

COUNTY COUNCIL

May 20, 2008

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on May 20, 2008. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, G. Krokosh, R. Taylor, J. Meeks Sr., K. Palmer and Administrator A. Romeril.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES
(08-05-39)

R. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 6, 2008.

Carried.

ADDITION
TO AGENDA
(08-05-40)

R. Ford moved to add the following items to the agenda:
Alberta Emergency Management Agency letter,
BEW-FCSS Board Representation,
Mayor and Reeve of SE and SW Alberta Minutes,
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation - Ridge Park,
New Dayton Group Country Lot Offer,
Warner Fire Department Request,
Grader Maintenance Shop Fuel Storage Tanks, and
New Dayton Unsightly Premise Concerns.

Carried.

GRAVEL PIT
LEASE

The draft gravel lease agreement has been delivered to the landowner and negotiations are ongoing.

RIDGE PARK
REDEVELOPMENT
(08-05-41)

R. Ford moved to receive Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation letter proposing funding in the amount of \$2.5 million for the County to undertake the control, management, design and delivery of the redevelopment of Ridge Park, and further, Administration contact the department regarding additional information and questions with the proposed undertaking.

Carried.

AESO

Matt Grey and Ata Rehman of AESO entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to discuss the potential general location of possible future transmission lines in Southern Alberta. A Power Point presentation was made followed by a question and answer period. Additional electricity capacity is required in Alberta and wind farms are a source. Transmission lines are required to move the energy to the areas of the province that is lacking. The delegation left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

FUEL STORAGE
TANKS

The County received an inspection of the grader maintenance yard fuel tanks and they do not meet the current regulations. Public Works will be investigating what is required and the costs to meet the new codes that went into effect. Other options will be considered such as slip tanks.

(08-05-42)

R. Ford moved to receive Administration's report on the new requirements for fuel storage tanks and continue the research for other options other than replacement of the fuel tanks.

Carried.

TRAFFIC
CONTROL SIGNS

CPO S. Simpson will be investigating the need for possible traffic control signs in the NW and NE of 4-1-17-4.

GRAZING LEASE
(08-05-43)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the final draft of the W. Kaupp grazing lease for the lands described as a portion of the SE 32-5-18-4.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called a recess at 10:26 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:45 a.m.

CARBON
CAPTURE
(08-05-44)

R. Ford moved that Administration obtain additional information on the Carbon Capture and Storage initiative being promoted by the Government of Alberta.

Carried.

CUSTOMS
BYPASS ROAD
(08-05-45)

R. Ford moved the pictures of the heavy equipment using the Canada US Border Bypass Road be forwarded to Alberta Transportation and M.P. Rick Casson's office to give a visual as to the use of the road and the damage that can be incurred by the heavy equipment which must utilize it.

Carried.

NRCB AND
BLUEGRASS
COLONY
(08-05-46)

K. Palmer moved that the County has no concerns over the NRCB granting an extension of time for the Bluegrass Colony to complete its poultry barns due to their inability at this time to obtain the necessary layer quota.

Carried.

LETHBRIDGE
MOTORCYCLE
CLUB

Resident's concerns over the nuisances caused by the users of the track facilities north of Raymond will be addressed at a future meeting after additional information is obtained.

J. HEGGIE
DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT
(08-05-47)

J. Meeks Sr. moved to approve and sign the development agreement with J. Heggie regarding the recent group country residential subdivision.

Carried.

NEW DAYTON
LOT OFFER

(08-05-48)

Councillor R. Taylor left the meeting at 11:20 a.m. due to a pecuniary interest.

K. Palmer moved to receive L. Taylor offer to purchase Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 0812437 and counter offer by splitting the difference between the County's asking price and L. Taylor offer.

Carried.

Councillor R. Taylor re-entered the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

WARNER FIRE
DEPARTMENT
(08-05-49)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the Warner Fire Department's request that the County pay the venue fee of approximately \$500 annually when Rocky Mountain Phoenix comes to repair the many fire department's breathing apparatuses hosted by the Warner Fire Department.

Carried.

NEW DAYTON
UNSIGHTLY
PROPERTIES
(08-04-50)

W. Cunningham moved that the County remove the articles that remain encroached upon the New Dayton back alleys and this be completed after giving the residents one final two week notice.

Carried.

(08-04-51)

R. Taylor moved the Community Peace Officer investigate other alleged unsightly premise properties within the Hamlet of New Dayton and possibly utilize other enforcement acts such the Environmental Protection Act, to have the properties remedied, if necessary.

Carried.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:18 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

CPO S. Simpson was present.

NEW DAYTON
UNSIGHTLY
CONTINUED

The discussion continued about possible enforcement of unsightly premises within the Hamlet of New Dayton.

CPO S. Simpson left the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Accountant R. Shaw entered the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

BANK
RECONCILIATION
(08-05-52)

R. Taylor moved to approve the February, March and April 2008 bank reconciliation statements and they are attached.

Carried.

BILLS FOR
PAYMENT
(08-05-53)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the Schedule of Disbursements in the amount of \$1,385,742.60 and it is attached.

Carried.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
(08-05-54)

K. Palmer moved to approve the financial statement as at April 30, 2008 as presented.

Carried.

Accountant R. Shaw left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - The Prairie Rose Lodge will be installing air conditioners that will service the main areas of the lodge.

J. Meeks Sr. - The Farm Safety Center is operating very well. They have various funding commitments and have obtained casino revenues also. They have taught over 20,000 students to date. They are continually looking for new sponsors.

G. Krokosh - A Continuing Education meeting was attended where an operating bylaw was reviewed as well as the regular business. The Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority has hired a new manager and a new truck driver. They have asked the Raymond/Stirling Municipal Administration to investigate grant options for the proposed new waste transfer station site for the communities.

R. Ford - Efforts have been made to find the local water coop water lines near the Highway 4 new construction around the Town of Milk River. Several inspections by Alberta Environment and Occupational Health and Safety are slowing the work down. There is also an archeological study going on in the midst of the construction area. A meeting was attended about the reduced teaching staff at the Coutts Community School.

R. Jones - A Bio Energy meeting has been attended. It is an ongoing study. The AAMDC made a presentation to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans over concerns with the dealing with the department. A Pilot Training Center is being established in conjunction with the Warner School.

(08-05-55)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA
(08-05-56)

Reeve R. Jones called for an in-camera session at 1:52 p.m.

Carried.

(08-05-57)

R. Taylor moved to revert to regular session at 1:56 p.m.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR
EVALUATION
(08-05-58)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the Administrator's 2007 Annual Evaluation as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(08-05-59)

G. Krokosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator