

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 24, 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: Marianne Belozar

Delegation: Zahir Jirji – Thorsby Liquor Store
Will Jang – Global Resources Efficiency Services

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

Agenda: Councillor Hart requested an addition of Discussion items #1 Mosquito spraying and #2 Grass Clippings, Councillor Pharis requested an addition of Discussion item #3 Sump Pump Ad and 1 item for Closed Session, Councillor Williams added under Discussion item #4 Bylaw, Agenda and Minutes Posting, #5 Dog Bylaw Update and #6 Public Works, Mayor Rasch requested an addition of Discussion item #7 Open House, #8 May long weekend, #9 Vitalize Conference and an addition of 2 items in Closed Session.

2011-128 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

Councillor Osness requested to amend the May 10, 2011 Regular meeting minutes under Discussion item #3, to read “Councillor Osness requested Council direct Administration to cost out bins and bring the information back to Council”
Carried.

2011-129 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the May 10, 2011 Regular meeting minutes as amended.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Zahir Jirji – Thorsby Liquor Store

Mayor Rasch welcomed Mr. Jirji to the meeting of Council.

Mr. Jirji approached Council and began to discuss the possibility of another liquor store opening in Thorsby. He felt that a third liquor store within the Village would harm his business and that he was very doubtful that Thorsby could support all three. Mr. Jirji presented Council with a petition listing 220 to 250 names of people opposed of another liquor store opening.

Mayor Rasch stated that it was not the role of Council to direct business.

CAO Wynne said details on zoning are the Village’s main concern and that a Liquor store falls under a discretionary use.

Councillor Hart voiced that he felt competition is always healthy for business.

It was decided that Council would discuss this in more detail in Closed Session and agreed to be in touch with Mr. Jirji.

2. Will Jang – Global Resources Efficiency Services

Mayor Rasch welcomed Mr. Jang and thanked him for his attendance.

Mr. Jang handed out a brochure which outlined information on LED video screen signs. He explained the environmental friendly signs could serve as a community events sign for advertising and more. He gave a quote of approximately \$65,000.00 for a 10’W x 6’H sign. He also suggested financing options.

There was a question answer session with Council members and Mr. Jang.

Mayor Rasch thanked Mr. Jang for his attendance and said that Council members would review this and will stay in touch with him.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

1. Administration Reports

CAO Wynne went over his report with Council.

- Spring Clean-up – Scheduled for May 27th & 28th dumpsters ordered
- Public Works – Update – sewer flush, renovations completed in shop replacement of aeration pump, body work on GMC, line painting
- Parks and Rec – Update – completed activities, long weekend activities, deficiencies being completed in Field House, Community Garage Sale
- Personnel – Employment Ads
- 39/20 Alliance Meeting – Highlights
- Town Hall Meeting - Highlights

2011-130 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the Administration Report as presented.
Carried.

2. Protective Services Report

2011-131 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the report as information.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Mayors' Caucuses

2011-132 Moved by Councillor Osness that expenses be paid for Mayor Rasch to attend the Mayors' Caucuses in Calgary.
Carried.

2. 2011 Birchall Leadership and Yellow Ribbon Dinner

Discussion commenced and Administration was given direction to find out more details at a later date and report back to Council.

2011-133 Moved by Councillor Williams to accept this item as information.

3. Municipalities Helping Slave Lake Update

2011-134 Moved by Mayor Rasch to accept this item as information
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mosquito Spraying

Councillor Hart informed Council members that the City of Leduc has a mosquito spray fogging machine that he thought might be helpful in ridding the mosquitoes in the soccer fields for the children.

Administration was give direction to find out the cost of this service.

2. Grass Clippings

Councillor Williams asked if Administration got a cost to have a bin available monthly for three months.

CAO Wynne advised he will report back to Council with a cost.

3. Sump Pump Advertisement

Administration was directed to place an advertisement to inform residents not to pump their sump water into the sewer system.

4. Bylaws, Minutes and Agenda Postings

Discussion occurred regarding having the agenda posted regularly on the Village website as well as inserting current Bylaws and Minutes

Administration was directed to put the agenda on the website on the Friday prior to the Council meeting on the following Tuesday.

5. Dog Bylaw

Councillor Williams asked if a draft dog bylaw had been drawn up. CAO Wynne said he will take direction from Council to draft up a dog bylaw.

6. Public Works

Councillor Williams would like to send out a special thank you to the Public Works Department for a great job done for May long weekend.

7. Open House

Mayor Rasch felt that the Open House was productive and that he was glad people took time to come out.

8. May Long Weekend

May long weekend was discussed by Council and Mayor Rasch felt the Village should show more leadership as far as organizing more events.

Councillor Osness disagreed and felt that more of the Village's involvement would take away from the Volunteer organized events.

Councillor Hart mentioned he felt that the Village should perhaps make things easier for the Volunteer groups, but not take the lead.

9. Vitalize Conference

2011-135 Moved by Councillor Williams that expenses be paid for Mayor Rasch to attend the Vitalize Conference.
Motion Carried 4 In Favour, 1 Opposed.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rasch

- CRB Meeting – Options for ring road, next meeting for Towns & Villages
- May long weekend

Councillor Osness

- FCSS upcoming

Councillor Williams

- Chamber of Commerce meeting May 18th

Councillor Pharis

- CRB meeting May 19th, Legacy Point Housing Development – Housing Symposium Upcoming

Councillor Hart

- Busy May long weekend

2011-136 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the reports as information.
Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register 022642 to 022717

2011-137 Moved by Councillor Williams to accept the cheque register as information.
Carried.

2011-138 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 8:35 P.M.
Carried.

2011-139 Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 8:50 P.M.
Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

- 2011-140 Moved by Councillor Williams that the meeting go into closed session at 8:50 P.M.
Carried.
- 2011-141 Moved by Councillor Osness to return to the regular meeting of Council at 10:15 P.M.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

- 2011-142 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 10:15 P.M.
Carried.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted