

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 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
Recording Secretary: Marianne Belozer
Delegates: Paula Pawlick, Thorsby Minor Soccer
Reporters: Linda Steinke, Pipestone Flyer
Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target
Kate Hamilton, Leduc Representative

Agenda: Councillor Hart requested an addition of F-1 Village Advertisement Contents, F-2 Street Lights, F-3 Day Care Centre, F-4 Public Works Kudos, F-5 Art's Repair Service, Councillor Osness requested an addition of F-6 Spring Clean Up, Councillor Rasch made an addition of F-7 CIB County Grant and CAO Wynne made an addition of E-8 Symposium, E-9 2010 State of Strathcona County, E-10 Leduc Nisku EDA Breakfast.

2010-112 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

2010-113 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the March 23, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes and Council Committee Budget meeting of March 20, 2010 as presented.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Paula Pawlick, President - Thorsby Minor Soccer

Mrs. Pawlick approached Council and informed them that the reason for her attendance was to discuss the future needs of Thorsby Minor Soccer. She felt that there will be a need of more field space in the future. She informed there are currently 22 teams consisting of 250 participants, the highest in 5 years. She said Thorsby Soccer has a very good reputation and the organization has very strong leadership and has come away with gold in the Provincials. There are participants from Warburg, Breton, Pigeon Lake and Calmar. She said there has been field space lost due to the new Elementary School and the old fields are in need of maintenance at the school as well as the complex fields. She stated that it has become a sport that the players have become very dedicated to, starting at U6 up to U18. The season is from April to June for 8 weeks and if Thorsby was to host the Provincials this would be in July and August.

Councillor Osness made Mrs. Pawlick aware that Council has set up a parks committee that the Soccer organization could meet and work with. Councillor Hart said he is totally behind planning the future of soccer in Thorsby and he suggested also that the Soccer Organization get together with the Village parks committee and work toward a 2 to 3 year plan and proposal.

Mayor Gee thanked Paula for her attendance.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

1. Admin Reports

CAO Wynne presented his report to Council.

2010-114 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the CAO and Department Manager's reports as presented.
Carried.

2. Bylaw 2010-04 Utilities Bylaw – DRAFT FOR REVIEW

2010-115 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept this item as information.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Thorsby Fire Department – Fire Ban**
2. **Copy of letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs for grant approval of MSP – Fire Fighting Equipment**
3. **Thank you letter from Grade 6 students for Local Government session in Council Chambers**
4. **Letter from Municipal Affairs – Tank Site Remediation Program – Agreement Extended**
5. **Letter from Alberta Transportation – Federal Gas Tax grant was approved**
6. **2009 Audited Financial Statements for Victim Services – Letter (Statement available for review at Village office)**
7. **Elected Officials April Courses**

2010-116 Moved by Councillor Rasch to accept items 1 to 7 as information.
Carried.

8. **Symposium**
9. **2010 State of Strathcona County**
10. **Leduc Nisku EDA Breakfast**

2010-117 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept items 8 to 10 as information.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Village Advertisement Content

Councillor Hart asked CAO Wynne if he or anyone in Administration proofs advertisements before they are submitted for publication.

CAO Wynne advised he had met with a Manager and this has been taken care of.

2. Street Lights

Councillor Hart said he had received calls regarding the street lights being out on 52 Street. The recording secretary responded and advised Fortis had fixed the problem.

3. Day Care

Councillor Hart asked what is happening with the Day Care modular, and who is paying the utility bills while it sits empty.

CAO Wynne advised that Black Gold Schools is paying all the bills.

CAO Wynne updated Council on the meeting he had attended with FCSS and Black Gold Schools. He advised that a vendor is interested and currently negotiating with both groups. They are looking at all options, and are presently considering the option of operating as a non-profit organization. They have purchased equipment for the modular that will be delivered on Friday.

He will keep Council updated on any further developments.

4. Public Works Kudos

Councillor Hart stated that he would like to give a special kudos to Darryl Rickard in Public Works for doing a great job. CAO Wynne said he would pass this on to the Public Works Manager.

5. Art's Repair Service

Councillor Hart advised Council that Art's Repair Service is having an Open House in May for their 10th anniversary and he asked CAO Wynne if a plaque could be made that could be presented to them.

CAO Wynne said he would have this done.

6. Spring Clean Up

Councillor Osness asked when the Village will be having their annual Spring Clean Up. CAO Wynne will look at getting a date set.

7. Communities In Bloom Grant

Councillor Rasch advised Dean Ohnsty from Leduc County had invited the Communities in Bloom groups of Warburg, Thorsby, New Sarepta, Rollyview and Nisku Parks to a meeting and had helped them apply for a federal grant for \$15,000.00. This grant is the TD Green Streets Grant and focuses on trees. If they receive this grant it will be divided amongst all 5 groups and the money is to be spent by July 2011. A decision will be made by the end of April.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Gee

- Capital Region Board
- Leduc Foundation
- Chinese/Korean Delegations
- Will be attending Small Communities Seminar in Manville from May 28 - 30

Councillor Hart

- Chamber of Commerce Car Show planning coming together
- Chamber of Commerce is hosting Ken Kobly, President and CEO of Alberta Chamber of Commerce as a speaker on April 21, 2010 at the community hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Ambulance Board meeting

Councillor Osness

- Nothing at this time

Councillor Rasch

- FCSS Leduc County
- Parks and Recreation Redevelopment Committee is planning a social for May 13th for a fundraiser
- Communities in Bloom fundraising breakfast on April 17th
- Thorsby Rec Board has awarded \$6,500 in grants this year

Councillor Robb

- Walked around the Lions Park and looked at what needs to be fixed up and noticed the lights were left on all winter

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 1. 2010 Budget Variance Report**
- 2. Cheque Register 021410 to 021480**

2010-118	Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the 2010 Budget Variance Report and Cheque Register as information. <i>Carried.</i>
2010-119	Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 8:26 P.M. <i>Carried.</i>
2010-120	Moved by Mayor Gee to called the meeting back to order at 8:35 P.M. <i>Carried.</i>

CLOSED SESSION

2010-121 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting go into closed session at 8:35 P.M.
Carried.

2010-122 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 8:50 P.M.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

2010-123 Moved by Mayor Gee to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.
Carried.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Allan Gee, Mayor

Date Adopted