

THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 4, 2008 AT 5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Wilson, Councillors, Schroeder, Bedwell, Christianson, Tye, and Van Otterloo.

Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo

GUESTS Gordon Wilson

ADOPTION OF AGENDA It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as amended:
Addition under New Business:
10.) Q91 Advertising for Town

CARRIED.

LATE ARRIVAL Councillor Lehman – 5:34 PM

PREVIOUS MINUTES It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 5, 2008 as circulated.
CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Council reviewed report submitted by Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky.

Council discussed the current situation of hiring an Assistant Town Foreman.

Councillor Bedwell informed Council of people dumping by pond behind the ball diamonds. Municipal Administrator will place ad in paper to inform town residents and companies that dumping is prohibited behind ball parks and pond.

RECREATION REPORT Council reviewed report submitted by Town Recreation Director, Edward Peacock.

Councillor Lehman inquired about the situation several months ago concerning the compressor strength and early ice at the arena. Council discussed costs and possibilities of a new compressor.

ACADIA FOUNDATION The Municipal Administrator informed Council of a meeting regarding Acadia Foundation Projects in Youngstown on March 5, 2008, in which all Council members are to attend.

GOLF CLUB HOUSE The Municipal Administrator reported on the meeting with the Oyen & District Golf Club held on February 26, 2008 at 11:00AM. The pre finished siding would be more cost efficient with a low maintenance factor and it would be far more weather proof. The siding would have the natural wood look.

The Municipal Administrator reported that the consensus of everyone present at the meeting was to have the Golf Clubhouse covered with prefinished siding rather than the restoration.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen approves of covering the exterior of the Golf Club house with the prefinished siding subject to amendment approval of the Municipal Sponsorship Grant.
CARRIED.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

**OYEN
MUNICIPAL
LIBRARY**

Councillor Bedwell informed Council of a meeting on February 4, 2008 of the Oyen Municipal Library Board where the election of the executive took place. The executive members were chosen as follows:

Chairperson: Francis MacQuarrie
Vice – Chair: Connie Heath
Treasurer: Peter White
Secretary: Lois Bedwell

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the Council of the Town of Oyen appoint Francis MacQuarrie as a board member to the Oyen Municipal Library Board. **CARRIED**

**2007 FIRE CHIEF
REPORT & 2008
BUDGET**

The Council of the Town of Oyen reviewed the Fire Chief, Paul Lijdsman's 2007 report and reviewed the 2008 Budget.

The Municipal Administrator will meet with Fire Chief, Paul Lijdsman regarding the budget.

**MPE
ENGINEERING**

A letter was received from MPE Engineering regarding the engineering budget on the Pump Station Upgrade project wherein the engineering costs exceeded the original budget due to the change of scope that involved work in the Henry Kroeger Regional Water commission vault and design of the bypass system which remains in place and the design of the chlorine analyzer, chlorine injection and pump system to adjust chlorine residuals entering the reservoir.

The Municipal Administrator submitted and reviewed with Council the costs of the Pump Station Upgrade project and indicated that funds are available for the above request.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of MPE Engineering Ltd. request to increase the engineering budget to \$109,000.00 for the redesigns. **CARRIED**

**TANGIBLE
CAPITAL
ASSETS**

Council reviewed a letter that was received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, concerning a one-time grant under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) in the amount of \$10,123.00 for the Tangible Capital Assets Project for the Town of Oyen.

The Municipal Administrator to apply for the grant.

PAWM

A letter was received from Prairie Association for Water Management for 2008 membership.

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of the 2008 membership in the amount of \$219.80 to the Prairie Association for Water Management. **CARRIED**

**SIGNAGE
PROJECT**

Council discussed the possibility of signs for Oyen at the entrance into the Town of Oyen. The Council decided on inspecting the area before placing a sign on the area as to be sure that nothing is to be damaged.

The Municipal Administrator to meet with Francis MacQuarrie, Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

**ANTELOPE
CRIME WATCH
INTERNET LINE**

Councillor Schroeder reported to Council of a new internet line which will alert authorities about disturbances and accidents.

This new line was discussed with the Fire Chief, Paul Lijdsman who is interested in the idea of having the line at the Oyen Fire Hall.

Council discussed the usefulness of the internet line and instructed the Municipal Administrator to look into the costs for the next meeting.

**ATCO 50 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY**

Mayor Wilson reported to Council on a luncheon meeting with ATCO Representatives. The Representatives would like to celebrate the Town of Oyen's 50th Year with ATCO.

Council concurred to have ATCO Gas plan a celebration at the Oyen & District Golf Course for early May, 2008.

Q91

The Municipal Administrator presented to Council a proposal Q91 Radio regarding a "Talk of the Town" segment to inform listeners what is happening in the community.

It would be a live 60 second report between 8:10 AM – 8:15 PM and costs would be \$110.00 per week for a total of \$5,500.00 with the option of a monthly copy change. The report segment was discussed by Council.

The Council of the Town of Oyen determined that the advertisement segment was too expensive and has no interest at this time.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

Council reviewed and discussed unfinished business listed on the back of the Agenda.

**MAYORS &
REEVES**

Councillor Lehman reported on a Mayors & Reeves meeting he attended in Drumheller.

Councillor Lehman also brought up the possibility of giving residents and tourists tours of our facilities to show how they work and why.

**TRAIL OF THE
BUFFALO**

Councillor Schroeder reported on a Trail of the Buffalo meeting he attended at Meridian on February 7, 2008.

**RED DEER RIVER
ALLANCE**

Councillor Schroeder to attend Red Deer River Alliance meeting in Trochu being held on March 14, 2008, deadline for registration on March 7, 2008

FCSS

A letter was received from Alberta Children's Services informing that the Oyen FCSS Program is entitled to additional supplemental funding in the amount of \$1,445.00, as a result of the completion of the FCSS Review.

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric be paid in the amount of \$3,723.83. **CARRIED**

Councillor Van Otterloo abstained from voting due to possible conflict of interest.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the remaining accounts be approved for payment. **CARRIED**

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR