

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 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
Reporters: Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target

Agenda: Councillor Williams requested the addition of G2 – Election of Mayor.
CAO Wynne requested the addition of G3 - Corporate Services Policies
Mayor Rasch requested the addition of G4 – 39/20 Alliance meeting
Councillor Hart requested the addition of G5 - noon siren; G6 - MLA luncheon

2011-25 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

2011-26 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the January 25, 2011 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

Ms. Reg McDougall presented the Thorsby Communities in Bloom 2009 Financial Statement and 2011 budget to Council. CIB requested a donation of \$6,000 from the Village of Thorsby for their 2011 budget and discussion ensued.

2011-27 Moved by Councillor Hart that the CIB request for a \$6,000 donation be referred to the Village's 2011 budget deliberations.
Carried (Councillors Hart, Osness, Pharis, Williams-for; Mayor Rasch-against)

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

1. Administration Reports

CAO Wynne reported that administration was getting a quote on new LED lighting for the Village office, to replace the current fluorescent lights. Councillor Osness noted that new lighting was needed in the Library and Mayor Rasch commented that street lighting needed to be improved at the Recreation Complex. Administration will report back to Council once the quotes for LED lighting at the office are received.

2011-28 Moved by Councillor Pharis to accept the Administration Reports for information.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Leduc Foundation Transportation Operating Assistance, Municipal Funding

2011-29 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept for information.
Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Town of Calmar - Protective Services 2010 Year End Summary Report

The 2010 Year End Summary report for Peace Officer services was tabled and briefly discussed. CAO Wynne reported that Calmar planned to keep the hourly patrol rate the same for 2011 as it was in 2010. Council directed administration to request the Calmar Community Services Director include the 2010 report in his presentation to Council, which will be scheduled for a Council meeting in the near future.

2011-30 Moved by Councillor Williams to accept the Protective Services 2010 Year End Summary Report as information.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Thorsby Elementary School Roadway Development

2011-31 Councillor Hart moved the Village of Thorsby lease to Black Gold Regional Schools that portion of 48 avenue from the alley west to the turn-around for \$1 per year for 20 years, subject to the terms of an agreement to be negotiated between the two parties.
Carried.

Council directed CAO Wynne to negotiate the terms of the lease agreement with Superintendent Yanitski. In the interest of further enhancing students' safety, Council also directed the CAO to request that Alberta Transportation install a traffic light at the intersection of 48 avenue and 52 street.

2. Election of Mayor

There was discussion of the election of the Thorsby Mayor separate from Councillors at the next municipal election, which will be held in October 2013.

2011-32 Moved by Councillor Williams that the CAO contact Alberta Municipal Affairs to request that Thorsby residents be permitted to elect the Mayor at the next municipal election and that the CAO draft an election bylaw for this Mayoral election for Council's consideration.
Carried (3-2)

3. Corporate Services Policies

CAO Wynne tabled the four new Corporate Services Policies that were drafted and reviewed by Council at the February 5, 2011 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

2011-33 Moved by Councillor Osness that the following policies be adopted:

2011-001- Comprehensive General Liability Insurance - Societies, Clubs, Organizations;
2011-002 - Purchasing of Goods and Services;
2011-003 - Use of Municipal Vehicles; and 2011-004
2011-004 - Expense Cards
Carried.

4. 39/20 Alliance Meeting Date

The next 39/20 Alliance meeting date is yet to be determined.

5. Village Siren

Councillor Hart commented that some residents have expressed concern that the Village siren has not been sounding at noon. Mayor Rasch commented that some residents has also commented that they prefer the siren not sound at noon each day. Council directed the CAO to ensure the siren is working properly.

6. MLA-Minister Luncheon

MLA Diana McQueen has invited the Thorsby Council to attend a luncheon with a number of Cabinet Ministers in Drayton Valley on February 10. Mayor Rasch, Councillor Hart, and Councillor Osness plan to attend and Council briefly discussed Thorsby priorities that will be presented to the Ministers.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rasch -plans to attend the Mayor's caucus on February 16, 2011.
-reported on attendance at Recreation Board meeting.
-reported on the upcoming grants workshop.

Councillor Osness -reported on attendance at Leduc County FCSS board meeting, January 27. Tony Lake is the new President and Councillor Osness is the VP.
-Leduc County will provide a seniors transportation grant to Thorsby in 2011 from reserve funds. Linda Bernicki has identified two potential transportation grant sources and will be communicating these to the CAO shortly.
-Warburg expressed concern that their residents have a difficult time accessing the Leduc Food Bank because of a lack of transportation. Leduc County FCSS has developed a procedure where food can be delivered to rural residents and this will be promoted more widely.

Councillor Pharis -reported the CRB Board meeting had been postponed until March.

Councillor Hart -reported on the Leduc Foundation Board meeting on January 27 in Devon. The Board had an opportunity to tour the new 28-suite subsidized seniors housing apartment building.
-the seniors bussing issue was discussed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register 022355 to 022419.

- 2011-34 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the cheque registry as presented.
Carried.
- 2011-35 Moved by Councillor Williams to recess at 8:20 P.M.
Carried.
- 2011-36 Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 8:30 P.M.
Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

- 2011-37 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting go into closed session at 8:31 P.M.
Carried.
- 2011-38 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 9:00 P.M.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

- 2011-39 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.
Carried.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted