

**VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2011
7:00 PM**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Rasch, at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Barry Rasch
Councillors: Rick Hart
Joanne Osness
Cathryne Pharis
Mitch Williams
CAO: Harold Wynne
Reporter: Coreena Van Cappelle, Thorsby Target
Linda Steinke, Pipestone Flyer

2011-55 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried.

2011-56 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the February 22, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.
Carried.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

Councillor Hart asked CAO Wynne to clarify the term of his commitment to serve as CAO. Dr. Wynne stated that he is prepared to serve as CAO until the end of June, 2012; subsequently, if there is a need for the continuation of his services, he is prepared to consider serving until December 2012, at Council's request.

1. Administration Reports

The Corporate Services Manager's report included information on: audit, dog licensing, utility billings, MSI grant status, debenture loan, summer village administration, T4s and STEP grant.

The Recreation Director's report included information on: recreation complex construction, facility management software, rec complex security system; program update, Volunteers Appreciation event; spring clean-up garage sale, Yard and Garden Show.

THE Chief Administrative Officer's report included information on: recreation complex and programming, fire department vehicles, public works update, water treatment plant site meeting, and FCSS Advisory Committee meeting.

2011-57 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the Administration Reports as presented.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Minister of Municipal Affairs re: 2011 MSI funding

2011-58 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the Minister's letter as information.
Carried.

2. AUMA President re: Summit on Energy, May 12, 2011

2011-59 Moved by Mayor Rasch to accept the AUMA letter as information.
Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Land Stewardship Amendment Act

2011-60 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept items 1-4 as information.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Thorsby Child Care Modular Facility

CAO Wynne tabled his memo re: transferring ownership of the Thorsby Child Care Modular Facility from Black Gold Regional Schools to the Village of Thorsby. He recommended Council pass a resolution to accept this transfer of ownership and he provided background information; details of facility use and operations; cost to the Village; and future prospects.

Council discussed the merit of transferring ownership, with concerns centering on ongoing costs to the Village; the type/viability of child-related programs; ability of the Thorsby Early Education and Child Care Society to operate the facility and programs; and implications for usage of the recreation complex and community hall for child-related programs.

2011-61

Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the transfer of ownership of the Thorsby Child Care Modular portable facility from Black Gold Regional Schools to the Village of Thorsby, subject to an agreement to be negotiated between the parties and at no cost to the Village.

Carried.

2. 39/20 Alliance Meeting

The next 39/20 Alliance meeting with Councillors and CAOs will be held in the Warburg Seniors Centre (5020-52 St) on March 31, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a dinner meeting and the CAO encouraged Councillors to submit items to him for inclusion in the agenda.

Mayor Rasch suggested the following agenda items: bylaw enforcement of roadway overloads; inclusion of Drayton Valley and Devon in the 39/20 Alliance; economic development community bus tour; and tourism.

Councillor Pharis suggested adding health services to the agenda.

3. Zorena Building

Councillor Hart expressed concern that the Zorena Building, which recently collapsed due to snow load, may pose a hazard to people walking by on the sidewalk. Administration was directed to contact the owner to express this concern and discuss the demolition and removal of the building.

4. Sidewalks

Councillor Hart expressed concern that snow removal on Hankin Street sidewalks was not being undertaken by some property owners. The CAO explained that Peace Officers were directing owners to remove snow and, in cases of non-compliance, were issuing tickets. In addition, Public Works staff has removed snow in front of some properties and these owners will be back-charged for this service.

5. Website

Councillor Williams noted that the Village website had been updated and improved as of late and he passed kudos to administration for this.

6. Emergency Management Director

Councillor Hart asked whether Terry Bosse was still serving as Emergency Management Director, given that he recently relocated to Leduc. CAO Wynne replied that Mr. Bosse was still the coordinator and would be able to discharge his responsibilities, notwithstanding his move.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Osness

- thanked Mayor Rasch for attending the Leduc County FCSS board meeting on her behalf.
- attended a Yellowhead Regional Library meeting and noted this is the 25 anniversary of YRL. As a result, YRL plans to give a commemorative gift to each library. The YRL had a \$500,000 surplus for the past year. YRL is also developing a new membership agreement, as the last one was done in 1998.

Councillor Hart

- attended the CRB presentation sponsored by the Leduc-Nisku EDA. CRB will also come to a municipal council meeting to make this presentation.
- attended the Alberta Health Services discussion at the Devon Hospital re: rural physician and health care services
- attended a Leduc Foundation Board meeting.

Councillor Williams

- Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Lions Club pancake breakfast successful fundraiser

Councillor Pharis

- volunteered to sell 50/50 tickets at an Oil Kings game.
- all CRB board meetings were cancelled.
- seniors planning board meeting was cancelled.
- participated in Go Girls program, where 70 girls were in attendance.
- attended the Devon Hospital meeting along with Councillor Hart
- recommended that the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance survey and initiative be discussed at the next committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Mayor Rasch

- attended the Leduc County FCSS Board meeting on behalf of Councillor Osness. The FCSS board provided feedback on strategic planning and discussed the food bank program.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register 022420 to 022446

- 2011-62 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the cheque register as information.
Carried.
- 2011-63 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 8:45 P.M.
Carried.
- 2011-64 Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 8:55 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

- 2011-65 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting go into closed session at 8:56 P.M.
Carried.
- 2011-66 Moved by Councillor Osness to return to the regular meeting at 9:50 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

- 2011-67 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M.
Carried.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted