



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES

Attendance: Mayor Penny Shantz, Deputy Mayor Rosella Peterman, Councillor Bryan Gust, Councillor Darren Pearson, Councillor Lynn Schultz
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Darlene Sinclair
Public Works Foreman: Murray Holroyd
Recording Secretary: Kathy Berry
Press in Attendance: Lisa Joy and Jordie Dwyer
Public in Attendance: Sam Kirsh and Dada Salie on behalf of Bashaw Valley Lodge (exited @ 5:06 p.m.)

- 1) CALL TO ORDER by Deputy Mayor Peterman at 4:58 p.m.
- 2) PUBLIC HEARING – None
- 3) ADDITIONS & AGENDA APPROVAL of April 6, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Peterman to accept the agenda of April 6, 2017 as presented.

MOTION #061-2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 4) MINUTES
 - 4.1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of March 23, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Schultz to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2017 as presented.

MOTION #062-2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5) DELEGATIONS
 - 5.1 - None
- 6) BYLAWS
 - 6.1 – None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Bashaw Valley Lodge – Change in Use Consideration Request – in the March 23, 2017 meeting, Bashaw Valley Lodge had representatives present to speak to Council regarding possible new uses for the property. Council discussed the request.

MOVED by Councillor Pearson to approve Direct Control Conditions as listed on Direct Control Zoning Request for Decision 7.1 for the Bashaw Valley Lodge site. Request for Decision to Agenda Item 7.1 attached to these Minutes.

MOTION #063-2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 2017 Budget Presentation – summarization of Budget by Departments was provided. Council requested a more detailed copy of the Departments along with the comparison numbers from last year's actuals. Council does not want to cause delays in the 2017 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) operating application and would like to include the Bashaw School Enhancement contribution of \$16,000.00 in that application. The remainder of the Budget item to be tabled to the next regular Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Gust to include Bashaw School Enhancement contribution of \$16,000.00 in the 2017 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) operating application.

MOTION #064-2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Pearson to table the Budget Presentation to the next regular Council meeting of April 20, 2017.

MOTION #065-2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Emergency Fire Dispatch Agreement – the agreement reflects an increase in the fees of \$0.50 per capita.

MOVED by Councillor Schultz that Council authorize Mayor Shantz and CAO Fuller to sign the updated Emergency Fire Dispatch Services Agreement between the City of Camrose, the Town of Bashaw, and Lacombe, Ponoka, and Camrose Counties as presented.

MOTION #066-2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Resident Ball Diamond Concern: Bleachers & Washroom facilities – A resident has come forward with concerns with regard to the state of the bleachers and the lack of easily accessed bathroom facilities at the Ball Diamonds. Public Works will be painting and replacing boards on the bleachers as necessary. Replacement of the bleachers would present a substantial capital cost and would have to be planned for if the Town were to proceed with it. There is currently a campground bathroom (outhouse) and Council understands, Minor Ball has typically arranged access to the shower house from the Bashaw Ag. Society. Councillor Schultz spoke on behalf of the Bashaw & Area Recreation Board (BARB) who are currently searching for Grants that may be available to replace some of the bleachers. For the time being however, painting and replacing some boards on the current bleachers should suffice. With respect to the bathrooms, BARB is looking into arranging for the placement of a couple of portable bathrooms for the season. Council has asked that CAO Fuller forward a letter to the resident advising that the Town and other organizations are looking into some options.

7.5 Resident Utility Consideration Request – property owner has requested consideration with regard to the site's utility bill, specific to water. When the February 2017 utility bills were processed, administration detected excessive water consumption in the amount of 921 cubic meters. A courtesy call was made to the property owner at which time the owner requested that the meter be tested for accuracy.

- (a) Where the Water Meter is found to be accurate within 97 to 102% of the measured volume passing through the Water Meter, the Owner shall be responsible for the payment of the fees and charges to the test as outlined in Schedule "A", #6 of the Master Rates and Schedules Bylaw "Testing of Water Meter"
- (b) Where the Water Meter is found not to be accurate within those limits;
 - a. It shall be repaired or replaced and the cost, along with the cost of testing calibration, shall be borne by the Town.

The meter testing results showed that the meter tested accurately.

The owner of this particular property advised that there had been a "faulty toilet in one of the suites over the two-month period, between billings". The problem has apparently been addressed. Council discussed possibilities of monthly billings rather than every 2 months, however, the additional costs associated with implementing this would be substantive. While Council sympathizes with the property owner regarding this issue, it is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure water leaks and breaks are dealt with quickly to avoid excessive consumer fees. Council is however willing to waive penalties for a period of time to avoid undue hardship on the owner.

MOVED by Councillor Pearson to waive interest penalties on the specified Utility Account until the end of December 2017. Should the Utility Account not be paid in full by the penalty date of January 31, 2018, penalties will be applied to any outstanding balance.

MOTION # 067-2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8) REPORTS

8.1 Committee Reports

- A. Mayor Shantz – reported that she had attended the Hwy 12/21 Meeting on March 27, 2017 as well as the Mayors & Reeves meeting on March 29, 2017.
- B. Deputy Mayor Peterman – reported that she had attended no meetings. There was a Bashaw & District Support Services meeting which she was able to report on and advised that she has resigned from the Bashaw & Area Recreation Board (BARB).
- C. Councillor Gust – reported that he had attended the Bus Society meeting on April 3, 2017.
- D. Councillor Pearson – reported that he had attended no meetings.
- E. Councillor Schultz – reported that he had attended the BARB meeting on April 4, 2017. Ball in Bashaw will officially begin on April 15, 2017 (there are over 90 participants signed up this year).

8.2 Staff Reports

- A. Murray Holroyd Report – attached to the Minutes.
- B. CAO Report – attached to the Minutes.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Peterman to accept the Committee & Staff Reports as presented.

MOTION #068-2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9) CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Service Alberta – Rural Broadband/SuperNet.

MOVED by Councillor Pearson to accept the correspondence from Service Alberta regarding Rural Broadband/SuperNet as information only.

MOTION #069-2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10) IN CAMERA - None

11) NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 20, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Peterman that the next Regular meeting of Council shall be Thursday April 20, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MOTION #070-2017

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12) ADJOURNMENT of the April 6, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council called by Mayor Shantz at 6:00 p.m.

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER