currently on probation will be offered employment. Current staff is effective, efficient and flexible to best serve Nobleford.

#90-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to receive as information the employee pay agreements. CARRIED

Discussed was to have PWF Logan Howes in to report on the water testing reports and conference he attended the week of March 14, 2016.

REPORTS

CAO written Report: Attended ORRSC Water body setback modeling workshop, stud horse lake study. School Hazardous waste, Lethbridge Library inquiry.

Mayor's Written Report: -Southern Alberta Regional Materials recovery facility (MFR) study, town of Taber -Rural Physician Action Plan, (RPAP)

Badlands resignation prior to 2016 AGM.

VERBAL: Mayor McDowell has resigned his position as director on board of Canadian Badlands as there are costs paid by Nobleford such as his meeting honorarium, mileage and expenses and there is no benefit received by Nobleford. Nobleford will be members for 2016 and shall not renew membership in 2017.

Council thanked Mayor MacDowell for his responsible decision for the benefit of Nobleford.

Letter of Support to Town of Taber, regarding Materials Recovery Facility

Nobleford Council recognizes that the cost of disposing of waste in Landfills is continuing to increase. We would like to see recyclable waste used in an efficient manner resulting in reduced landfill waste and reduction in our cost of disposal.

Nobleford is aware of the recent waste management / recycling study conducted for the City of Lethbridge and we encourage use and consideration of that study in your actions.

Nobleford supports Tabers application under Alberta Community Partnership, Intermunicipal Collaboration grant Application.

#91-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to send a letter to the Town of Taber to support their efforts in obtaining a grant for a regional collaboration study, in regards to establishing a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Taber.

CARRIED

Letter of Support to Alberta Health regarding the RPAP program

Nobleford Council feels that RPAP is valuable and supports attraction and retention of physicians in rural Alberta.

The continuation of this funding is an integral part of the success of rural communities' future. RPAP allows health care workers the chance to experience the rural community's way of life while providing an essential service to the residents of the communities in which they have a practice. As we all know, not all of rural Alberta is close to large urban centres which may or may not have a full complement of medical services.

We encourage the Health Minister and the government to continue with the current funding of PRAP and allow the success of the program to continue. We believe all Albertans deserve the right to have an effective and efficient health care program.

#92-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to write a letter of support to Alberta Health, regarding continuation of the Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP) as it is.

CARRIED

Councillors' Written Reports

M.W. written report: Councilor report - March 15/16 - Marguerite Wobick

Mar. 8- GAF Finance & Audit Committee meeting – review

Mar. 10 - GAFBoard Meeting - Audit Presentation with YPM – all done very well. In good financial position.

Financial advisor Charles Funk gave presentation on world oil overproduction effect on investments; importance on sound advisors; Canada's -30% in carbon emissions; and what effect the next US president will have on finances.

P.P. written report: NONE – Verbal: passed the assessment course. Stated he would not be on assessment board issues in Nobleford.

D.V. written report: NONE



D.H. written report: written-Zach Morrison is new FCSS director, effective April 4th. All councils meeting is April 6th in Taber. Funding issues still ongoing.

#93-2016 MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive the CAO, Mayor, and Councillors' reports. **CARRIED**

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Fire Services and Emergency Preparedness Grant, \$1000

A plan will be updated and table top exercise implemented in 2016 with input from AEM Mark Murphy.

#94-2016 MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive as information the approval of \$1000 grant for Fire Services and Emergency Preparedness, money to be received later. **CARRIED**

AUMA Recommendation, Linear Property Tax

AUMA recommends pooling and shared linear assessment, excluding Calgary and Edmonton.

#95-2016 MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive as information the AUMA recommendation regarding review of linear property taxation. **CARRIED**

AXIA

Axia has received offer to purchase in a multimillion (aprox 375 million euro) \$4.25 per share, friendly take over, from a Swiss company, Partners, for controlling interest in Axia. Share holder vote will take place in April. AXIA states that nothing changes except that they would like to do more of what they are already doing.

#96-2016 MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive as information the news that Axia has received an offer to buy controlling interest of the company. **CARRIED**

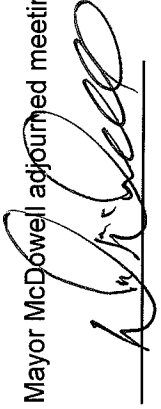
Meeting dates, Regular Council meeting are at 6:30 pm.

- 21 regular Council meetings in 2016, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays**
 6:30 pm, Regular Council Meeting --- CAO away 5th - 8th Conference.
 YPM audit presentation, possibly budget and 2016 TAX bylaw.
- April 4 (Monday)
 - Apr 19
 - May 3 and May 17
 - June 7 and June 21
 - July 5
 - Aug 16
 - Sept 6 and Sept 20
 - Oct 4 and Oct 18
 - Nov 8 and Nov 22
 - Dec 6

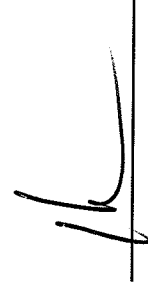
#97-2016 MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept the meeting dates. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McDowell adjourned meeting at 9:05 pm



Mayor



Administrator