

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 26, 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
CSM: Christine Burke

Recording Secretary: Marianne Belozer

Reporters: Coreena Van Cappelle, Thorsby Target
Greg Yapp, Leduc Representative

Agenda: Councillor Williams requested an addition of item #1 in Closed Session, Councillor Hart requested an addition of item #2 in Closed Session, CAO Wynne requested an addition of Discussion item #4 Lion's Park Management, and Mayor Rasch requested an addition of Discussion item #5 Town Hall Council Open House and an addition of item #3 in Closed Session. K-2 Elementary School Road.

2011-95 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

2011-96 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the April 12, 2011 Regular meeting minutes, the April 13, 2011 Budget Committee meeting minutes, the April 16, 2011 Budget Committee meeting minutes and the April 19, 2011 Budget Committee meeting minutes as presented.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Darren Aldous, AUMA President – Mayor's Caucus Power Point Presentation

Mayor Rasch advised Mr. Aldous was unable to attend and will reschedule.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

1. Administration Reports

CAO Wynne went over his report with Council.

- FCSS Coordinator – Leduc FCSS is assisting with advertising anticipating filling this position this Spring
- Emergency Preparedness Planning – Summer Villages obtaining \$100,000 collaboration grant to assist in developing an emergency preparedness plan, likely planning process will include Thorsby
- Council Budget Meetings – final drafts developed and a draft tax bylaw for Council consideration
- WTP – Alberta Transportation approved a \$1.3 million grant advance
- Public Works Update – Spring run-off caused minor flooding problems, Staff are inspecting roadways and developing a plan
- Recreation Complex – High School Graduation will have the ceremony on May 6 in the Field House, first major event in the new facility

2011-97 Moved by Councillor Williams to accept the Administration Report as presented.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. TEPA re: Thorsby Elementary School's New Playground

Council reviewed the correspondence item. Councillor Hart stated that he would like to encourage all community members to donate to such a worthwhile project.

2011-98 Moved by Councillor Hart that Council accept the correspondence as information.

Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. MLA McQueen presentation at Thorsby Fire Hall May 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Hart encouraged all Council members to attend this event to give MLA McQueen thanks for her part in helping Thorsby Fire Department in procuring two new vehicles.

2. Dinner with Partner Communities of Beihai and Dongying, April 28, 2011

CAO Wynne informed Council of the EDA Dinner and stated he knew this was short notice.

Councillor Hart thought it could be beneficial to Thorsby to have representation at this dinner. Mayor Rasch said his calendar was open at this time. Councillor Williams stated that if Mayor Rasch was unable to attend that he would attend in his place.

3. Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

Council directed Administration to put forth a submission form for the Minister's Awards in the category of Partnership. They hope that the Village's working relationship with the Summer Village's will be recognized.

CAO Wynne advised he will bring this up at the next Council meetings of Silver and Sundance Beaches.

2011-99 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept items 1-3 as information.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mr & Mrs Worshek – Agreement Extension

CAO Wynne put forth a recommendation to Council that this Agreement be extended for five years.

2011-100 Moved by Councillor Hart that Administration be directed to renew the extension agreement for five years.
Carried.

2. Lions Club use of Rec Complex Room

CAO Wynne advised Council that he had been approached by the Lions Club to make their home base in the Scouts room in the Recreation Complex. He recommended the Village pay for the materials such as paint, flooring, ceiling tiles, etc. to have it renovated. He said the Lions have agreed to provide the labor at no cost.

Brief discussion occurred and Mayor Rasch asked if there had been an estimate done. CAO Wynne figured it would probably cost from 2 to 3 thousand dollars as there was not a lot of materials needed.

CAO Wynne also mentioned that once this was completed it would be open to other Community Groups as well.

2011-101 Moved by Councillor Osness that the Village pay for the materials needed for the renovation of the room if the Lions Club provides the labor.
Carried.

3. Tax Exemption for George's Subdivision

2011-102 Moved by Councillor Williams that the Village of Thorsby cancel the municipal portion of taxes on the George's subdivision for the 2011 tax year.
Carried.

4. Lions Park Management

CAO Wynne advised he had been approached by the Lions Club offering to manage the Lions Park throughout the summer. He said this would be a tremendous asset to have them do this and that all the monies received would be reinvested back into the park for future development.

2011-103 Moved by Mayor Rasch that Council accept the offer for the Lions Club to manage the Lions Park throughout the summer of 2011.
Carried.

5. Town Hall Open House May 12, 2011 – 7 to 9 p.m.

Mayor Rasch asked if Council had decided what they want to have available for the Open House.

CAO Wynne said it had previously been decided that he would emcee the event and also present a powerpoint presentation. He advised that they would have a mixer as well as a question answer session that he will manage closely.

Councillor Hart advised that doughnuts and refreshments should also be made available for the evening.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rasch

- Leduc/Nisku EDA Breakfast – Volunteer Appreciation
- Attending Seniors supper meeting on the 27th

Councillor Osness

- Library Board Meeting

Councillor Williams

- Chamber of Commerce meeting very positive May long weekend planning/Thorsby dollars

Councillor Pharis

- CRB meeting cancelled due to Habitat to Humanity Luncheon instead

Councillor Hart

- Leduc/Nisku EDA Breakfast – Volunteer Appreciation
- Chamber of Commerce meeting

2011-104 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the reports as information.
Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register 022420 to 022446

2011-105 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the cheque register as information.
Carried.

2011-106 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 7:55 P.M.
Carried.

2011-107 Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 8:05 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

2011-108 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting go into closed session at 8:05 P.M.
Carried.

2011-109 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 9:15 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

2011-110 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M.
Carried.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted