

COUNTY COUNCIL

December 19, 2017

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on December 19, 2017. In attendance were R. Ford, P. Jensen, R. Taylor, D. Cody, S. Rodgers, M. Rockenbach, D. Heggie, Intern D. Christensen, Superintendent L. Liebelt and Administrator S. Hathaway

Reeve R. Ford called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

MINUTES
(17-12-01)

P. Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held November 28, 2017 as presented.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA
(17-12-02)

S. Rodgers moved that Warner Airport, CAO Evaluation and Financial Reports be added to the agenda.

Carried.

ACTION TRACKING
(17-12-03)

D. Cody moved to accept the Action Tracking report as information.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT
(17-12-04)

D. Heggie moved to accept the Administrator's report as presented.

Carried.

WARNER AIRPORT

L. Reese and D. Pittman arrived at the meeting at 9:40 a.m. to have a discussion regarding the Warner Airport. The representatives were concerned about the airport and the direction that it looks to be going in. They feel that if some investment is put back into the airport it could become a popular destination. R. Ford asked the delegation to put operating numbers and usage numbers together for the airport and then the County can review at its next strategic planning session. L. Reese and D. Pittman left the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

RCMP

Sargent McCoy from the Raymond RCMP Detachment arrived at the meeting at 10:12 a.m. and reviewed the recent quarterly statistics with Council. Sargent McCoy made mention that vehicles and properties should be locked up as there is more crime being reported in rural areas. Also reported that both the Raymond and Milk River detachment are up to a full compliment of officers. Sargent McCoy left the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

RECESS

R. Ford called for a recess at 10:40 a.m.
R. Ford called the meeting back to order at 10:48 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT
(17-12-05)

M. Rockenbach moved to accept the Public Works Superintendent's report as presented.

Carried.

RANGE ROAD 15-1
(17-12-06)

S. Rodgers moved that L. Liebelt investigate the options for developing Range Road 15-1 from Highway 61 south 2 miles and also look at the options for improving Range Road 15-2 from Highway 61 south for 2 miles for discussion at a later date.

Carried.

L. Liebelt left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

R. Shaw entered the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

BANK RECONCILIATION
(17-12-07)

R. Taylor moved to accept the Bank Reconciliation dated October 31, 2017 and November 30, 2017 as information.

Carried.

CHEQUE REGISTER
(17-12-08)

P. Jensen moved to accept the cheque listing in the amount of \$2,120,878.63 as information.

Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(17-12-09)

D. Cody moved to accept the financial statement dated December 31, 2017 as information.

Carried.

R. Shaw left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

D. Cody – reported that he attended the AAMDC Convention and that the presentation on cannabis was interesting and will have to see how this affects the land use bylaw.

IN-CAMERA
(17-12-10)

D. Cody moved to go in-camera at 11:46 a.m. with D. Christensen and S. Hathaway leaving the meeting.

- (17-12-11) D. Cody moved to revert back to regular session at 12:10 p.m. with D. Christensen and S. Hathaway back in the meeting.
Carried.
- R. Taylor - reported that the Chief Mountain Solid Waste took their ticket to court and were successful in getting it reduced from \$8,800 to \$1,500 plus a \$250 surcharge so it was worth fighting.
- (17-12-12) S. Rodgers – Attended the Dr. Recruitment meeting where it was discussed how to get patients back to the clinic. The committee agreed to pay for the first round of advertising that there is spots available then it will be up to the Clinic
- D. Heggie – attended the Raymond Joint Fire Meeting where G. Robinson was appointed the Committee Chair. Also attended the Ridge Regional Safety meeting where there was discussion around the Candy Cane Run, the 2018 budget, the RCMP and Sheriff's ticketing in town and some personnel changes that will be coming. Also attended was the ORRSC meeting where a review of the organization was completed. Also attended was the Barons Eureka Warner FCSS meeting where a review of the organization was completed and it was announced that M. Iwaasa is going to retire.
- M. Rockenbach – reported that he attended the Raymond Joint Fire Meeting where the 2018 budget was approved and a tour of the firehall was provided. Also attended the Chinook Arch Library meeting where a review of the budget was done and also a review of the organization. A lot of good information was presented regarding library operations.
- R. Ford – attended the Mayors and Reeves meeting where there were concerns raised about Bill 30. A presentation was also made from the Lethbridge Community Foundation which provides grants to community groups in Southwest Alberta. Also attended was the Milk River School Modernization meetings, where a number of options were discussed to "right size" the schools in Milk River. Alberta Education is to provide Horizon with the information and it will be up to the School Board to decide on their capital priorities. In January a user meeting will be held for the users along the Milk River to discuss the options that are available to them. Also attended the Heritage Handi-Bus meeting where they have new board members and increased ridership but are still losing about \$500 per month.
- RECESS
(17-12-13) S. Rodgers moved to accept the Divisional Reports as presented.
Carried.
- CORRESPONDENCE
(17-12-14) R. Ford called for a break at 12:32 p.m.
R. Ford called the session back to order at 1:00 p.m. with R. Taylor not in attendance.
P. Jensen moved to accept the correspondence as information.
Carried.
- BLUEGRASS COLONY
TAX REQUEST
(17-12-15) P. Jensen moved that the County follow their current policy and that no refund will be given for the late charges.
Carried.
- TRI COMMUNITY
PANTRY REQUEST
(17-12-16) S. Rodgers moved that this item be received as information.
Carried.
- TAX SALE PROPERTIES
(17-12-17) S. Rodgers moved that the properties that did not sell in the public auction be taken over by the County as per the regulations set out in the Municipal Government Act.
Carried.
- 2018 TEMPORARY
BUDGET
(17-12-18) D. Cody moved that the 2017 budget be used as the temporary 2018 budget.
Carried.
- JANUARY MEETINGS
(17-12-19) D. Heggie moved that all regularly scheduled meetings in January be cancelled and that the only Council meeting be held on January 15th at 9:00 a.m.
Carried.
- CAO EVALUATION
(17-12-20) P. Jensen moved that the new evaluation form be used for this evaluation and that Council have the completed forms back to R. Ford or P. Jensen by January 8th.
Carried.
R. Taylor returned to the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

WRITING ON
STONE/UNESCO
DESIGNATION
(17-12-21)

R. Ford moved that a letter be sent to Alberta Environment and Parks outlining the results of the landowner surveys that the County completed and acknowledging the work that they did with landowners at the County's request.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(17-12-22)

D. Heggie moved to adjourn meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator