

COUNTY COUNCIL

November 30, 2009

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on November 30, 2009. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, K. Palmer, Administrator A. Romeril, Superintendent R. Coppieters and CPO S. Simpson.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES
(09-11-31)

R. Ford moved to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held November 3, 2009.

Carried.

(09-11-32)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the minutes of the Organizational meeting held November 3, 2009.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(09-11-33)

R. Taylor moved to add the following items to the agenda:
News Release - Government to Balance Budget by 2012 - 2013
News Release - Criminal Property Seized at \$11 Million
News Release - Population Growth and Water Supply Considered
Chin Park Hostess/Concession Operations
Quad Council Meeting
Town of Raymond/Associated Engineers
Coutts Bypass Road
NRCB -Hicken Ranches
Milk River Doctor Recruitment

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

As presented by Superintendent R. Coppieters and it is attached.

(09-11-34)

J. Meeks Sr moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieter's reports as presented.

Carried.

FUEL REBATE
PROGRAM
(09-11-35)

R. Ford moved to receive the Government's reply (Alberta Finance) and further they will not grant a waiver of the fuel rebate program for the County of Warner application for the rebate.

Carried.

P.W. 2010
CAPITAL
(09-11-36)

K. Palmer moved to approve the Public Works 2010 Capital Equipment purchase program in the amount of \$505,000 on condition the funding for the hi-hoe comes from the MSI grant or county reserves.

Carried.

NELSON RANCHES
GRAVEL PIT ROAD
(09-11-37)

It is estimated to cost \$697,000 to upgrade the three miles of County of Warner road to the Nelson Ranches Gravel Pit. It is estimated to cost between \$1 - \$1.5 million to upgrade the 4 miles of road in the Cardston County.

(09-11-38)

R. Ford moved to forward a letter to the Cardston County requesting them to upgrade their road to the Nelson Ranches Gravel Pit and further, possible move the priority of its construction earlier than anticipated due to safety concerns with the road.

Carried.

RAYMOND
WATER LINE
(09-11-39)

R. Taylor moved to approve the Town of Raymond to locate a 20 inch potable water line in the center of the gravel road located to the south of the SW 27-5-20-4 on condition the Town is responsible for any and all costs associated with the repair, maintenance, and construction of the road, due to the pipeline placement and further,

if the County is ever required to upgrade the road in the future, any and all costs for any repairs, maintenance and replacement of the pipeline will be at the Town's expense, and further, the Town will be responsible for the integrity of the portion of the road that is disturbed for the period of 2 years as outlined in their engineer's letter dated November 30, 2009.

Carried.

COUTTS
BYPASS ROAD
(09-11-40)

R. Ford moved that County Administration, on approval from the Village of Coutts, handle the land negotiations for the Coutts Bypass Road thirty meter right of way.

Carried.

CPO REPORT

As presented by CPO S. Simpson and it is attached.

SPEED ZONE
(09-11-41)

G. Krokosh moved to amend the Traffic Control Bylaw 732 by adding a 60 kph area starting with the road that is located in the SE 16-6-17-4 and the S ½ of 15-6-17-4.

Carried.

PHOTO RADAR
(09-11-42)

R. Taylor moved to receive the information on costs and regulations for operating a photo radar in the County of Warner and further, no more investigation is required at this time regarding implementing a system.

Carried.

RIDGE PARK RE-
DEVELOPMENT
(09-11-43)

R. Taylor moved to approve the Ridge Park Redevelopment Design and Plan as prepared by AECOM as per their letter dated November 19, 2009 and delivered by Alberta Transportation and further, recommend that a RV disposal dump station be designed and installed at Ridge Park as part of the redevelopment.

Carried.

Superintendent R. Coppieters left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

MASTER FIRE
PROT. PLAN
(09-11-44)

G. Krokosh moved that the County Council review the County of Warner Fire Protection Master Plan early in the new year.

Carried

(09-11-45)

R. Ford moved to receive CPO S. Simpson report as presented.

Carried.

CPO S. Simpson left the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:24 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:38 a.m.

RETAIL LIQUOR
OUTLET VOTE

The retail liquor outlet vote is scheduled to take place on December 14, 2009 at the New Dayton Community Hall.

PRINCIPLES OF
ASSESSMENT
(09-11-46)

G. Krokosh moved to register County Councillors at the January 28-29, 2010 Principles of Assessment Course schedule in Lethbridge.

Carried.

NOISE BYLAW
DELEGATION

A delegation from the Lethbridge Motorcycle Club entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and consisted of Joe Malinowski, Jerry Nelson, and Les Barrett. Also present was CPO S. Simpson and a member of the public D. Meldrum.

The Club requested Council to consider changing the operating hours at the track to 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (April thru September) from Monday thru Saturday and from

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. The hours from October thru March would be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The club will institute better policing of the hours. Mufflers were talked about and the noise level does not appear to ever exceed 96 decibels. Other items discussed included signage, trespassing enforcement, funeral protocols, and the desire to work with the County on implementing operating hours. The Club delegation, along with S. Simpson and D. Meldrum left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

(09-11-47)

R. Taylor moved amend the draft Noise Bylaw 873-09 by changing the track operating hours as outlined by the Lethbridge Motorcycle Club, remove the muffler clause, expand the definition of farming activities, increase the barking time for dogs to 10 minutes and further, distribute the amended bylaw to the general public for comment and at the end of the comment period, bring the comments back to County Council for their consideration.

Carried.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS
ITEMS

(09-11-48)

R. Taylor moved to close the County departments, weather permitting, at noon on December 24, 2009 and open again at 8:00 a.m. January 4, 2010, with the Council granting 12 hours of holidays during that time with the balance being taken as vacation or time in lieu, provide a \$25 gift certificate to all employees and members of Council, and provide Christmas trays to each department.

Carried.

JANUARY 2010
MTG SCHEDULE

(09-11-49)

G. Krokosh moved to reschedule the January 2010 meetings as follows:
January 5 Council meeting to January 12, 2010
January 12 ASB and Planning to January 19, 2010, and
January 19 Council meeting to January 26, 2010

Carried.

SOUTH SASK.
REGIONAL PLAN

(09-11-50)

R. Taylor moved that all Councillors attend a South Saskatchewan Regional Plan Municipal Information Session/Open House either at Lethbridge (December 7, 2009) or Milk River (December 10, 2009).

Carried.

Accountant R. Shaw entered the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

BANK RECON-
CILIATION

(09-11-51)

R. Taylor moved to approve the bank reconciliation statement as at October 31, 2009 and it is attached.

Carried.

BILLS FOR
PAYMENT

R. Ford moved to receive the Schedule of Disbursements in the amount of \$1,227,989.73 and it is attached.

Carried.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT

(09-11-54)

J. Meeks Sr moved to approve the financial statement as at November 30, 2009 as presented.

Carried.

R. Shaw left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

SUNNYSITE
COLONY & NRCB

(09-11-55)

G. Krokosh moved that the County has no concerns over the application of Sunnysite Colony to expand their existing poultry layer operation to 23,000 and the poultry pullets to 11,500 and construct a new poultry barn measuring 60.96 by 15.24 meters on the property described as the NE 17-4-18-4.

Carried.

NELSON FAMILY
RANCHES AREA
STRUCTURE PLAN
(09-11-56)

K. Palmer moved to receive the Nelson Family Ranches draft area structure plan and comments from ORRSC for information purposes only and wait for a final document to be prepared.

Carried.

RAYMOND
WATER
MORATORIUM
(09-11-57)

K. Palmer moved to receive Administration's report on the Town of Raymond's decision to suspend issuing water for new rural development applications until the Town has conducted water availability studies and have met with the County to discuss the Inter-municipal Development Plan, which meeting has been requested by County Administration to happen as soon as possible.

Carried.

DEBT LIMIT
REGULATION
(09-11-58)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the information from the Province regarding the review of the debt limit regulation amendments being proposed.

Carried.

ALBERTA PARKS
(09-11-59)

R. Ford moved to receive the information that Alberta Parks and Recreation have purchased the following lands as part of the Writing on Stone Park:
NW 1-2-14-4, NW 2-2-14-4, NE 2-2-14-4, E1/2 10-2-14-4 and the NW 10-2-14-4.

Carried.

MOBILE HOMES
(09-11-60)

R. Taylor moved to receive the letters from the Wrentham Utilities Association and D. Nilsson regarding the County's Land Use Bylaw prohibiting mobile homes within the Hamlet of Wrentham and further, reply to the letters indicating that the County will review those prohibited uses during the next full review of the County Land Use Bylaw.

Carried.

POSSIBLE
LEGAL CLAIM
(09-11-61)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the letter from Lawyers Torry Lewis Abells LLP who are acting on behalf of R. Hoffman who was involved in an accident on the Stirling Bypass Road on August 25, 2007, giving the County notice they intend to file a claim against the County relating to road and signage maintenance, and further this letter has been forwarded to Jubilee Insurance.

Carried.

EMERGING
TRENDS
WORKSHOP
(09-11-62)

R. Ford moved that K. Palmer, R. Jones, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh and A. Romeril attend the Emerging Trends legal workshop in Calgary on February 4, 2010.

Carried.

PREVAILING
WINDS SETBACK
AND NRCB
(09-11-63)

R. Taylor moved to forward a letter to the NRCB asking them to implement an increased setback from residential buildings due to prevailing winds coming off of confined feeding operations.

Carried.

CHIN PARK
HOSTESS
(09-11-64)

K. Palmer moved that the position of Chin Park Hostess be handled by Administration.

Carried.

QUAD COUNCIL
(09-11-65)

G. Krokosh moved to attend the Quad Council meeting on January 18, 2009 as hosted by the Village of Warner and possible topics for the agenda include burning at transfer stations, potable water funding, doctor recruitment for Milk River, and a report from Milk River Watershed Canada Council.

Carried.

HICKEN RANCHES
AND NRCB
APPROVAL

The County has received notice the NRCB has approved the Hicken Ranches Ltd. confined feeding operation for four thousand beef feeders on the property described as NE 20-5-20-4.

POLICY 320.14
(09-11-66)

G. Krokosh moved to amend and approve the following land value changes as follows:
Dry Land - \$1,000 per acres
Irrigated Land - \$2,000 per acre
Pasture Land - \$500 per acre.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

R. Taylor - The Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority is within 50 tonnes of their past annual volume allocation, which has now been removed as one of the regulations. An Authority meeting will be attended on December 9, 2009.

G. Krokosh - The issues on health at the Fall AAMDC Convention were very informative. Further Education is revising their cancellation policy. Work is beginning on new courses for next year.

R. Ford - The health discussions were timely due to the lack of doctors within the Town of Milk River. The Milk River Watershed Canada Council is working on an integrated water management plan and terms of reference. The South Sask. Regional Advisory Committee is requesting information from their group. Erosion funding for the area near the Weir Bridge has been denied. The Coutts Recreation Board has done repairs on the spray park and concession outlets. The 4H Awards Banquet was attended. There is a reduced number of students left in the 4H program. The lack of federal drought disaster program for the area is still being investigated.

R. Jones - During a recent AAMDC event in Manitoba, local elected officials are required to disclose their land assets and interest in companies where they own more than 10% of the company.

(09-11-67)

R. Taylor moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(09-11-68)

K. Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator