

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2010
7:00 PM

Call to Order: The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Gee, at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Allan Gee

Councillors: Jim Robb
Joanne Osness
Rick Hart
Barry Rasch

CAO: Harold Wynne

Treasurer: Dennis Litke

Recording Secretary: Patricia Eklund

Delegates: Corporal Angus, Thorsby R.C.M.P.

Reporters: Linda Steinke, Pipestone Flyer
Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target
Kate Hamilton, Leduc Representative

2010-92 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried.

2010-93 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the March 9, 2010 regular meeting minutes and the Council Committee Budget meeting minutes of March 13, 2010 as presented.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Corporal Angus, Thorsby R.C.M.P. – 2009 Report to Council

Corporal Angus handed out three reports to Council before beginning his presentation. The reports had statistics regarding the number of calls in 2008, 2009 and within the Village of Thorsby limits. Corporal Angus pointed out that there was not a whole lot difference between the numbers shown for incidents in 2008 to 2009, but the number of incidents reported in 2009 was a little lower than the previous year. The report that was specific to the Village had no specific areas of concern.

Corporal Angus updated Council on some of the things that the Thorsby Detachment has been doing for the community and some of the changes that have been made. He said that the police force has been trying to limit the amount of time they spend doing data entry. This would enable the Police Officers to spend more time patrolling the community and surrounding area. The R.C.M.P. has been very active in the school system with a number of talks. The Detachment arranged for a local reformed drug addict to give a presentation To the Senior and Junior High School students. Corporal Angus felt that the presentation given had a very positive impact on the students and a list of help lines were also handed out to the students for their reference. The DARE Program will also be starting soon.

There was also some discussion about the electronic speed sign that was stolen from the Village. Councillor Hart asked if the sign had a positive effect on slowing down the traffic that drove on 52nd Street. Corporal Angus said that he never saw the numbers that the speed sign was recording, but with summer approaching, speeds will increase. There was some discussion on whether it would be beneficial to receive another sign.

Some concerns and questions were brought forward by Council. There was some discussion about the merging of the R.C.M.P. and the Sheriff's Department Highway Patrol and the budgeted administrative support system.

Corporal Angus also updated Council with news that Breton is now being patrolled by the Thorsby Detachment. Previously Breton had been under Drayton Valley's jurisdiction.

Council thanked Corporal Angus for the work that the R.C.M.P. has done in the community and for his presentation to Council.

Corporal Angus left the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

1. Admin Reports

2010-94 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the administrative reports as presented.
Carried.

CAO Wynne presented his report to Council. Discussion occurred regarding many of the topics within the report.

2010-95 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the CAO report as presented.
Carried.

2. ISL Engineering – Tender Recommendations – New Water Treatment Plant

Moved to Closed Session.

3. Parks Planning Committee

Reminder to Council that the Parks Planning Committee will soon be planning again.

4. Writing Off of Uncollectable Utility Accounts.

Moved to Closed Session.

5. Rescind of Policy # 2000-404

2010-96 Moved by Councillor Osness to rescind Policy # 2000-404.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Small Communities Conference – Mannville – May 28-30

2010-97 Moved by Councillor Osness to allow Mayor Gee and Councillor Rasch to attend the Small Communities Conference in Mannville on May 28-30, 2010.
Carried.

2. Leduc and District Victim Services Report

2010-98 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the report as information.
Carried.

3. Letter from Municipal Affairs Minister, Hector Goudreau, MSI Program Adjustment

2010-99 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept this item as information.
Carried.

4. Thank You Letter from Alberta Health Services

2010-100 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept this item as information.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None at this time

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Gee

- Attended some Capital Region Board meetings.
- Went to an ASCHC (Alberta Senior Citizens Housing Committee) meeting.

Councillor Hart

- Has a Leduc County Ambulance Meeting on April 8, 2010.

Councillor Osness

- At the last Chamber of Commerce meeting the May long weekend and signage was discussed. The Chamber voted on the purchase of an interchangeable sign. Dates were set for the events for the May long weekend. Next meeting on April 21, 2010 with another guest speaker.

Councillor Rasch

- Rec Board meeting on March 24, 2010. Grants to be discussed.

Councillor Robb

- Nothing to report at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register 021367 to 021409

2010-101 Moved by Councillor Robb to accept the Cheque Register as information.
Carried.

2010-102 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 8:10 P.M.
Carried.

Mayor Gee called the meeting back to order at 8:30 p.m.

2010-103 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting go into camera at 8:30 p.m.
Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

2010-104 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting come out of camera at 9:14 p.m.
Carried.

2010-105 Moved by Councillor Osness to write off the uncollectible utility accounts as presented by the Treasurer. for a total of \$1,687.82.
Carried.

2010-106 Moved by Councillor Hart to set the property Tax Recovery Land Sale auction for June 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at the Village Office and to set the conditions for the auction sale as follows:

- (a) 10% of the total property sale price payable to the Village of Thorsby by 4:30 p.m. on June 15, 2010; and
- (b) the balance of payment to be in the form of cash or a certified cheque within 30 days of the date of the sale.

Carried

2010-107 Moved by Councillor Rasch to accept the ISL Engineering recommendation not to accept the lowest bid from SKMG Construction Inc. for construction of the Thorsby Water Treatment Plant due to non-compliance with the bidding requirements.
Carried

2010-108 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the ISL Engineering recommendation to reject the clarification letter submitted by Nason Contracting Group Ltd.
Carried

2010-109 Moved by Mayor Gee to accept the ISL Engineering recommendation to award the contract to construct the Thorsby Water Treatment Plant to Nason Contracting Group Ltd. in the amount of \$6,293,593 (excluding GST) which is the price provided on their bid form without any modifications.
Carried

2010-110 Moved by Mayor Gee that the Village of Thorsby agrees to provide financing for the municipal portion of the construction cost of the Thorsby Water Treatment Plant.
Carried

ADJOURNMENT

2010-111 Councillor Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Allan Gee, Mayor

Date Adopted

March 23, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council