

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 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: Mitch Williams
Cathryne Pharis
Rick Hart

Absent: Councillor Joanne Osness

CAO/Town Manager: Bob Payette
CSM: Christine Burke
Recording Secretary: Marianne Belozer

Delegates: Susan Bekolay, Pipestone Flyer
Jan Thompson, Pipestone Flyer
Merle Liske, Pipestone Flyer
Randy Gilbert

Members at Large: Fred and Fay Purdie
Ed Hein

Reporter: Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target

Agenda: Councillor Hart requested an addition of #H-4 Handicap Crosswalk. Councillor Williams added #H-5 Ball Diamonds, #H-6 Streetlight at Cemetery, #H-7 Highway Signs and 1 item under Closed Session. CAO Payette added 4 items under Closed Session. Mayor Rasch made an addition of #H-8 Re-Envision Housing Symposium 2012 and #H-9 MLA McQueen Open House for Senior Health and Social Welfare Concerns.

2012-283 Moved by Councillor Williams to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

2012-284 Moved by Councillor Williams to adopt the July 17, 2012 Special meeting minutes, July 10, 2012 Regular Council meeting minutes and July 24, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda as presented.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Municipal Projects Updates

2012-285 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept this item as information.
Carried.

2. Motion Tracking Sheet

2012-286 Moved by Councillor Hart that Administration be directed to follow up on the installation of the sign at the Water Treatment Plant and the planning and organizing of the dedication plaque presentation to be made to MLA Dianna McQueen.
Carried.

2012-287 Moved by Councillor Williams to accept these items as information.
Carried.

DELEGATION / PETITION

1. Suzan Bekolay, Operations Manager – Pipestone Flyer

Ms. Bekolay addressed Council and gave a powerpoint presentation on the science of effective advertising. She explained that science has proved that ads that induce an emotional response from people are more effective than ads that just explain products and services.

Mayor Rasch thanked Ms. Bekolay for her attendance.

2. Brion Zutz

Mr. Zutz was not in attendance. CSM Burke spoke on his behalf informing Council of his request to initiate the 3rd year incentive portion of the Tax Incentive Policy which states a 25% reduction to the municipal portion of taxes.

Council expressed some concerns and it was decided this item be tabled for the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further clarification and discussion.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

1. Bylaw Reports

2012-288 Moved by Councillor Williams to accept the reports as presented.
Carried.

2. Utility Bylaw

Item tabled for further clarification and discussion to the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 28, 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Health Quality Council of Alberta EMS**
- 2. Alberta Culture Days – MLA McQueen**
- 3. Governments Economic Action Plan – MP Calkins**
- 4. Alberta Culture Days – MLA Klimchuk**
- 5. CIB Judge Letter of Thanks**

2012-289 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept items 1-5 as information.
Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. August

2. September

Discussion commenced on events that Council felt should be put on the calendar.

Councillor Williams and Councillor Hart thought only the Committees of Council dates should be reflected on these calendars.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Events Grant Application

2012-290 Moved by Councillor Hart that Council accept the Chamber of Commerce events grant donation request.
1 In Favor 3 Opposed – Motion Defeated

2012-291 Moved by Councillor Williams that the \$200 donation request from the Chamber of Commerce be approved and the monies be taken out of the Recreation Department events budget.
Carried.

2. Donation Application – Community Fit Ltd.

2012-292 Moved by Councillor Pharis to approve the donation application request .
3 In Favor 1 Opposed - *Carried.*

3. 39/20 Partnership Resolution

2012-293 Moved by Councillor Williams that Council approve the 39/20 Partnership Resolution for the terms of reference.
Carried.

4. Handicap Crosswalk

Councillor Hart stated his concern with the newly poured sidewalk not having handicap access as it had before.

CAO Payette advised the issue has been addressed and the problem will be corrected.

5. Ball Diamonds

Councillor Williams advised Council of several resident concerns on the state of disrepair that the ball diamonds were presently in.

CAO Payette said he will be meeting with a Leduc County representative and will come up with a maintenance plan for 2013.

6. Streetlight at Cemetery

2012-294

Moved by Councillor Williams that Administration be directed to call Fortis for the cost of installing a streetlight by the corner of the cemetery.
Carried.

Councillor Williams requested that this item be placed on the Motion Tracking Sheet.

7. Highway Signage

Councillor Williams stated his concerns with the habitual problem of the Department of Highways not maintaining signs, guard rails, weeds, line painting, etc. on 52 Street.

CAO Payette advised that he had a meeting scheduled with Carillion this week and that he will bring up these concerns so that they can be rectified. He invited any Council members to attend.

8. Re-Envisioning Housing Symposium 2012

Mayor Rasch brought up to Council members the upcoming symposium in Nisku.

CAO Payette advised that all Council members have been registered for this.

9. MLA McQueen Open House for Seniors Health and Social Welfare Concerns

Mayor Rasch informed Council of the upcoming Open House with MLA McQueen on August 27, 2012, at the Thorsby Community Hall between 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Williams

- Chamber of Commerce & Rec Board Golf Tournament – Upcoming
- Community Registration Night - Upcoming

Councillor Hart

- Leduc Foundation BBQ - Upcoming

Mayor Rasch

- CRB Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register

2012-295

Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the Cheque Register as information.
Carried.

2012-296

Moved by Councillor Hart to recess for 10 minutes at 8:55 P.M.
Carried.

2012-297

Mayor Rasch called the regular meeting of Council back to order at 9:08 P.M.
Carried.

2. Budget Update

CSM Burke clarified to Council that the budget for Legislative and Administration was not over by 160%, the minus in front of the values indicate as per standard accounting procedures, revenues and that the department is showing a 160% overage of revenues.

3. Sewer Reserve Funds

CSM Burke advised that a Sewer Reserve Fund account is in the process of being started with ATB. Documents related to opening the account, will be presented to Council for their signatures at the end of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

2012-298 Moved by Councillor Hart the meeting go into closed session at 9:11 P.M.
Carried.

2012-299 Moved by Councillor Williams to return to the regular meeting at 9:40 P.M.
Carried.

Mr. Randy Gilbert left the meeting.

Mr. Ed Hein, as a representative for the Seniors brought forward concerns regarding the poor lighting in the basement of the Community Hall. They were considering applying for a grant with the Village, but felt it might impact the Seniors ability to apply for funding towards a new Seniors Centre. They would therefore, like the Village to look into lighting upgrades for this area.

Mayor Rasch thanked Mr. Hein for bringing the matter forward and directed Administration to look into new lighting for the 2013 budget considerations.

Fire Chief Osness advised Council that the Summer Villages of Silver and Sundance had obtained fire coverage from the County of Wetaskiwin, through Mulhurst Bay Fire Department. Some issues still existed surrounding dispatch service availability through Strathcona County for this service, but the expectation was that this was for the Summer Villages to resolve as we no longer have a contract to provide Fire coverage.

Fire Chief Osness also reminded Council that the Village agreement with the County has expired and a few minor changes need to be made regarding correction of boundaries and option to purchase the County Tanker, before the formal renewal.

2012-300 Moved by Councillor Williams to extend the meeting for 45 minutes.
Carried.

2012-301 Moved by Councillor Hart the meeting go into closed session at 10:00 P.M.
Carried.

Councillor Hart left the meeting at 10:14 p.m. due to pecuniary interest.

2012-302 Moved by Councillor Williams to return to the regular meeting at 10:37 P.M.
Carried.

2012-303 Moved by Mayor Rasch that Council approve the request to cancel the municipal portion of property taxes on the Georges Industrial lots for the 2012 year, as per agreement provision of the development agreement that was signed in 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

2012-304 Moved by Councillor Williams to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 P.M.
Carried.

Bob Payette, CAO/Town Manager

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted