

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 25, 2011
7:00 PM

Call to Order: The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Rasch, at 7:02 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Barry Rasch
Councillors: Rick Hart
Joanne Osness
Cathryne Pharis
Mitch Williams
CAO: Harold Wynne
Recording Secretary: Patricia Eklund
Delegate: Rebecca Gray
Reporters: Linda Steinke, Pipestone Flyer (7:13 P.M.)

Agenda: Councillor Williams requested an addition of G6 – Sanitation and Sump Pump Issues. Mayor Rasch requested an addition of D1 – Rebecca Gray, Sidewalks, G7 – Budget Dates, G8 – Invite Calmar Bylaw Officers to next Council Meeting, G9 – 39/20 Alliance Meeting, and an item to Closed Session.

2011-12 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

2011-13 Moved by Councillor Williams to adopt the January 11, 2011 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Rebecca Gray, Sidewalks

Mrs. Gray approached Council to ask if a sidewalk was going to be put in along the newly paved section of 49th Street. She pointed out that there are not any sidewalks leading up to the Recreation Complex and she thought that sidewalk was to be poured when the street was paved.

Councillor Hart said that the budget would not allow for putting in a sidewalk for a few years. Mrs. Gray asked if putting up a sign could be done in an effort to make people aware that people may be walking on the side of the road.

C.A.O. Wynne mentioned that signage could help and thought that additional line painting on the street would help. He is also concerned about vehicle and pedestrian traffic patterns in the area due to the Recreation Complex Redevelopment. He hopes to make street painting an annual thing for the town and the idea of painting a pedestrian walkway where the street was cut out for parking was discussed as an option.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

2. Administration Reports

2011-14 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the Administration Reports for information.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Government of Alberta – Sale of Public Land to Municipalities for Public Works

2011-15 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept for information.
Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Norman Yanitski, Blackgold Schools – Grand Opening of Thorsby Elementary School

2. Joint Council Meeting Agenda

3. Capital Region Economic Roadmap – Available to Make Presentation to Council

2011-16 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept items 1, 2 and 3 as information.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Red Coats for Kids Hockey Tournament – Donation

2011-17 Moved by Mayor Rasch that funding up to \$150.00 be donated to the Red Coats for Kids Hockey Tournament.
Carried. (4 votes to 1)

2. Election Policy; Election of Mayor; Snow/Noise Bylaw

Discussion occurred regarding the number of policies and bylaws that Council wants to evaluate. It was agreed that some of the policies and bylaws be reviewed in the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

3. Harvest Festival

Councillor Pharis brought up some of her ideas regarding having a Harvest Festival in the Village. She had shown some of the Council members a brochure with hopes that a club or community group would be able to oversee it.

C.A.O. Wynne reported that he and Parks and Recreation Director Laurie Gellert are presently planning a rural home and garden show (May) and fall harvest festival (September) in Thorsby as part of the 2011 program plan. He stated that administration is taking the lead on planning these events; however, input from Council, groups and community members will be most welcomed.

4. Website

Council felt that the Village website was lacking information compared to other communities in the area. Councillor Williams stated that he would like to see the minutes, bylaws and more community pictures included. Council discussed what could be done to further develop the website in less time.

C.A.O. Wynne commented that the Village website has improved considerably but that it still needed further development. He suggested the Village may need to contract a website developer to move the website to the next stage.

5. Council Pictures

Councillor Williams asked if pictures of Council could be placed on the website. C.A.O. Wynne mentioned that he is waiting for Councillors to inform him which ones to print. Once the pictures have been selected, they will be posted on the website.

Councillor Hart also asked if the unframed pictures in Council chambers could be framed.

6. Sanitation and Sump Pump Issues

Councillor Williams spoke to some residents in the community who were concerned about the consequences of others in the area who have their sump pump pumping back into the Village sanitation system.

Discussion occurred regarding ways to educate the community and how to encourage people to unhook sump pumps that are pumping back into the Village sanitation system.

Councillor Rasch referred this issue to Administration for recommendations.

7. Budget Date

Preliminary budget estimations may be available for discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on February 5th, 2011.

8. Invite Calmar Bylaw Officers to next Council Meeting

Discussion occurred regarding inviting the Calmar Bylaw officers to the next Council meeting to answer any questions that Councillors may have regarding protective services. It was decided that Council would wait until after the Town of Calmar has completed their budget, since the contract for the Bylaw Officers will probably want to be discussed between the two municipalities.

9. 39/20 Alliance Meeting

The next 39/20 Alliance meeting with Councillors and CAOs is tentatively scheduled for Breton on February 23, 2011.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councillor Hart -Leduc Foundation meeting on Thursday, January 27 in Devon.
- Councillor Osness -FCSS meeting on Thursday, January 27.
-Last Library Board meeting had Pat McNamee from Municipal Affairs attend. Policies were discussed. The board has ten members, which is the maximum. Next meeting is February 17th.
- Mayor Rasch -Attending Rec Board meeting on January 26.
-Councillor Pharis attended the last Capital Region Board meeting for him.
-Attended the Chamber Meeting and the EDA Breakfast on January 18th.
- Councillor Williams -The Chamber meeting had a good turn out and Leduc Chamber of Commerce joined the meeting.
- Councillor Pharis -Attended the last Rec Board meeting.
-Went to the Capital Regional Board meeting, where she got some handouts regarding the airport and Sturgeon County. She said that she would bring the handouts to the Committee of the Whole meeting.
-The Capital Regional Board Housing Committee is undergoing their budget.
-Seniors Program Planning Board is busy planning trips.
- Attended the open house for the old school which had a good turnout of people.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register 022286 to 022354

- 2011-18 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the financial reports as presented.
Carried.
- 2011-19 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 8:37 P.M.
Carried.
- 2011-20 Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 8:50 P.M.
Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

- 2011-21 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting go into closed session at 8:55 P.M.
Carried.
- 2011-22 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 9:50 P.M.
Carried.
- 2011-23 Moved by Councillor Hart to write off the outstanding utilities as presented by administration in
the summary dated January 22, 2011.
Carried

ADJOURNMENT

- 2011-24 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 10 P.M.
Carried.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted