

COUNTY COUNCIL

January 29, 2008

A County Council meeting was in the County Office on January 29, 2008. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr., K. Palmer, Administrator A. Romeril and CPO S. Simpson. Also present were M. Murphy and J. Abrey of Alberta Emergency Management Agency.

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

MINUTES
(08-01-29)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 8, 2008.

Carried.

(08-01-30)

R. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held January 15, 2008.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(08-01-31)

R. Ford moved to add the following items to the agenda:

2007 Municipal Sponsorship Grant
Chin Park Vandalism
Town of Milk River Emergency Services Committee
Helsby Aneca Letter
Reliance Appraisal - Wrentham Lots Market Value
Tax Recovery Lands - Lease Lands
Water from Ridge Reservoir to Milk River
Chec Tower Road Construction Costs
Local Election Recount

Carried.

PROV. EMERG.
MANAGEMENT
AGENCY

M. Murphy, Emergency Management District Officer and J. Abrey, Fire Safety Officer were present to discuss their roles in assisting the County with our emergency operational needs. Other topics addressed included training standards for fire departments, radio needs, grants available and assisting in preparing and updating the County emergency management policies and bylaws. After a question and answer session the delegation left the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

EMERGENCY
TRAINING
COURSES
(08-01-32)

R. Jones moved that the County make application to hold an Emergency Management Workshop and a Regional Municipal Disaster Exercise under the recent grants announced by Municipal Affairs.

Carried.

TRAVIS PROJECT
(08-01-33)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the information that the County of Warner has been selected as a pilot municipality to participate in the TRAVIS program (overload/overweight permitting program).

Carried.

GENERAL SAFETY
MEETING
(08-01-34)

W. Cunningham moved to approve holding a general safety meeting with all County staff within the next few months with presentations including safety videos, guest speakers and a review of the updated Health and Safety Manual if completed.

Carried.

STANDARD
FIRST AID
(08-01-35)

R. Taylor moved to approve CPO S. Simpson to conduct a Standard First Aid Training for staff and acquire the services of a second instructor in order that 24 staff can be trained in one session over a two day period.

Carried.

MASINASIN
FIRE HALL
(08-01-36)

G. Krokosh moved to pay the cost overrun of \$1,290.72 for the renovations conducted on the equipment shed to accommodate the housing of the Masinasin Fire Department equipment.

Carried.

COUTTS FIRE
AND RESCUE
(08-01-37)

R. Ford moved to approve a contribution of up to \$10,000 to the Coutts Fire and Rescue to go towards outfitting the new rescue truck with lights, equipment and tools, and further this expenditure be included in the 2008 budget.

Carried.

TWO LICENSE
PLATES
01-38)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the return of two license plate system that will see a (08-licence plate on the front and rear of all vehicles.

Carried.

CHIN PARK
VANDALISM

Council was informed about the vandalism which occurred at Chin Park. The maintenance shed was burned and the attendant's booth was damaged. Council asked Administration to look into methods which might deter this type of activity.

(08-01-39)

W. Cunningham moved to approve CPO S. Simpson report as presented.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:50 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 11:05 a.m.
S. Simpson was not present when the meeting reconvened.

QUAD COUNCIL
(08-01-40)

R. Ford moved to tentatively approve attending the suggested Quad Council meeting on February 13, 2008 and further, add training standards for fire fighters as a possible item to the agenda.

Carried.

M.P. RICK
CASSON

M.P. Rick Casson will be attending the February 19, 2008 Council meeting at 11:30 a.m.

REGIONAL
WATER STUDY

Administration will be waiting to organize a meeting with all affected parties regarding a regional water system upon receiving feedback from the communities of Coutts and Milk River.

RIDGE PARK
REDEVELOPMENT
(08-01-41)

R. Ford moved that Administration organize a meeting with UMA Engineer Bill MacMillan to revisit redevelopment design options for Ridge Park, and further, this meeting be scheduled after February 10, 2008.

Carried.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

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

ALBERTA PAINT
RECYCLING
(08-01-42)

R. Taylor moved to receive the information from the Province regarding the new paint recycling program that is available to municipalities if they voluntarily wish to incorporate into their waste management systems.

Carried.

CONFERENCES

The Rural Matters and the AAMDC Spring Convention was discussed. Councillors are registered and have been assigned to the various workshops.

MINISTER
MEETINGS
(08-01-43)

W. Cunningham moved to arrange meetings with the following Ministers during the 2008 AAMDC Spring Convention:
Minister Ted Morton of Sustainable Resource Development and the topics include paid hunting and tax recovery land transfers,
Alberta Infrastructure Minister Luke Ouellette and Alberta Environment Minister Rob Renner the topic is the Milk River Water Storage Project.

Carried.

CPA
CONFERENCE
01-44)

K. Palmer moved to register G. Krokosh, R. Taylor, J. Meeks Sr. and A. Romeril at (08- the Community Planning Association Conference at Red Deer on April 7 - 9, 2008.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION/
DEV. APPEAL
(08-01-45)

R. Taylor moved that R. Jones attend the Subdivision and Development Appeal Workshop in Medicine Hat on February 11, 2008.

Carried.

BEW- FCSS
(08-01-46)

R. Taylor moved that all Councillors attend the BEW - FCSS All Council's Orientation meeting on March 5, 2008 at the Heritage Inn in Taber.

Carried.

AAMDC SURVEY
STRATEGIC PLAN
47)

R. Taylor moved to forward the completed AAMDC Strategic Plan survey to the (08-01- AAMDC.

Carried.

NRCB/
HEATWOLE
(08-01-48)

K. Palmer moved that the County has no concerns with Heatwole's application to increase his confined feeding operation from 750 to 1150 beef feeders on the property described as the SW 6-6-19-4.

Carried.

NRCB/ NEW
ROCKPORT
COLONY
(08-01-49)

G. Krokosh moved that the County has no concerns with New Rockport Colony's application to increase their confined feeding operation numbers in the poultry (1,800), swine (10) and dairy (5) in addition to a new layer barn on the property described as the NW 20-6-18-4.

Carried.

SPONSORSHIP
GRANT
APPROVAL
(08-01-50)

R. Taylor moved to approve and sign the Municipal Sponsorship Agreement for the water metre projects for the Hamlets of New Dayton and Wrentham.

Carried.

MILK RIVER
EMERGENCY
SERVICES
COMMITTEE
(08-01-51)

R. Ford moved to forward a letter to the Town of Milk River indicating the County does not support the disbanding of the Milk River Emergency Service Committee where the County currently has representation, due to the financial contribution the County makes towards the town's ambulance/fire response program.

Carried.

H. ANECA
(08-01-52)

R. Ford moved to receive the letter from H. Aneca regarding the late payment of property taxes.

Carried.

WRENTHAM
LOT VALUES
(08-01-53)

G. Krokosh moved to receive Reliance Appraisal market value estimate of \$10,000 for each of the newly created lots in the Hamlet of Wrentham, and further the sale of the lots will commence upon the subdivision being completed.

Carried.

CHEC TOWER
ROAD
(08-01-54)

J. Meeks Sr. moved to complete a new cost estimate for the regrading of the east half of the Chec Tower Road based on the new location of possible fill dirt and this cost estimate be completed before February 29, 2008 and present to Council for their consideration.

Carried.

APPRECIATION
NIGHT
(08-01-55)

R. Taylor moved to proceed with booking Trevor Panzcak as entertainment for the Emergency Services Appreciation Night at a cost of \$1,000.

Carried.

Accountant R. Shaw entered the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

BANK RECON-
FILIATION
(08-01-56)

R. Ford moved to approve the bank reconciliation as at December 31, 2007 and it is attached.

Carried.

BILLS FOR
PAYMENT
(08-01-57)

K. Palmer moved to receive the Schedule of Disbursement in the amount of \$206,906.50 and it is attached.

Carried.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
(08-01-58)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the interim December 31, 2007 financial statement as presented.

Carried.

R. Shaw left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - A Health and Safety meeting was attended where updates were presented on the safety manual. Several forms have been revised. Discussion around the general safety meeting and first aid training were recommended. Efforts are being made to instill the importance of a safety culture among the staff.

(08-01-59)

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

Carried.

S.H. 506
(08-01-60)

R. Taylor moved to forward a letter of appreciation for the cold mix work Alberta Transportation has completed on portions of S. H. 506, and further encourage the department to continue the improvements.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA
(08-01-61)

R. Ford moved to go in-camera at 3:05 p.m.

Carried.

(08-01-62)

W. Cunningham moved to revert to regular session at 3:08 p.m.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(08-01-63)

R. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator