

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 14, 2011
7:00 PM

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

Present: Mayor: Barry Rasch

Councilors: Rick Hart
Joanne Osness
Cathryne Pharis
Mitch Williams

CAO: Harold Wynne

Recording Secretary: Tracy Ellerington

Delegation: Dave Mann – Waste-to-Energy Consortium
Melinda Pharis & Sheri Morrissey – Community Fit

Reporters: Coreena VandeCappelle, Thorsby Target
Dave Lazzarino, County Market/Leduc Representative
Linda Steinke, Pipestone Flyer

Agenda: Councilor Osness requested an addition under Discussion Items #3 Summertime Meetings and 2 items for Closed Session. Councilor Pharis requested an addition of Discussion item #4 Rec Program Status, #5 Soccer Fields, #6 Committee Meetings, #7 Street Lights at School, #8 Pop at Community Hall, #9 Daycare. CAO Wynne added an addition to Correspondence Item #2 Parks and Rec Foundation Grant, Information Items #5 Victim Services Stats, Discussion Item #10 Thorsby Volunteer Appreciation, Delegations #2 Dave Mann – Waste-to Energy, and 1 item for Closed Session.
Mayor Rasch requested 1 addition to Closed.

7:05 – Mayor Rasch entered the meeting and assumed the chair.

2011-143 Moved by Councilor Hart to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

Councilor Williams requested an amendment be made to the May 24, 2011 Regular meeting minutes under Discussion item #2, to read "Councilor Williams asked if Administration got a cost to have a bin available monthly for three months."
Carried.

2011-144 Moved by Councilor Williams to accept the May 24, 2011 Regular meeting minutes as amended.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Melinda Pharis and Sheri Morrissey from Community Fit

Mayor Rasch welcomed Melinda and Sheri to the meeting of Council.

Community Fit wanted to introduce themselves to Council and the Community, and to make everyone aware of their purpose – which is to encourage all ages in the Community to become involved in fitness and the Thorsby Recreation Complex. They also asked for support for their Fun Run and Christmas Event.

Mayor Rasch commended Community Fit for involving the whole Community in their endeavors and stated that Council would like to support them in some degree. Council will discuss it and get back to them.

2. Dave Mann – Waste-to-Energy

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

Mr. Mann explained that the waste management consortium is ready to meet with Councilor Hart, Mayor Rasch and the C.A.O. regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. There will be a formal presentation at the next Council meeting.

Councilor Hart thanked Mr. Mann in putting together the consortium and all his efforts.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

1. Administration Reports

CAO Wynne went over his report with Council.

- Water Treatment plant is on schedule
- PARCOM Marketing is working on a plan for the 39/20 Alliance Communities.
- CAO Wynne does not recommend spraying for mosquitoes
- Thorsby Elementary School Grand Opening was a success and the CAO is working with Black Gold Schools on a bus lane and parking plan
- Mayor Rasch and the CAO met with Leduc/ Nisku EDA on organizing a bus tour showcasing the 39/20 Alliance Communities to Developers and Realtors
- The Village office, Rec Complex, Fire Hall and Public Works are receiving upgrades on communication services

2011-145 Moved by Councilor Osness to accept the Administration Report as presented.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Municipal Affairs Minister Goudreau re: 2011 Municipal Grants Information Booklet

2011-146 Moved by Councilor Hart to accept the correspondence as information.
Carried.

2. \$2000.00 Grant from Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

Mayor Rasch suggested Council think of options for the use of this grant and voice them at the next council meeting.

2011-147 Moved by Councilor Williams to accept the correspondence as information.
Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Municipal Partnerships in Injury Reduction**
- 2. Municipal Climate Change Action Centre**
- 3. Annual Research Field Day at Capital Power's Genesee Mine**
- 5. Victim Services Stats**

2011-148 Moved by Councilor Osness to accept these items as information.

4. Leduc Nisku EDA 2011 Partnership Fee

2011-149 Moved by Council Pharis to accept this item as information
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Grass Bins

Council discussed the details of the bin rental and the costs involved.

2011-150 Moved by Councilor Hart that bins be brought in on a trial basis for the months of June, July, August and September 2011 for one week per month and re-evaluate at the end of season.
Carried.

2. Ad re: Discharging Sump Pumps into Sanitary System

Council discussed raising awareness through advertising and campaigning rather than strict enforcement

3. Summer Meetings

Moved by Councilor Osness that the 2nd Tuesday remain a regular Council meeting and the 4th Tuesday be a Committee of the Whole meeting for the months of July and August.

Carried.

4. Rec Program Status

CAO reported that he is unsure of the enrollment numbers for the Summer Programs. Some Summer Programs have been cancelled and the Fall and Winter programming is in the planning stages at this time.

5. Soccer Fields

Councilor Pharis stated that there have been many complaints about the grass and debris in the parking lot. CAO Wynne stated that Reed Atwood is responsible for the cleanup of the parking lot and the grass will be cut as soon as it is dry enough to do so.

6. Committee Meetings

Councilor Pharis would like to see more meetings taking place for the Committees. Councilor Hart stated it is up to himself and Councilor Pharis to mandate these meetings and will do so more in the future.

7. Street Light at School intersection

Council agreed that a Street Light is needed at the intersection and that the Village should partner up with Black Gold School Division to petition for one to be installed.

8. Pop at Community Centre

Council discussed the pros and cons of keeping the pop machine and decided to use up the quantity we have and return the machine.

9. Daycare

Councilor Pharis requested an update. CAO Wynne said he is hoping the sign-over should be completed by end of June and there needs to be a board established with programming being looked at for Fall.

10. FCSS Volunteer Event

FCSS is sponsoring an event in the community and would like all Council members to help out and be present for the event.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Osness

- FCSS County Meeting
- Library Board Meeting

Councilor Hart

- Elementary Grand Opening
- Ambulance Board Meeting
- Alberta Health Services Meeting
- Ride for Dad

Councilor Pharis

- Ambulance Board Meeting
- Yellowhead Library Board Meeting

Councilor Williams

- Ambulance Board meeting
- Ride for Dad

Mayor Rasch

- Rec Board Meeting
- CRB Meeting
- Vitalize Conference

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register 022718 to 022774

2011-152 Moved by Councilor Osness to accept the cheque register as information.
Carried.

2011-153 Moved by Councilor Hart to recess at 8:50 p.m.
Carried.

Councilor Pharis left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

2011-154 Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 9:00 P.M.

2011-155 Moved by Councilor Hart to return to the regular meeting a 9:55 P.M.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

2011-156 Moved by Councilor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 P.M.
Carried.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted