

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 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 Joanne Osness

CAO/Town Manager: Bob Payette

Recording Secretary: Tracy Ellerington

Delegation: Jared Probe, Thorsby Minor Hockey Association

Reporters: Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target
Amy Crofts, Leduc Representative

Several Members at Large

Agenda: Councillor Hart requested an addition of one item under Closed. Councillor Williams requested an addition of one item under Closed and one item under Minutes from Previous Meetings, B-2, Special Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2012. CAO Payette added one Delegation, D1, Jared Probe, President of Thorsby Minor Hockey Association, one item for Closed Session and one addition to Reports/Resolutions/Bylaws, E-5, Chiller Repairs. CAO Payette also requested that the items under Reports/Resolutions/Bylaws be amended to have item E-5 as the first item under that section. CAO Payette requested an additional item under Discussion Items, H-1, Summer Village of Sundance Beach Letter. Mayor Rasch added one item under Closed Session.

2012-413 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

2012-414 Moved by Councillor Williams to adopt the Regular Council Meeting minutes of November 27, 2012 as presented.
Carried.

The Minutes from the Special Meeting of December 6, 2012 will be presented at the January 8, 2013 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Council Motion Tracking Sheet

CAO Payette will update the tracking sheet to reflect the completion date of February for the Animal Control Bylaw, as it is still at the lawyer's office for review.

2012-415 Moved by Councillor Williams to accept the Council Motion Tracking Sheet as amended.
Carried.

DELEGATION / PETITION

1. Jared Probe – President of Thorsby Minor Hockey Association

Mr. Probe informed Council that there was a verbal agreement in place that a \$40,000 financial commitment was made with the Village of Thorsby in understanding that the ice plant would be up and running for the 2012/2013 hockey season. If Council decides to shut down the rink for the season, T.M.H.A may also be forced to shut down, which would have enormous ramifications on the village itself. A few ways in which this would be felt are a loss in local business income, concession income, job loss, slowdown in tourism/foot traffic and families may move away. Mr. Probe stated that Leduc County has offered to front the money for a new chiller unit and would like to see the Village make the decision to move forward with the repairs and/or replacement of the faulty equipment.

Mayor Rasch explained to all present that Administration informed Council of the chiller problems around December 4th and it was decided there should be a Special Meeting of Council on December 6th. At the meeting all options were discussed, but no decision was made on how to proceed at that point. Leduc County met with Administration to discuss options and cost sharing. Since that meeting Leduc County has approved funding for repairs on the Thorsby Arena. Administration has been gathering financial information concerning the repairs and any other costs that may be involved and will present it to Council tonight. Mayor Rasch assured everyone present that keeping the arena open and operable is of utmost importance to Council, unfortunately there are no extra funds available in the budget for this kind expense, but they will do everything in their power to find a way to fund this.

Councillor Osness joined the meeting at 7:25pm.

CAO Payette discussed the tendering process for the summer capital project at the arena.

CAO Payette brought forward the Memo to Council, concerning Chiller Repairs which explained the costs, for information and discussion with members at large as well as Council. After researching chiller rental options it became apparent that it would not be viable in the present situation. Therefore Administration recommends that Council pass a motion to proceed with the temporary repair of the chiller unit and work in conjunction with Leduc County for the ordering and installation of a new chiller unit. CAO Payette is confident that the costs incurred up to this point will be covered in this year's budget. CAO Payette informed Council that the repair may not last until the new chiller is installed, but it is a risk that should be taken. He also mentioned that there is still work that needs to be done on other equipment such as the boilers and condensers.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

1. Chiller Repairs

2012-416 Moved by Councillor Hart to proceed with the temporary repair of the chiller unit and work in conjunction with Leduc County for the ordering and installation of a new chiller unit.
Carried.

2012-417 Moved by Councillor Hart to take a 10 minute recess at 8:00pm.
Carried.

2012-418 Moved by Councillor Williams to return to the regular meeting at 8:12 P.M.
Carried.

2. Bylaw #2012-12 Borrowing Bylaw for 2013

2012-419 Moved by Councillor Hart that Bylaw #2012-10 be given third and final reading.
Carried.

3. Bylaw Enforcement Month End Report

2012-420 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the Bylaw Enforcement report as information.
Carried.

4. Bylaw 2012-08 to Amend Bylaw #99-007 Tax Installment Plan

2012-421 Moved by Councillor Hart that this item be tabled for further discussion at the next Council meeting in January.
Carried.

5. Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2013

2012-422 Moved by Councillor Williams to table this item until the next Council Meeting in January.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Alberta Transportation – Funding not available for Operation & Maintenance**
2. **Alberta Tourism, Parks & Rec – Assets to grow tourism in Thorsby & Area**
3. **Leduc Foundation – 2013 Requisition Advance Notice**
4. **Strathcona County – Thank you for support**

2012-423 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept items 1 through 4 as information.
Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. **December**
2. **January**

Mayor and Council made updates to the December 2012 and January 2013 calendar.

2012-424 Moved by Councillor Williams to accept the Calendar of Events as amended.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Summer Village of Sundance Beach Letter**

CAO Payette recommends to Council that the Village of Thorsby give a one month extension to Sundance Beach, on the closing of the dump station for their use, with a deadline of January 31, 2013. Councillor Hart is opposed to the extension as a decision was already made by Council and the costs are too high to risk. Mayor Rasch would like to meet with Sundance Beach Council concerning this issue and does not have a problem with an extension. Councillor Hart would like a recorded vote.

2012-425 Moved by Mayor Rasch to extend the closure of the dump Station to Sundance Beach for one month, pending a meeting with them in January 2013.
Vote 4 – 1 with Councillor Hart Opposed.
Carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Pharis
- Library Board

Mayor Rasch
- Ag Society Meeting

2012-426 Moved by Councillor Hart that he and Mayor Rasch attend the C.U.P.E negotiations on December 17, 18 & 19, with pay.
Carried.

2012-427 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept all reports as presented.
Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. **Cheque Register**

2012-428 Moved by Williams to accept the Cheque Register as information.
Carried.

2012-429 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess for 5 minutes at 8:55 P.M.
Carried.

2012-430 Mayor Rasch called the regular meeting of Council back to order at 9:00 P.M.
Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

2012-431 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting go into closed session at 9:00 P.M.
Carried.

2012-432 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 9:20 P.M.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

2012-433 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M.
Carried.

Bob Payette, CAO/Town Manager

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted