

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 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: Patricia Eklund
Delegates: Paty Herschel, Citizens on Patrol
Reporters: Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target
Members at Large: Mitch Williams

Agenda: Councillor Osness requested an addition of G1 – Fall Clean Up.
C.A.O. Wynne requested two additions to closed session.
Councillor Rasch requested an addition of G2 – Advanced Poling and G3 – Community Hall.

2010-286 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

Councillor Osness made the following corrections to the September 28, 2010 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of C2 – Norm Osness, Fire Chief – Troy Mutch, Fire Fighter – Thorsby Fire Department – Display of new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus a spelling correction of “ladder” in paragraph 4 and motion 2010-274 the vote was a non-registered vote.

2010-287 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the September 28, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes as amended.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Paty Herschel - Citizens on Patrol

Ms. Paty Herschel approached Council with an update on the Thorsby Citizens on Patrol Group (COPS).

The group has recently applied to be part of the Alberta Citizens on Patrol Association (ACOPA) and is under the probationary period to ensure quantification. Through ACOPA, the COPS group will receive insurance coverage, identification cards, access to more grants and other benefits. COPS have also had an interest in incorporating the Welcome Wagon into the program.

Currently the group is planning on taking first-aid training and would like to learn traffic control training in order to assist the RCMP with vehicle accident situations. COPS purchased two mountain bikes this year to help with patrols during the summer. There were some challenges over the summer, but for the most part the patrols were quiet. One of the biggest challenges for the group is finding new members.

Some of the future plans for the group are to expand the patrolling area to the same that the Thorsby RCMP patrols. There is also an interest in providing some security service to homes while people are on vacation.

Ms. Herschel asked on behalf of COPS if Council would provide \$800 in funding to help cover the costs of the mountain bikes and to help the group have some brochures and registration forms professionally printed.

Councillor Rasch asked if there was a log of how many hours COPS has logged in over the year. Ms. Herschel said that she would be able to include that in her next report as she had no record at this time.

Councillors asked if the COPS group had approached other Councils in the area for funding. Ms. Herschel said that a letter was sent but no response was heard. Mayor Gee recommended that Ms. Herschel approach the new Council about receiving funding as it is something that should be budgeted for.

Ms. Herschel thanked Council for their time and support.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

1. Admin Reports

CAO Wynne presented his report to Council.

2010-288 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the CAO and Department Managers' reports as presented.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Alberta Tourism, Parks & Recreation – Darcy Powlik Award

2010-289 **2. Election Alberta - Provincial Funding – Raising Functions & Political Contributions**
Moved by Councillor Robb to accept items 1 & 2 as information.
Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CUPE Agreement

Discussion Occurred

2010-290 Moved by Mayor Gee to accept the CUPE Union Agreement as presented.
Carried with Gee, Osness, Robb and Hart in favor; Rasch opposed.

Councillor Hart and Councillor Rasch made mention that they were not happy that the agreement did not come to Council before voting was to occur.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Fall Clean Up

Councillor Osness asked if a fall clean up was to be done this year. Discussion occurred regarding having a leaf and clipping pick up or to have bins brought in.

Tasked to Administration to have bins brought in for a fall clean up with only bio-degradable items accepted.

2. Advanced Polling

Councillor Rasch inquired why the opportunity was missed for an advance polling decision to be made. Mayor Gee stated that it was not thought about and C.A.O. Wynne mentioned that there was only one decision for an advanced poll in the last three elections.

Councillor Hart said that he would like to see a recommendation put forward to the future Council to have an advanced poll and special ballots.

C.A.O. Wynne said a policy should be made regarding election procedures.

3. Community Hall

Councillor Rasch brought forward the concerns regarding the community hall budget and would like to see the new Council to look at upgrading some of the policies for the hall in an effort to generate more income. C.A.O. Wynne stated that according to records the community hall has lost money for the last of seven to eight years and that past Councils have suggested shutting it down. He also pointed out that when revenue is increased operating costs would also increase. With the Senior Citizens Club using the hall for meetings it generates more use out of the building. Councillor Rasch stated that he just wants to keep the discussion regarding the community hall's financial state fresh on the table in hopes that ideas come up.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Hart

- Attended the Open House for the Fire Department and Corporal Angus' Farewell Luncheon.
- Went to the High School Awards Night on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Osness

- Attended a County FCSS meeting.

Councillor Robb

- Nothing to report at this time.

Councillor Rasch

- Was not able to attend the last Rec Board Meeting but the group is busy working on the Halloween Social.
- Another member has stepped down from the Rec Board, making two positions available.
- The \$500 Rec Board Grant was not given out this year as none of the groups that applied fit the required criteria.

Mayor Gee

- Was included in a "Web-inar" on racial prejudice.
- Attended Corporal Angus' Farewell Luncheon.
- Going to Breton on Friday, October 15th with Victim Services to welcome the Village into the RCMP detachment.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register 022005 - 022020

2010-291 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the Cheque Register as information.
Carried.

2010-292 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 7:57 P.M.
Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

2010-293 Moved by Councillor Hart the meeting go into closed session at 8:10 P.M.

2010-294 Moved by Councillor Osness to return to the regular meeting at 8:57 P.M.

2010-295 Moved by Councillor Robb to accept Option 2 in the Corix Water Products bid to supply and install the M2 Smart Points RF transmitter package to all Thorsby water meters, to a maximum of \$104,265 including GST, with funds to come from the water reserve account.
Carried.

2010-296 Moved by Councillor Hart that the Village of Thorsby purchase the following Boric Investments Inc. properties in the total amount of \$507,000, exclusive of GST, subject to appropriate financing being arranged by the Village:

1. Lot One, Block Two, Plan 2148ET
2. Lot Two, Block Two, Plan 2148ET
3. Lot Three, Block Two, Plan 2148ET
4. All that portion of the south east quarter of section fifteen (15), Township forty nine (49), Range one (1), west of the fifth meridian, shown as extra right of way of the Lacombe and North Western Railway as shown on Railway Plan 1867EO and which lies south of the right of way of the said railway, containing 0.324 hectares (0.80 acres) more or less.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

2010-297 Moved by Mayor Gee to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Allan Gee, Mayor

Date Adopted