

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on December 15, 2015. In attendance were R. Ford, P. Jensen, G. Krokosh, D. Heggie, D. Cody, R. Taylor, R. Jones and Administrator S. Hathaway.

Reeve R. Ford called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

MINUTES
(15-12-29)

R. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held December 1, 2015 as presented. Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA
(15-12-30)

R. Jones moved the following items be added to the agenda:
• Hamlet Carried.

ACTION TRACKING
(15-12-31)

D. Cody moved that the action tracking document be accepted as information. Carried.

RIDGE RESERVOIR
AREA STRUCTURE PLAN
(15-12-32)

R. Taylor moved that a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment as well as the Milk River Ridge working group asking for funding to do an area structure plan around Ridge Reservoir. Carried.

MILK RIVER
WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT PLAN
(15-12-33)

R. Jones moved that Administration send the response to the Watershed Management Plan workbook to Alberta Environment as discussed. Carried.

COUNCILLOR
REMUNERATION
(15-12-34)

D. Cody moved to accept the Councillor Remuneration report as information. Carried.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

D. Cody – Attended the Doctor Recruitment Committee where financials were reported, the Colonies still have not been approached and that Dr. Ada likes Milk River and is looking for a house. Also attended was the ORRSC meeting where they have added two more clients and now they are at the limit for clients for the staff that they have. Also attended was the Bill 6 meeting in Lethbridge.

P. Jensen left at 9:34 a.m.

R. Jones – attended the Bill 6 meeting in Lethbridge.

D. Heggie – attended the CPO meeting in Lethbridge where the budget was reviewed. Also attended the Barons Eureka Warner meeting where there were a lot of new board members so an overview of operations was done.

P. Jensen returned at 9:37 a.m.

P. Jensen – Attended the Chinook Arch meeting where the majority of the time was taken up doing the organizational meeting, and everything stayed the same. They also discussed the need for upgrades to their building and an engineer has been hired to look at what can be done. Also attended was the Chief Mountain meeting where they will remain under tonnage because of diversion to the Lethbridge landfill. Also attended the Mayors and Reeves meeting where there was a back and forth between some urbans and the rurals over Bill 6.

R. Ford – Attended the Biodiversity Management Framework planning meeting for the south Saskatchewan Regional Plan. There is a lot of concern about where this is leading us and to how the benchmarking will be done. R. Ford rose concerns regarding the data that is available and if they are taking an actual scientific approach to setting the targets. Species at risk could also play a role in these discussions.

(15-12-35)

D. Heggie moved to accept the reports as presented. Carried.

RECESS

R. Ford called for a recess at 9:55 a.m.
R. Ford called the meeting back to order at 10:07 a.m. with B. Dolan and B. Laing from Alberta Environment in attendance.

TWIN RIVER HERITAGE
RANGE LAND

B. Dolan and B. Laing made a presentation regarding the Twin River Heritage Range Land and the desire to add more land to the area, as well as explaining the difference between a natural area and a heritage area. Council raised concerns regarding the fire trails in the area, the effect on the oil and gas industry as well as access in the area. This was a pre meeting to make the County aware that this endeavour was going to be coming. B. Dolan and B. Laing left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

D. Heggie left at 1:07 a.m.

ALBERTA
TRANSPORTATION

D. Davidson from Alberta Transportation arrived at the meeting at 11:10 a.m. He gave a brief overview of where Alberta Transportation is currently at as far as their operations go. Discussed was Highway 36 where it was let known that a 15 year fix for the sluffing is being engineered and they hope to do the construction in the Spring. They are also hoping to be able to get engineering done on the bridge but there is no time table for that project to be undertaken. The Alberta Government wants to develop a sunshine list that will lay out major capital projects that need to be completed over the next several years, items to put forward are Highway 36 bridge, Highway 52 widening, Highway 4 and 500 intersection, Highway 4 and 36 intersection. The shape of the asphalt on Highway 501 and Highway 4 was discussed as well as the maintenance cutbacks that we saw this year. They are hoping to try to rectify those problems in the next budget cycle. D. Davidson left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

RECESS

R. Ford called for a break at 12:06 p.m.
R. Ford called the session back at 12:41 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE
(15-12-36)

R. Jones moved to accept the correspondence as information.

Carried.

TWIN RIVER HERITAGE
RANGELAND
(15-12-37)

R. Taylor moved that information be gathered regarding the state of our DLO on the fire roads, road allowance connectivity to our fire roads, arrange a meeting with Granite Oil after they have spoken with Alberta Environment, and how this will affect a future reservoir site on the Milk River.

Carried

2016 INTERIM BUDGET
(15-12-38)

P. Jensen moved to use the 2015 budget as the 2016 interim budget.

Carried.

RAYMOND FIRE
(15-12-39)

R. Taylor moved to accept the Terms of Reference for the Raymond Fire Service area.

Carried.

P. Jensen left at 1:16 p.m.

COMMUNITY PEACE
OFFICER BUDGET
(15-12-40)

R. Taylor moved that the County ratify the proposed 2016 Community Peace Officer budget as presented.

Carried.

COMMUNITY PEACE
OFFICER PROGRAM
CONCERNS
(15-12-41)

R. Jones moved that Administration send a letter to the Community Peace Office Program laying out our concerns with the proposed change in service levels, building and expansion of the project.

Carried.

BYLAW 921-12
SUBDIVISION AND
DEVELOPMENT APPEAL
BOARD
(15-12-42)

R. Taylor moved to give first reading to By Law 921-15 a bylaw to create a subdivision and development appeal board.

Carried.

(15-12-43)

R. Ford moved to give second reading to Bylaw 921-15 a bylaw to create a subdivision and development appeal board.

Carried.

(15-12-44)

R. Jones moved to give consideration to give third reading to Bylaw 921-15 a bylaw to create a subdivision and development appeal board.

Carried.

(15-12 45)

D. Cody moved to give third reading to Bylaw 921-15 a bylaw to create a subdivision and development appeal board.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION AND
DEVELOPMENT APPEAL
BOARD
(15-12-46)

D. Cody moved that Councillors from the Towns and Villages within the County of Warner boundary be authorized to sit on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Carried.

WRENTHAM
WATERLINE
(15-12-47)

G. Krokosh moved to instruct the engineers to deal with Telus and Alberta Transportation to place the water line in the south side road allowance of Township Road 6-4.

Carried.

RAYMOND
ANNEXATION

(15-12-48)

R. Taylor moved that the County of Warner agree to the proposed annexation report and application prepared by the Town of Raymond.

Carried.

G. Krokosh left at 1:57 p.m.

HAMLET

(15-12-49)

R. Jones moved that Administration send a letter responding that the County of Warner will not be proceeding with the request for Hamlet status for the area north of Stirling.

Carried.

ADJOURN

(15-12-50)

D. Cody moved to adjourn at 2:02p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator