

COUNTY COUNCIL

January 8, 2008

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on January 8, 2008. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr., K. Palmer (late), Administrator A. Romeril, Superintendent R. Coppieters and CPO S. Simpson. Also present were employees G. Lagler, C. Putzi and T. Goulet.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES
(08-01-01)

J. Meeks Sr. moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 18, 2007.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(08-01-02)

G. Krokosh moved to add the following items to the agenda:

AAMDC Contact
AAMDC - Standing Committee Information
AAMDC - Communications Course
ERCB - News Release
Alberta Information Bulletin
FCM - Funding Opportunity for Solid Waste (low interest rate)
Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association - January 18, 2008 Agenda
Quad Council Meeting - January 17, 2008 - Supper Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
2008 Administration Proposed Capital Budget
Rurals Matter Conference
Westslope Cutthroat Trout - Species at Risk Investigation
Emergency Services Recognition Night
Hamlet Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Options
M.P. Rick Casson

Carried.

LONG SERVICE
AWARDS

The following employees were presented with their long service award pins and a small gift from Council:

C. Putzi	10 years
T. Goulet	15 years
A. Romeril	20 years
G. Lagler	30 years

The above employees left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

P.W. REPORT

As presented by Superintendent R. Coppieters and it is attached.

2008 TENTATIVE
ROAD PROJECTS
(08-01-03)

R. Ford moved to receive the 2008 tentative road construction projects under the various grant programs and further the following road projects be costed for future consideration:

Balance of the Chec Tower Road
R. Hirsche Road
Masinasin South Road
New Dayton East Oiled Road (3 miles closest to New Dayton)
B. Moreland Road South
J. Wehlage Road.

Carried.

K. Palmer entered the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

(08-01-04)

R. Taylor moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieters report as presented.

Carried.

Superintendent R. Coppieters left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

CPO REPORT

As presented by CPO S. Simpson and it is attached.

CPO 2008
CAP. BUDGET
(08-01-05)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the 2008 CPO Capital Budget as presented in the amount of \$71,700.

Carried.

PARK FEES
(08-01-06)

R. Taylor moved to receive park fee information as presented by Ridge Park Contractor L. Oler and Council expresses no concerns over raising the park fees from \$12 to \$15 for unserviced spots and from \$17 to \$20 for serviced spots, and further, Chin Park fees be raised to the same level.

Carried.

(08-01-07)

R. Ford moved to receive CPO S. Simpson report as presented.

Carried.

S. Simpson left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

QUAD COUNCIL

Quad Council is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on January 17, 2008 at the Coutts Community Centre and seven people will be attending from the County.

MUNICIPAL
FINANCE COURSE
(08-01-08)

R. Taylor moved to forward a letter to the AAMDC regarding the County's concerns over the high cost for registration fees for the Municipal Finance Course being sponsored by the AAMDC and further, the other costs of attending such as hotel, mileage and per diems restrict the numbers that can attend these training sessions.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:26 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:42 a.m.

PROV. EMERG.
FIRE ADVISORS
(08-01-09)

R. Jones moved to invite Mark Murphy and Jacen Abrey of Alberta Emergency Management Agency to a Council meeting to explain their roles in assisting the County.

Carried.

HAMLET WATER
TREATMENT
PLANTS
(08-01-10)

R. Taylor moved to receive the letters from the New Dayton Water Users Coop and the Wrentham Utilities Association regarding making application for an engineering study funding on the water treatment plants and further, invite representatives of the water coops, along with Raymond and Warner, to attend a meeting with representatives of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation on January 15, 2008 to discuss various funding options and application process.

Carried.

J. BRUBAKER
(08-01-11)

G. Krokosh moved to deny J. Brubaker/J. Peachey request to waive the tax penalty charge for late payment of the 2007 taxes.

Carried.

RAYMOND
SUBDIVISION
(08-01-12)

K. Palmer moved that the County has no concerns over the proposed subdivision within the Town of Raymond corporate limits (SE 7 and SW 8 of 6-20-4) but recommend that the most westerly road of the proposed subdivision be opened and developed in order that both urban and rural traffic may enter and exit to the south.

Carried.

FRANCHISE
AGREEMENTS
(08-01-13)

K. Palmer moved to receive AAMDC's information regarding municipal franchise agreements with natural gas coops relating to their boundaries and distribution centres around urban areas.

Carried.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess for lunch at 12:01 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

BYLAW 860-07

The public hearing for Bylaw 860-07, which is a bylaw to re-zone a portion of the lands located in the SE 3-7-20-4 was held at 1:00 p.m. in the County Office. C. Heggie, a representative of J. Heggie was present. Administrator A. Romeril read a letter from R. Jonas who opposed the re-zoning from extensive agriculture to group country residential. A letter was also read from Planner S. Harty of the ORRSC which outlined various concerns. After a question and answer period regarding land quality, possible flooding, north/south lot alignment versus east/west alignment, possible irrigation pivot encroachment, corrals, it was decided to pursue second reading only until several concerns could be addressed by the land owner with the assistance of ORRSC Planner S. Harty.

(08-01-14)

K. Palmer moved to give Bylaw 860-07 second reading this 8th day of January, 2007.

Carried.

C. Heggie left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY
TOOLKIT SURVEY

(08-01-15)

R. Taylor moved that Administration complete the Technology and e-Government Toolkit Survey and submit to the AAMDC.

Carried.

MILEAGE RATES

(08-01-16)

W. Cunningham moved to increase the County mileage allowance to be the same as Provincial and Federal Government which is 52 cents per kilometre and this rate will be effective February 1, 2008.

Carried.

2008 ADMIN
CAPITAL BUDGET

(08-01-17)

K. Palmer moved to approve the 2008 Administration Capital Budget in the amount of \$169,230 of which all of the moneys except \$8,930 will come from reserves and grants.

Carried.

RURAL MATTERS
CONFERENCE

(08-01-18)

R. Ford moved that all spouses may attend the Rural Matters Conference in Edmonton in July of 2008 if they wish, and further register all of Council except W. Cunningham, who is unable to attend.

Carried.

WESTSLOPE
CUTTHROAT
TROUT

(08-01-19)

R. Ford moved to receive the information on the Westslope Cutthroat Trout and Fisheries and Oceans consultation process regarding whether the trout should be put on the endangered species at risk list.

Carried.

EMERGENCY
SERVICE
RECOGNITION

(07-01-20)

G. Krokosh moved to tentatively reschedule the Emergency Service Recognition evening from March 14 to April 4, 2008 due to conflicts that arose with utilizing the Warner Elk's Hall.

Carried.

M.P. RICK
CASSON

(08-01-21)

R. Jones moved to invite M.P. Rick Casson to a County Council meeting to discuss gun control, Canada/U.S. Customs, Canadian Wheat Board and passports for emergency service personnel/patients.

Carried.

BYLAW 851-07

(08-01-22)

R. Ford moved to give Bylaw 851-07, a bylaw which allows a portion of a road to be closed and sold adjacent to Parcel A, Plan 4935 G.A., second reading this 8th day of January, 2008.

Carried.

(08-01-23) R. Taylor moved to give Bylaw 851-07 third and final reading this same day.
Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - The Health and Safety Committee are moving forward and making progress and revising and revamping the County's Health and Safety Manual.

R. Taylor - The truck contractor for Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority has given notice of 30 days to terminate his contract. The Authority is looking at various options to owning their own truck or continue contracting.

(08-01-24) G. Krokosh moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.
Carried.

IN-CAMERA
(08-01-25) R. Taylor moved to go in-camera at 3:00 p.m.
Carried.

(08-01-26) R. Taylor moved to revert to regular session at 3:06 p.m.
Carried.

RECREATION
BOARD FIN.
STATEMENTS
(08-01-27)

K. Palmer moved to request a 2007 Recreation Financial Statement which consists of the Asset/Liability and a Revenue/Expenditure Statement from each of the independent recreational boards, and appropriate statements from the Towns and Villages, that the County contribute money to on an annual basis and further, this information be received by June 30, 2008.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(08-01-28) W. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.
Carried.

Reeve

Administrator