

**VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 10, 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

Reporters: Linda Steinke, Pipestone Flyer
Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target
Alexandra Pope, Leduc Representative

ADOPTION OF/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Agenda: Councillor Osness requested an addition of F-5 Breathing Apparatus, CAO Wynne made an addition of F-6 Devon Councillor John Maddison and 2 items under closed session, Councillor Robb added G-1 Blocking Alleys.

2010-224 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2010-225 **1. Regular Council meeting of July 13, 2010**
Moved by Councillor Robb to adopt the July 13, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.
Carried.

2. Policy Committee meeting of Council on July 27, 2010
Councillor Osness made an amendment to the minutes, stating Councillor Rasch was not in attendance at the Policy Committee meeting.

2010-226 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the Policy Committee meeting minutes of July 27, 2010 as amended.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Gordon Sands – Executive Director of Leduc Victim Services
CAO Wynne informed Council Mr. Sands was unable to attend this meeting and has rescheduled for the September 14, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

1. Admin Reports

CAO Wynne presented his report to Council.

2010-227 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the CAO and Department Manager's reports as presented.
Carried.

2. Establish the Thorsby Early Education and Care Society

CAO Wynne went over the information in the memorandum with Council members giving the background of the Child Care modular.

He said Black Gold Schools has worked together with Leduc County FCSS on trying to solicit proposals for a private operator to operate the child care centre but no applications were received.

He explained how the Village of Thorsby could undertake operating the child care centre by forming a non-profit society named the Thorsby Early Education and Care Society. The Village of Thorsby would have an arms-length relationship with this society and would assume responsibility for the finance and accounting, day-to-day centre operations, staffing, program development and all business tasks.

He then gave Council members and overview of the draft TEEC Society bylaw.

Council members had several questions that CAO Wynne answered. He advised there were no guarantees, but he is very optimistic that the child care program will be successful.

2010-228 Moved by Councillor Osness that the Village of Thorsby establish the Thorsby Early Education and Care Society (TEEC Society).
Carried.

3. ATCO Franchise Agreement Bylaw #2010-07

2010-229 Moved by Councillor Hart that Council give first reading to Bylaw #2010-07.
Carried.

4. Land Use Bylaw Amendment (New Water Treatment Facility) Bylaw # 2010-08

2010-230 Moved by Councillor Osness that Council give first reading to Bylaw #2010-08.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Alberta Culture and Community Spirit decline CFEP application.

2. Letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs granting extension to August 31, 2010 to submit 2009 financial reports.

2010-231 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept items 1 & 2 as information.
Carried.

2010-232 **3. Letter from Leduc County invitation to see the new County Mobile Command & Operation Unit.**
Moved by Mayor Gee that Administration be directed to draft a letter to Leduc County thanking them for the offer to use their new Mobile Command & Operations Unit in the event of an emergency.
Carried.

4. Letter from Alberta Culture and Community Spirit promoting Alberta Arts Days 2010
Councillor Hart suggested to Mayor Gee that he make a proclamation from this correspondence.

2010-233 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept this item as information.
Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Audited Financial Statements for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Cost Share Agreement.

 2. Letter from City of St. Albert promoting Rendezvous 2011 – St. Albert’s 150th Anniversary.

 3. Letter from Yellowhead Regional Library update for 2011 fees to \$4.30 per capita.

 4. Leduc & District Victim Services Report
2010-234 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept items 1, 3 & 4 as information.
Carried.

2010-235 Moved by Mayor Gee to accept item 2 as information.
Carried.

5. Breathing Apparatus
Councillor Osness advised Council that the grant for the Breathing Apparatus’s has come through and they are being picked up. She said they will make a huge difference that the Fire & Rescue will have more time and a better alert system.

6. Devon Councillor John Maddison’s wife’s passing.
CAO Wynne advised Council that Devon Councillor John Maddison’s wife Pat had passed away and he will make arrangements to send flowers.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Blocking Alleys
Councillor Robb brought up the problem of back alleys being blocked by parked vehicles, and in some cases even large rocks or structures.

CAO Wynne advised this issue has come up before and if Councillor Robb can tell him exactly where the alleys are that are being blocked off he will take care of the problem. He asked Councillor Robb to meet with him regarding this issue.

He advised that he is looking into making a back alley inventory and mapping of all the back alleys within the village.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Gee

- Attended the 2nd Thorsby annual Memorial Bike Ride Weekend, he felt that the bikers were very enthusiastic and liked how children were able to participate in the Bike Rodeo while the bikers cheered them on and made them feel very special, he said there was a lot of Community Groups involved which was nice to see. He hopes that next year's event is even bigger.

Councillor Hart

- Nothing at this time

Councillor Osness

- Nothing at this time

Councillor Robb

- Nothing at this time

Councillor Rasch

- Recreation Board Meetings begin at the end of August
- CIB judging was done on Monday, August 9, 2010. The judges were here from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., CIB members went to great lengths to showcase the community, and he felt the day went very well. The judges felt that they were presented with an abundance of information and that Thorsby presented itself well. Lunch was great courtesy of Kollbrook Esso. The CIB awards and judging results will be revealed at the Provincial Awards Banquet on September 18th in Provost.

Councillor Hart asked Council members to recognize all Councillor Rasch's dedication, commitment and hard work by giving him a round of applause.

Councillor Rasch thanked everyone, but replied that it was a community effort.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. 2010 Budget Variance Report to August 9, 2010

2. Cheque Register 021726 to 021812

2010-236 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the 2010 Budget Variance Report and Cheque Register as information.
Carried.

2010-237 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 8:34 P.M.
Carried.

2010-238 Mayor Gee called the meeting back to order at 8:40 P.M.
Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

2010-239 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting go into closed session at 8:40 P.M.
Carried.

2010-240 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 9:15 P.M.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

2010-241 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.
Carried.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Allan Gee, Mayor

Date Adopted