

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 5, 2012
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: Joanne Osness
Rick Hart
- Acting CAO/CSM: Christine Burke
- Town Manager: Robert Payette
- Public Works Manager: Chris Legault
- Recording Secretary: Tracy Ellerington
- Delegations: Bill Maryka
- Reporters: Coreena VandeCappelle, Thorsby Target
Linda Steinke, Pipestone Flyer
Stephanie Dubois, Leduc Representative
- Agenda: Councillor Hart made one addition to Delegations, D1 – Bill Maryka. Councillor Osness made one addition to Discussion Items, H4 –Regular Council Meeting. Acting CAO Christine Burke made an addition to Business Arising From Previous Meetings, C2 – Oath of office for Bob Payette and one item for Closed Session. Mayor Rasch made four additions to Information Items, G2 – Recreation Coordinator, G3 – Everactive Schools, G4 – Meeting with Minister McQueen, G5 – 39/20 Alliance Meeting, one addition to Discussion Items, H5 – Mayors Caucus Meeting and one item for Closed Session.
- 2012-200 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.
- 2012-201 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the May 22, 2012 Regular Council Meeting minutes and May 29, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda as presented.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Council Motion Tracking Sheet

Motion #2012-127 & #2012-178

Acting CAO Burke said she received preliminary costs from Genivar on installing water lines to the East Industrial Park. Directional Drilling would be approximately \$600,000.00 and open drilling would be approximately \$2,000,000.00. Genivar will send costs of installing sewer lines at the same time. Council will wait on further discussion until the final numbers are in.

Motion #2012-124

Public Works Manager Chris Legault stated the lot grading should be completed by Friday, June 8, 2012. Acting CAO Burke said that signage should be finished in a few weeks.

- 2012-202 Moved by Councillor Hart to give an extension to lot grading and signage for the water treatment plant until June 30, 2012.
Carried.

Motion #2012-123, Motion #2012-154, Motion #2012-179

Public Works Manager Chris Legault has received costs of camera-ing Hankin Street from Camtrac. It is estimated at a two day job with costs of \$3500.00 to \$4000.00.

- 2012-203 Moved by Councillor Hart to authorize Public Works to proceed with Camtrac camera-ing Hankin Street.
Carried.

- 2012-204 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the Motion Tracking Sheet as information.
Carried.

2. Oath of Office - Robert Payette

Robert Payette was sworn in as Town Manager in front of Council.

Mayor welcomed Bob Payette to the position on behalf of Village residents and Council.

Bob stated he was excited to be given the opportunity and gives credit to Christine Burke for all the work she has done in the last few months.

DELEGATION / PETITION

1. Bill Maryka – Maryka Contracting

Councillor Hart questioned Bill on the option of a one year contract and also if there will be any upgrades to his equipment.

Bill responded by saying he does not want to entertain a one year contract because it was not asked for in the RFP and also because it is difficult to find financial backing for upgrades with only a one year contract. Bill is willing to make upgrades to his vehicle as needed and is looking at acquiring a second unit.

Councillor Hart thanked Bill for over 20 years of service to the Village and would like to give Bill the opportunity to negotiate with administration.

Town manager Payette will meet with Mr. Maryka as soon as possible for further discussion.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/ BYLAWS

1. 2012-04 Taxation Bylaw 2012

2012-205 Moved by Councillor Osness to go to third reading of Bylaw 2012-04 Taxation 2012.
Carried.

2012-206 Moved by Councillor Hart for Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 2012-04 Taxation 2012.
Carried.

2. Bylaw 2012-05 Utilities Bylaw

2012-207 Moved by Councillor Hart that the wording in Section IV – Water Usage of the Utilities Bylaw be amended as follows:
During the appropriate months, MAY TO SEPTEMBER EACH YEAR, all persons are requested to practice water conservation for outdoor watering, whereby properties with a municipal address ending in an odd number may water on odd numbered days only, and properties with a municipal address ending in an even number may water on even numbered days only.
Carried.

2012-208 Moved by Councillor Hart to go to third reading of Bylaw 2012-05 Utilities Bylaw.
Carried.

2012-209 Moved by Councillor Osness for Third and Final reading of Bylaw 2012-05 Utilities Bylaw.
Carried.

3. 2012 Budget Address

CSM Burke reported to Council on the highlights of the 2012 Budget.

Council directed Administration to add the Budget Address to the Village of Thorsby website.

2012-210 Moved by Councillor Hart to release the 2012 Budget Address to the Media and include pages 27 to 30 of the Agenda in the Tax Notice mail-outs.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Letter of Support – AUMA Wastewater Treatment Pilot Project

2012-211 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept these items as information.
Carried.

2. Rec Coordinator

Town Manager Payette is pleased to inform Council of Kelley Probes appointment to the Recreation Coordinator position.

2012-212 Moved by Councillor Hart that a letter of congratulations be sent to Kelley Probe.
Carried.

3. Everactive Schools

The launch date for the Everactive Schools Program is on June 8, 2012 at the LRC.

4. Meeting with Minister McQueen

The meeting with Minister is scheduled for June 14, 2012 at the Legislature.

5. 39/20 Alliance Meeting

The meeting is at 6:00pm in Calmar on June 25, 2012 at the Town Hall.

2012-213 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept all items for information.
Carried.

2012-214 Moved by Councillor Hart to take a 5 minute recess at 8:20pm.
Carried.

2012-215 Moved by Mayor Rasch to call the regular meeting of Council back to order at 8:25P.M.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Recreation Board Nomination

2012-216 Moved by Mayor Rasch to appoint Rod Blair to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board.
Mayor Rasch and Councillor Osness in Favor, Hart opposed.
Carried.

2. Letter of Support for Joint Venture

Town Manager Payette recommends that Council sign the Letter of Support.

Councillor Hart is concerned this will show preferential treatment to this particular company.

Administration does not feel this is the case nor does the letter bind the Village of Thorsby to anything but dialog and opportunities.

Council would like the Letter of Support to read:
The Village of Thorsby fully supports the initiatives presented by Trimtech Corporation for the possible development of a full service water and waste-water utilities JV entity.

2012-217 Moved by Councillor Osness that council sign the amended Letter of Support.
Carried.

3. Ice Plant

Administration recommends to council that the Village of Thorsby hire Trimtech to oversee the ice plant repairs.

Councillor Hart would like to see a performance bond added to the contract.

Councillor Osness is concerned that if the village proceeds with the upgrade before we have grants in place we may not qualify for a grant.

Administration will check with the Grant Administrator and verify the terms.

2012-218 Moved by Councillor Hart to proceed with the hiring of Trimtech to determine the repairs required to bring the ice plant back on line. The initial cost will not exceed \$10,000.00.
Carried.

4. Regular Council Meeting

Councillor Osness was not aware of the need for another Regular Council meeting on June 12, 2012, but now understands the abundance of business that needs to be taken care of at that meeting.

5. Mayors Caucus Meeting

2012-219 Moved by Councillor Hart that Mayor Rasch attend the Mayors Caucus Meeting with all expenses paid by the Village.
Carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Hart
- Leduc Foundation

Councillor Hart informed Council that Sam Kobeluk's mother, Annie, passed away on June 3, 2012. Sam requested that Council members attend her funeral.

2012-220 Moved by Councillor Hart that Administration send a condolence card to the Kobeluk Family on behalf of the Village.
Carried.

Councillor Osness
- Committee-of-the-Whole

Mayor Rasch
- Minister McQueen Meeting
- Seniors Luncheon
- Town Manager introduction tour

Mayor Rasch would like to recognize Kathi Walker for all her hard work and dedication to the community.

Council would like the public to know that the 2012 Thorsby Census brought back an official population count of 947 residents.

2012-221 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the reports as presented for information.
Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register

2012-222 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the Cheque Registers as information.
Carried.

2012-223 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess for 10 minutes at 9:05 P.M.
Carried.

2012-224 Moved by Councillor Osness to call the regular meeting of Council back to order at 9:15 P.M.
Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

2012-225 Moved by Councillor Osness the meeting go into closed session at 9:15 P.M.
Carried.

2012-226 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 9:37 P.M.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

2012-227

Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 P.M.
Carried.

Christine Burke, Acting CAO/CSM

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Town Manager, Robert Payette

Date Adopted