

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR WESTLOCK COUNTY HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN WESTLOCK ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015**

Members Present

In attendance were Reeve Bud Massey; Deputy Reeve Don Savage; Councillors Ron Zadunayski, Mel Kroetsch, Albert St. Louis and Dennis Primeau; Administrator Peter Kelly and Executive Assistants Lisa Germann and Cary Mueller.

Sue Oberg, Assistant County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Bill Mills, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Jacolyn Tigert, Manager of Agriculture Services and Don Medcke, Associate Agricultural Fieldman were present at the Meeting.

Howard Ringstad was in attendance at the Meeting.

Reeve Bud Massey called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Special Community Announcements:**

- Reeve Massey indicated that Members of Council and Administration participated in the Westlock Community Parade on August 21, 2015.
- Reeve Massey indicated that the Westlock County Float received second prize in the Parade and stated that the VIP Luncheon was a success.
- Councillor Albert St. Louis commented that the Blue Suede Festival was in Busby the past weekend and was attended by over 4000 people

Agenda Adopted #280/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that the Agenda be adopted, as presented:

Carried 6-0

Minutes Adopted #281/15

**Councillor : Ron Zadunayski** Moved that the amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 28, 2015 be adopted as presented to include resolution numbers 261/15 and 262/15.

Carried 6-0

Minutes Adopted #282/15

**Councillor Mel Kroetsch** Moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 11, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried 6-0

**Business Arising From the Minutes:** None

**Public Participation:**

Reeve Bud Massey asked for questions or concerns from the audience:

Howard Ringstad had the following comments:

- Council inherited the issues with the Ski Hill and are dealing with the challenges well.
- His biggest concern is with the roads and method of maintaining them.

Howard Ringstad left the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

**Consideration of Deferred Business:** None

**Public Hearings:** None

**Correspondence:**

- a) From Woodlands County, an invitation to attend a discussion regarding gravel levies.

Discussion Regarding Gravel Levies #283/15 **Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that Westlock County Council attend the discussion in Whitecourt regarding gravel levies on September 21, 2015.

Carried 6-0

- b) From Alberta Municipal Affairs, information regarding the Gas Tax Fund (GTF)
- c) From Alberta Municipal Affairs, information regarding the MSI – 2014 Conditional Operating Funding and Expenditures (SFE)
- d) From Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, dated August 10, 2015 information regarding Surface Rights, Land and Energy; Pricing transparency mapping project.

Correspondence #284/15 **Councillor Dennis Primeau:** Moved that the Correspondence be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Planning and Community Services Report #285/15 **Councillor Albert St. Louis:** Moved that Council accept the Planning and Community Services Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Capital Variance Report #286/15 **Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that Council accept the Capital Variance Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Operating Variance Report #287/15 **Councillor Albert St. Louis:** Moved that Council accept the Operating Variance Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Minister of Agriculture Alberta Agriculture Minister O’Neil Carlier and his Assistant entered the Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Minister Carlier discussed several topics regarding Agriculture.

- Weed Control on Provincial Highways
- Clubroot
- Fusarium Graminearum
- Drought Declaration
- Weed Control on CN Rail lines
- Environmental Farm Plans
- ASB Funding

Minister Carlier is taking the information and concerns back to staff for follow up.

Minister Carlier and his Assistant left the Meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Jacolyn Tigert and Don Medcke left the Meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Reeve Massey recessed the Meeting at 10:06 a.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

Accounts for  
Payment  
#288/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that the Accounts for Payment in the amount of \$743,230.28 be accepted as presented.

Carried 6-0

Policy Committee  
#289/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved that Council defer the following Policies and Bylaws to the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee Meeting on September 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.:

- Code of Conduct for Council Members Policy
- Code of Conduct for Municipal Employees Policy
- Parks Bylaw
- Internet and Email Use Policy
- Fire Protection Bylaw
- Fire Service Response Rates Policy
- Fire Services Fines Policy

Carried 6-0

In Camera  
#290/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved that the Meeting go in Camera at 10:35 a.m. to discuss legal issues. CAO Peter Kelly, Assistant CAO Sue Oberg, Director of Engineering and Infrastructure Bill Mills, Executive Assistants Lisa Germann and Cary Mueller shall remain in the meeting.

Carried 6-0

Regular Meeting  
#291/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved that Council return to Regular Meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Carried 6-0

Amend CUPE  
Agreement  
#292/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved that the Letter of Understanding regarding amendments to Article 12.7 (g) of the CUPE Local 3007 Collective Agreement be accepted as presented.

Carried 6-0

Adjourn  
#293/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that the Meeting be Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Carried 6-0

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Administrator