

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 1, 2016

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on March 1, 2016. In attendance were R. Ford, P. Jensen, G. Krokosh, D. Cody, D. Heggie, R. Taylor, R. Jones, Administrator S. Hathaway and Superintendent L. Liebelt.

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

MINUTES
(16-03-01)

P. Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held February 16, 2016 as amended. Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA
(16-03-02)

D. Cody moved to add the following to the agenda:

- Ridge Country Housing Letter of Support
- Raymond Fire Agreement
- Town of Milk River 100 Anniversary Advertising

Carried.

ACTION TRACKING
(16-03-03)

R. Taylor moved that the action tracking document be accepted as information.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT
(16-03-04)

D. Heggie moved to receive the Administrator's report as information.

Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT
(16-03-05)

R. Jones moved to receive the Public Works Superintendent's report as information.

Carried.

RECESS

R. Ford called for a recess at 9:38 a.m.

R. Ford called the meeting back to order at 9:47 a.m. with L. Liebelt no longer in attendance and R. Shaw in attendance.

BANK RECONCILIATION
(16-03-06)

R. Taylor moved to accept the bank reconciliation dated January 31, 2016 as information.

Carried.

CHEQUE REGISTER
(16-03-07)

P. Jensen moved to receive the Schedule of Disbursements in the amount of \$576,076.80 as information.

Carried.

R. Shaw left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

D. Cody- reported that the Strategic Planning Session was very informative and worthwhile. Also attended the Dr. Bogle awards night which had good attendance.

R. Taylor – Attended a Chief Mountain policy meeting where they went over 6 or 7 polices that will help with some immediate issues. They have hired a facilitator to finish up on the best practices review. Attended the Environmental Farm Plan meeting where a good discussion was had regarding conservation easements, also what the plan would be used for.

R. Jones – attended the Emerging Trends Seminar and enjoyed the presentation on how to talk with government.

G. Krokosh – reported that he attended the Health and Safety Committee meeting where a lot of talk was around first aid kit requirements and the logistics surrounding ensuring they meet current legislation.

D. Heggie – reported that he went to view the land were a garage permit was denied.

P. Jensen – emerging trends was good, liked the discussion on constructive dismissal and the how to deal with the new government. Raymond Handi-Bus meeting where they still haven't got a new driver but they did receive a donation from a colony. Also attended the farm safety centre meeting where they said they received support from 53 counties last year and 61 colonies. Enjoyed the strategic planning session.

R. Ford – Met with the Heritage Handi us were they let the trip coordinator liaison position go. They are also looking at the possibility of the Town of Milk River do the bookings for the bus, they also had a discussion surrounding the future of the service. Attended the Bogle award night and it was well attended, there was some discussion regarding RPAP possibly losing their grant. Also had a conversation with the Chair of the CPO committee trying to gauge the direction they are going.

(16-03-08)

D. Cody moved to accept the reports as presented.

Carried.

P. Swain, the new director for South Region Alberta Parks, entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m. also in attendance at this time was R. Wills, a County rate payer.

P. Swain introduced himself as the new director for the area and wanted to come down to the County to start to build a relationship with Council, and address any concerns that there might be. Heritage Rangelands were discussed with the County raising its concerns about fighting fires in the area, storage on the Milk River and how the protected status affects the moving forward of that project. It sounds like if a dam is to be built on the forks, that area would have to be removed from the protected area by ministerial order. The next item that was discussed was Writing on Stone and the UNESCO World Heritage Site proposal. The province is moving ahead with the application, hoping to get designation in 2017/2018. The Nett lands will be part of the designation, and the province wants to know how they can work with landowners and the County to move this proposal forward. There was a lot of talk about wanting to get 17% of grasslands protected while Alberta only has 2.5% of the grasslands protected. The County brought up the need for the park to work with us on weed control. Gold Springs Park water issue was raised and, while this is not in the scope of P. Swain, he agreed that the process seemed flawed and that he would get contact information off to administration. P. Swain stated that he would like to get a working group started for both the Heritage Rangeland Project and the Writing on Stone Project. P. Swain and R. Wills left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

RECESS

R. Ford called for a recess at 11:15 a.m.

R. Ford called the meeting back to order at 11:25 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

(16-03-09)

R. Jones moved to accept the correspondence as information.

Carried.

SOUTH WARNER DRAIN

(16-03-10)

G. Krokosh moved to pay the bill to Sunnyside Colony for work done on the South Warner Drain, and to take that money from the South Warner Drain reserve.

Carried

AAMDC RESOLUTIONS

(16-03-11)

R. Jones moved to accept the resolutions as information.

Carried.

WATERSHED

RESILIENCY AND

RESTORATION SURVEY

(16-03-12)

R. Taylor moved that the Ag Service Board assign one or two people to participate in the survey.

Carried.

GRIE/JRIE ANNUAL

AGM

(16-03-13)

D.Cody moved that the Reeve and or the Administrator attend the AGM in Edmonton during the AAMDC conference.

Carried.

RIDGE COUNTRY

HOUSING LETTER OF

SUPPORT

(16-03-14)

P. Jensen moved that the County send a letter of support for the proposed project with the condition that the loan does not affect the County's debt limit and that the member municipalities will not be held liable in the event of a loan default.

Carried.

TOWN OF RAYMOND

FIRE AGREEMENT

(16-03-15)

R. Jones moved to have the committee meet again to discuss the outstanding issues.

Carried.

TOWN OF MILK RIVER

100 YEAR

ANNIVERSARY

ADVERTISING

(16-03-16)

R. Taylor moved that the County of Warner spend up to \$500 on advertising for the Town of Milk River 100 year anniversary.

Carried.

BYLAW 922-16 - NEW

AG SERVICE BOARD

BUILDING

(16-03-17)

P. Jensen moved to give second reading to Bylaw 922-16 a borrowing bylaw for a new Ag Service Board building.

G. Krokosh asked for a recorded vote

For: D. Heggie, R. Jones, D. Cody, R. Taylor, P. Jensen, R. Ford

Against: G. Krokosh

Carried.

(16-03-18)

R. Jones moved to give third reading to Bylaw 922-16 a borrowing bylaw for a new Ag Service Board building.

G. Krokosh asked for a recorded vote
For: D. Heggie, R. Jones, D. Cody, R. Taylor, P. Jensen, R. Ford
Against: G. Krokosh

Carried.

SALARY COMMITTEE
POLICY
(16-03-19)

R. Taylor moved to remove the Salary Committee Policy from the County policy manual.

Carried.

FARM SAFETY CENTRE
(16-03-20)

P. Jensen moved to pay \$3,000 to the Farm Safety Centre for the 2016 annual requisition.

Carried.

ACTION FOR
AGRICULTURE
(16-03-21)

R. Jones moved that this item be accepted as information.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(16-02-33)

R. Jones moved to adjourn at 12:18 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator