

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 6, 2008 AT 5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Wilson, Councillors Bedwell, Christianson, Lehman, Schroeder and Van Otterloo.

Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo

ABSENT

Councillor Tye.

GUESTS

MPE Engineering, Colin McNabb
Paul Christianson

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the Agenda as amended
- Additions under New Business:

14.) Marigold Library
15.) Set Budget Meeting

CARRIED

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 1, 2008, as circulated.

CARRIED

MPE ENGINEERING

Colin McNabb, Engineer from MPE Engineering reported and reviewed with Council on the following:

Acadia Foundation Servicing

- Draft Specifications & Drawings
- Tender & Project Schedule
- Cost Estimate - \$337,000.00

Municipal Administrator reported that the 2007 estimate for project was \$250,000.00 which was applied for and approved under AMIP therefore additional funding will have to be applied for.

Airport Resurfacing

- Site Survey complete
- Pavement Condition Index (PCI) completed – required for funding application.
- MPE will consolidate the PCI & AMEC investigation to determine a final recommendation & costs estimates
- Town will then submit an application for funding.

Access Road -Agricultural Building

- Site surveys Complete.
- Discussed option for providing a second access
- Liability & maintenance must be considered

Council discussed and agreed to investigate further & instructed the Engineer not to proceed any further.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Streets Improvement Program

- Site survey Complete
- Geotechnical Investigation done
- MPE will review the geotechnical investigation & confirm a recommendation for road structure.
- MPE will complete cost estimates
- Will contact contractor doing project in area

IN CAMERA It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council go In Camera at 6:40PM.
CARRIED

OUT OF CAMERA It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council go Out of Camera at 6:50PM. **CARRIED**

RECESS ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen recess the meeting at 6:51 PM and reconvene on May 7, 2008 at 5:30PM.
CARRIED

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

**CONTINUATION OF MAY 6, 2008, REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN HELD ON MAY 7, 2008 AT 5:30
PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Mayor Wilson, Councillors Bedwell, Christianson, Lehman, Schroeder, and Tye.
Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo
- GUESTS** Town Foreman – Darcy Dobrosky
- CONTINUATION OF MEETING** It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen reconvene the recessed meeting of May 6, 2008, at 5:30 PM. **CARRIED**
- LATE ARRIVAL** Councillor Van Otterloo 5:35PM
- DUMPING AT RCMP PARK** The Town Foreman requested that the Council of the Town of Oyen reconsider their decision restricting the Town of Oyen Public Works Dept. dumping dirt at the site west of the RV Campground in the Oyen RCMP Centennial Park. Mr. Dobrosky stated that there is no site to dump mud/dirt from water break repairs that occur in the Town and therefore the Town would need to purchase an area of land for this purpose which would incur further costs.
- Council discussed different ideas and possibilities.
- It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Town of Oyen Public Works be allowed to dump dirt at the Oyen RCMP RV Parks for the purpose of water break repairs only. **CARRIED**
- STREET SWEEPER** Council discussed the current condition of the Town's street sweeper and the possibility of a new one.
- PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** Council reviewed the Public Works Report submitted by Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky.
Council discussed a letter from CIB/ GO! Committee concerning the compost pile.
- RECREATION REPORT** Council reviewed the Recreation report submitted by Town Recreation Director, Edward Peacock. Council received a report from the Recreation Director of concerns for the proposed Access Road to the Crossroads Centre. Concerns were discussed by Council and agreed to meet with the Recreation Director, members of Recreation Board and a representative from the Big Country Ag Society to further discuss.
- VICTIM'S SERVICES** Councillor Bedwell volunteered to attend the Victim's Services meeting to find out what the meeting is concerning. Meeting to be held in Hanna on May 12, 2008 at 7:00PM.
- 2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENT** The Municipal Administrator presented and reviewed with Council the Town of Oyen 2007 Financial Statement. It was strongly recommended by the Municipal Administrator that the Town of Oyen build up the reserve fund.
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council approve the 2007 Town of Oyen Financial Statement. **CARRIED.**
- Copies of the 2007 Town of Oyen Financial are available for the Public at the Town Office.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

TELUS LAWSUIT The Municipal Administrator reviewed with Council the Telus Lawsuit and that the Town of Oyen had three alternatives:

1. Contact the Telus Lawyers to arrange payment methods.
2. Contact the Telus Lawyers to arrange alternative methods other than payment.
3. Attain lawyers to represent the Town of Oyen.

Council discussed and found that obtaining a lawyer would be more costly than to pay the amount owing to Telus.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of paying the claim to Telus in the amount of \$660.75. **CARRIED**

AIRPORT A letter was received from Gorokan Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Gordon Johnsen) requesting transferring ownership of Fuel installation at the Oyen Municipal Airport. Council discussed.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Municipal Administrator and Councillor Tye meet with Gordon Johnsen to discuss the matter further.

CARRIED

ACADIA FOUNDATION A letter was received from the Acadia Foundation stating that the 2008 Requisition for the Town of Oyen is set at \$36,836.00.

PROPERTY TAX REQUISITION The Municipal Administrator informed Council of the 2008 Education Property Tax Requisition in the amount of \$212,216.57.

AMBULANCE ISSUE – EMS TRANSFERS Council reviewed and discussed concerns & issues with regard to the ambulance services for transferring patients.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that a meeting be set up with the Palliser Regional Health Board, representatives of Special Areas, MD of Acadia, Village of Cereal and Village of Empress to address and resolve the concerns and issues.

CARRIED

TAX FORFEITURE PROPERTY The Municipal Administrator presented to Council a report & recommendation for Lot 8, Block 19, Plan 135 FT which the Town of Oyen became owners retaining the Tax Forfeiture Clause in accordance with Section 424 of the MGA.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen sell Lot 8, Block 19, Plan 135 FT for \$20,000.00. **CARRIED.**

LANDSCAPING OF POOL Councillor Bedwell presented the Council of the Town of Oyen with a slideshow of different ideas and plans for landscaping for the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre.

It was discussed by Council. The Council of the Town of Oyen requested a written proposal and cost estimates for the landscaping of the Pool

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

- TOWN WEBSITE** A letter was received from the Chamber of Commerce requesting to link the Chamber Website to the Town of Oyen Website.
- It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of the request to link the Chamber of Commerce website to the Town of Oyen Website. **CARRIED**
- COMPOST PILE** Council received a letter from the Communities in Bloom/GROW OYEN recommending that the Oyen Compost Pile be discontinued, dismantled and hauled away as it has become an unsightly mess of garden refuse, tree stumps, etc. that should be disposed of at the land fill.
- Council had discussed with the Town Foreman and have agreed to possibly find another site for the compost pile.
- VIC** A letter was received from Alberta Tourism, Parks & Recreation terminating the current contract with the Town of Oyen to operate the Provincial Visitor Information Centre. Due to numerous changes and updates required a new contract was presented for approval.
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen agree to terminate the current contract to operate the Provincial Visitor Information Centre and enter into the new Contract No. 09OYE00669AA) with Alberta Tourism, Parks & Recreation. **CARRIED**
- LETTER FROM CANADIAN BADLANDS** Council received a letter from Canadian Badlands regarding a request for Letter of Support for the Wild Horse Crossing 24 Hour Crossing Initiative.
- It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the Council of the Town of Oyen send a Letter of Support to the Canadian Badlands in support for the Wild Horse Crossing 24 Hour Crossing Initiative. **CARRIED**
- MARIGOLD LIBRARY** The Municipal Administrator reviewed with Council the proposed amendments to the Marigold Library System Agreement.
- It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of the amendments to the Marigold Library System Agreement. **CARRIED**
- BUDGET MEETING** It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Council of the Town of Oyen set a Budget Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 5:30PM. **CARRIED**
- IN CAMERA** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council go In Camera at 7:46PM. **CARRIED**
- OUT OF CAMERA** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council go Out of Camera at 7:52PM. **CARRIED**
- IN CAMERA** It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council go In Camera at 7:52PM.
- OUT OF CAMERA** It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the Council go Out of Camera at 8:03PM. **CARRIED**

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

- RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** Councillor Christianson reported to Council of the Recreation Advisory Board meeting she attended.
The Recreation Advisory Board appointed Paul Lijdsman as Chairman and Conny Hertz as Secretary.
- MERX** Councillor Christianson reported to Council of the MERX Procurement Seminar she attended on April 23, 2008.
- TOWN PICTURE** Councillor Christianson inquired about the negative of the Town of Oyen picture. Council discussed and it was decided that the negative will stay at the Town Office.
- CEMETERY** Councillor Bedwell reported of her investigation of the Oyen Cemetery and inquired if a shed or a storage unit would be able to be built to store materials and supplies.
- MERIDIAN** Councillor Schroeder reported on a Meridian Meeting he attended on April 10, 2008 and a Meridian Conference call on April 29, 2008.
- MAYORS & REEVES** Councillor Lehman reported to Council of a Joint Southeastern and Southwestern Mayors & Reeves meeting he attended.
- SPRING CLEAN UP** Spring Clean Up for the Town of Oyen will be on Thursday, May 29, 2008.
- MAYORS & REEVES** Mayor Wilson reported to Council on a Mayors & Reeves meeting he attended on April 4, 2008.
- HIGH SPEED INTERNET LINE** The Municipal Administrator submitted cost estimates for installing a high speed internet line to the Oyen Fire Hall for use of the Antelope Crime Watch and the Oyen Fire Department.
Council discussed the internet line options.
It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of the cost of the modem in the amount of \$69.95 and the monthly fee of \$69.95. **CARRIED**
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric in the amount of \$ 9,688.58 be approved for payment. **CARRIED**
Councillor Van Otterloo abstained from voting due to possible conflict of interest.
It was moved by Councillor Tye that the balance of accounts be approved for payment. **CARRIED**
- ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo to Adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. **CARRIED**

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR