

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, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Members Present

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

Sue Oberg, Assistant County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer and Bill Mills, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure

Reeve Bud Massey called the Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Special Community Announcements:

- 1.) Councillor Dennis Primeau commented on how well the Jarvie School renovations are coming along and that it is being converted into a Community Center.

Agenda Adopted #76/16

Councillor Albert St. Louis: Moved that the agenda be accepted

Carried 7-0

Minutes Adopted as Presented #77/16

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: Moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 9, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried 7-0

Special Meeting Minutes #78/16

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held February 10, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Public Participation:

Reeve Massey, invited members of the Public to speak.

There were a few members of the Public at the Council Meeting, yesterday.

Two residents came forward to speak about the MDP (Municipal Development Plan) / LUB (Land Use Bylaw) they have concerns of farms being subdivided into acreages and that people are selling land for a short term cash flow solution. They feel the land should be preserved and that every acre is important. They left Council with a copy of a petition that is going around for farmers to sign as well as a loaf of bread, and stated that many loaves can be produced from a bushel of wheat.

Consideration of Deferred Business: None

Public Hearings: None

Correspondence #79/16

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- a.) Letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs, dated January 20, 2016.

The following projects submitted by our municipality have qualified under the GTF (Gas Tax Fund) program:

- Fawcett Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
- Township Road 585 rehab
- Township Road 602 rehab
- Bridge File 77429 and 13183 bridge replacements
- Bridge File 01383, 07104, 70001 and 70259 rehab

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that the correspondence be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

10:00 appointment
#80/16

Councillor Mel Kroetsch: Moved that the scheduled 10:00 a.m. appointment with the Airport Association be at 9:15 a.m.

Carried 7-0

Council was approached by several residents who own land and are involved at the airport looking for support to create an Airport Commission. Paul Stubbs gave opening comments and then had Patty Williams present their ideas to Council; a copy of the presentation was left with Council.

Utilities Manager, Dwayne Keller and Engineer Nathan Miller entered the Meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Rene Page entered the Meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Airport Association left the Meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Utilities Capital
Project update
#81/16

Council was updated on the Utilities Capital Project by Utilities Manager Dwayne Keller and Nathan Miller, Engineer the County retained to oversee our various projects.

- They talked about the Fawcett ground water supply project. There is a reverse osmosis pilot program underway to assess water treatment in the Hamlet of Fawcett. The water quality results and cost estimates will be given to Council when the analysis is complete. Currently engineering and utilities are determining whether the water quality can be enhanced to meet the Alberta Environmental specs or if their needs to be other added elements so to bring the water system up to provincial standards. There are no health concerns about the water, it is tested weekly. But, the water does exceed the normal amounts of iron and manganese, so the County is looking for the best way to control these issues. It is more an issue of aesthetics rather than a health risk.
- The Pickardville Power project should be completed within the next 3 weeks and there will be no interruption to the residents, the department has generators to set up during the completion of the project.
- The Vimy upgrades are completed.

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that the Utilities report be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

Reeve Massey recessed the Meeting at 10:35 a.m.
The Meeting reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

Rene Page approached Council, as he would like to clear up the road allowance exchange, for the future, in his family's case, if he or a family member ever wanted to sell their property it would be problematic. The road right of way that they would like to have added to their property in exchange for the other property granted to the County previously has not been closed and because of the bog has not used. Westlock County does have a policy that allows for closure of road allowance. It was noted by the Reeve that Council could allow the road closure, but before it would be allowed it would have to receive Alberta Transportation's approval. Council moved to commence the process of closure and seek provincial concurrence.

- Rene Page Road Allowance #82/16 **Councillor Albert St. Louis:** Moved that Council grant the closure of the road allowance for Rene Page and have it sent to the Provincial Government for final approval.
Carried 5-2
- Protection Services Policy No. 7.08 Fire #83/16 **Councillor Albert St. Louis:** Move that Council approve Policy No. 7.08, Fire Protection Services.
Carried 7-0
- Schedule of Fines for Fire Infractions Policy No. 7.09 #84/16 **Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved that Council approve Policy No. 7.09, Schedule of Fines for Fire Infractions.
Carried 7-0
- Policing Committee Policy No. 7.10 #85/16 **Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that Council approve Policy No. 7.10, Policing Committee Policy and Procedures.
Carried 7-0
- Bylaw 06-2016 Policing Committee 1st reading #86/16 **Councillor Albert St. Louis:** Moved that Bylaw 06-2016, Policing Committee receive first reading.
Carried 7-0
- Bylaw 06-2016 receive 2nd reading #87/16 **Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved that Bylaw 06-2016, receive second reading.
Carried 7-0
- Unanimous Consent for third reading
- Bylaw 06-2016 receive 3rd reading #88/16 **Councillor Mel Kroetsch:** Moved that Bylaw 06-2016, Policing Committee receive third and final reading.
Carried 7-0
- Construction and Maintenance of Approaches and Culverts Policy No. 8.05 #89/16 **Councillor Ray Marquette:** Moved that Council accept policy No. 8.05 as amended: to add clause 1.3 Westlock County will continue to build, maintain and replace culverts for waterways that cross Westlock County roads, Westlock County trails and Hamlets drainage infrastructure.
Carried 7-0
- Vehicle Pool Policy Policy No. 3.17 #90/16 **Councillor Albert St. Louis:** Moved that Council accept Policy No. 3.17 Vehicle Pool Policy as amended: The CAO will not have a vehicle.
Carried 7-0

Policy No. 12.06
#91/16 **Councillor Mel Kroetsch:** Moved that Council send Policy 12.06 Sale or Lease of Statutory Road Allowances and Road Diversions back to the Bylaw and Policy Committee.

Carried 5-2

D. Wilton Purchase
#92/16 **Councillor Ray Marquette:** Moved that Council accept option #2, Council does not support the Wilton's request for the statutory road closure.

Carried 5-2

Director Laurie Strutt entered the Meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Dale Borle Purchase
#93/16 **Councillor Dennis Primeau:** Moved that Council accept option #2, Council does not support the request made by Dale Borle to purchase Pt. NE 14-59-24 W4.

Carried 5-2

Director Laurie Strutt left the Meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Reeve Massey recessed the Meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Reeve Massey reconvened the Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Transportation
Report
#94/16 **Councillor Ray Marquette:** Moved that Council accept the Transportation Report as information presented.

Carried 7-0

Variance Report
#95/16 **Councillor Dennis Primeau:** Moved that Council accept the Variance report as presented for information.

Carried 7-0

Capital Variance
Report
#96/16 **Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that Council accept the Capital Variance report as presented for information.

Carried 7-0

Accounts for
Payment
#97/16 **Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that Accounts for Payment in the amount of \$763,662.72 be approved.

Carried 7-0

In Camera
#98/16 **Councillor Albert St. Louis:** Moved that the Meeting go In Camera at 12:55 p.m. to discuss legal issues and CAO Peter Kelly and Executive Assistant Lisa Germann shall remain in the Meeting.

Carried 7-0

Regular Meeting
#99/16 **Councillor Ray Marquette:** Moved that Council return to the Regular Meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Carried 7-0

Meeting with Town
#100/16 **Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved that the County meet with the Town and discuss the possibility of creating an Airport Commission as well as discuss other issues and options with respect to the Airport.

Carried 7-0

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TELUS Agreement
#101/16

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that Council sign the two Agreements with TELUS, regarding the site lease of their Tower placement, for \$7210.00 and our Site License also for \$7210.00

Carried 7-0

Adjourn Meeting
#102/16

Councillor Albert St. Louis: Moved that the Meeting be adjourned.

Carried 7-0

Reeve Massey Adjourned the Meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Bud Massey, Reeve

Peter Kelly, Administrator

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