

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 AT 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Wilson, Councillors Lehman, Schroeder, Bedwell, Christianson, and Tye.

Acting Municipal Administrator – Debbie Ross
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo

GUESTS

Delegates James Hogan, Ann Berg, Arthur Berg, Darren Opheim, Melvin Tarr, Gordon Johnsen, Kevin McBain, Lyle Smigelski, Randy Lee, Jackie Campbell, Carol Tye, Gordon Wilson, Helen Kroker, Henry Kroker, Vernon Heatherington, Linda Oliver, Larry Oliver, Ramona Smigelski, Don Bamber, Daryl Peers.

Delegate Doug Jones.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the agenda as amended – Additions under New Business:

9. Proclamation Library Month
10. Invitation forming New Safety Council
11. Ed & Sandra Hogan purchase of land from Town

CARRIED

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councillor Tye informed Council of a correction needed in the previous minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 5, 2008.

Correction of “Town of Oyen” instead of “Gordon Johnsen”.

Councillor Schroeder informed Council of a correction needed in the previous minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 5, 2008.

Correction of “Darcy Dobrosky & Lyle Guckert and “Darcy Volk & Dwayne Tomkins”

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the minutes of the regular Council meeting on August 5, 2008 as corrected.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Bedwell inquired if any information has been obtained from Palliser Planning. Discussion took place and it was decided that the Council for Municipal Administrator Debbie Kovitch’s return.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Report not received.

RECREATION REPORT

Council reviewed Recreation Report submitted by Recreation Director, Edward Peacock.

Discussion took place regarding the incident of a citizen slipping at the pool. Council to wait for quote from Julia Martin for flooring. Council discussed funding for the pool.

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- HKRWC REPORT** Council reviewed Henry Kroeger Water Commission report.
- RCMP CRIME REPORT** Council reviewed a report submitted by Corporal Terry Link.
- OFFER TO PURCHASE** Council received an offer to purchase the empty lot of Plan 135FT, Block 19, Lot 8 in the amount of \$12,000.00.
- Discussion took place and it was concluded that the Council must advertise the lot in order to be able to sell at lower value.
- It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the offer to purchase Plan 135Ft, Block 19, Lot 8 in the amount of \$12,000.00 be refused.
CARRIED
- Acting Administrator to place ad in Oyen Echo to accept incoming bids.
- 7TH AVENUE DELEGATION** Council was presented with concerns and possible solutions regarding the Draft Bylaw 785-08 to rescind all permissions given to Delegates James Hogan, Ann Berg, Arthur Berg, Darren Opheim, Melvin Tarr, Gordon Johnsen, Kevin McBain, Lyle Smigelski, Randy Lee, Jackie Campbell, Carol Tye, Gordon Wilson, Helen Kroker, Henry Kroker, Vernon Heatherington, Linda Oliver, Larry Oliver, Ramona Smigelski, Don Bamber, Daryl Peers who have been given permission to park on Town of Oyen property.
- Discussion took place on concerns and possible alternative solutions.
- It was concluded that Council will discuss the situation further, at a later date.
- BASEBALL ACADEMY** Council was presented with a proposal from Doug Jones to create a baseball academy. Doug Jones had spoken with Prairie Rose School Division, Doug Nichols and both would be interested in having one in Oyen. Jones also informed Council of the success Vauxhall had when they created a baseball academy.
- Doug Jones informed Council of the requirements for the baseball academy would be the Town of Oyen ball diamonds, grass infields for the diamonds, and the Town of Oyen Council's approval, with a letter of support to the School Board.
- Council was also presented by Doug Jones with new Canadian Badlands pamphlets and news letters.
- Doug Jones takes leave at 7:21PM
- Discussion took place on the baseball academy.
- It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen support the baseball academy proposal in principal and write a letter of support to Prairie Rose School Division. Councillor Christianson to inform with Recreation Director. **CARRIED**

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**7TH AVENUE
PARKING**

Council to schedule Special Meeting on September 9, 2008 at 5:30PM to discuss and come to a decision regarding the Town Property Parking.

**DRAFT BYLAW
NO. 786-08**

Council was presented with Draft Bylaw No. 786-08 to amend Water and Sewer rates Effective for November 1, 2008.

Sewer rates will be split into different categories: Residential, Commercial, Commercial II (Restaurants, Laundromats, 4 and 6 Plexes), Commercial III (Carwashes, Hotels, Motels), and Institutional (Schools, Hospitals, Senior's Lodges).

It was moved by Councillor Tye that Bylaw No. 786-08 be given first reading. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that Bylaw No. 786-08 be given second reading. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that Bylaw No. 786-08 be presented for third and final reading. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that Bylaw No. 786-08 be given third reading. **CARRIED**

**DRAFT BYLAW
NO. 787-08**

Council was presented with Bylaw No. 787-08 to amend Water and Sewer rates. Effective for July 1, 2008.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that Bylaw No. 787-08 be given first reading. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that Bylaw No. 787-08 be given second reading. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that Bylaw No. 787-08 be presented for third reading. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that Bylaw No. 787-08 be given third reading. **CARRIED**

**DRAFT BYLAW
NO. 788-08**

Council was presented with Bylaw No. 788-08 to amend garbage rates. Effective for November 1, 2008.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that Bylaw No. 788-08 be given first reading. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that Bylaw No. 788-08 be given second reading. **CARRIED**

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**DRAFT BYLAW
NO. 789-08**

Council was presented with Bylaw No. 789-08 to amend garbage rates. Effective July 1, 2008.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that Bylaw No. 789-08 be given first reading. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that Bylaw No. 789-08 be given second reading. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that Bylaw No. 789-08 be presented for third and final reading. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that Bylaw No. 789-08 be given third reading. **CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL
SPONSORSHIP
PROGRAM**

The Acting Administrator presented to Council the Municipal Sponsorship Program. The funding could be used under the guidelines for the pool landscaping.

**COUNCILLOR
DEPARTURE**

Councillor Tye departed the Town of Oyen Council meeting at 8:00PM

**MUNICIPAL
SPONSORSHIP
PROGRAM
CONT.**

Acting Municipal Administrator reported to Council that the Municipal Sponsorship Program could be utilized to complete pool landscaping, or if we partner with Special Areas and the Municipal District of Acadia, could be used to complete landscaping and replace the flooring in the Pool Change Room Facility.

Councillor Lehman moved the following:

1. Be it resolved that the Council authorize the Town of Oyen to participate in a Municipal Sponsorship Program grant application for the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre – Final Phase project under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Sponsorship Program; further
2. That the Town of Oyen agrees to be designated the managing partner of the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre-Final Phase project for the purposes of applying, receiving, administering, allocating, reporting and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners; further
3. That the Town of Oyen agrees to allocate \$12,693.00 (100%) of its Municipal Sponsorship Program base grant to the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre-Final Phase project; and further
4. That the Town of Oyen agrees to enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

CARRIED.

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**POOL
LANDSCAPING**

Councillor Bedwell reported that the trees for the landscaping of the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre will be arriving on September 9, 2008.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Town of Oyen pay the invoice in the \$8,789.03 to Alberta Tree Movers & Nurseries. **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Town of Oyen pay the invoice from Alberta Tree Movers & Nurseries in the amount of \$8,789.03.
CARRIED

**WATER, SEWER
SERVICING**

Council was informed that the water/sewer services for the residence on Lot 12, Block 9, Plan 6980AW that was installed on Lot 11, Block 9 Plan 6980AW. Upon investigation it was found that water/sewer services had been paid for both lots through frontage taxes, but only one was installed. A Quote was received from Dwayne Tomkins in the amount of \$10,000.00 \$15,000.00.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen accept the bid submitted by Dwayne Tomkins in the amount of \$10,000-\$15,000. **CARRIED**

Q91

Councillor Lehman updated Council of current information regarding advertising on Q91. No decisions have been made. Councillor Lehman to sit and meet with station managers.

**CANADIAN
LIBRARY
MONTH**

Council received a request from Marigold Library Systems to proclaim October, 2008 as Canadian Library Month.

Mayor Wilson proclaimed the month of October, 2008 as Canadian Library Month, in the Town of Oyen.

**LETTER FROM
ED & SANDRA
HOGAN**

Council received a letter from Ed and Sandra Hogan with a request for consideration to purchase 5 – 10 acres of land north of sewer pump and estimate a price.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that further investigations will take place before a decision is made.

**KEYSTONE
PIPELINE**

Council discussed concerns and information regarding the Keystone Pipeline.

BCWMC

Council received a letter from Big Country Waste Management Commission regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup on September 20, 2008 at the Town of Oyen shop.

PEP

Council received a letter from Palliser Economic Partnership regarding a renewal of membership.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen to renew the Annual Membership with Palliser Economic Partnership.
CARRIED

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ALBERTA ARTS DAY	Council received a letter from the Honorable Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture & Community Spirit, regarding Alberta Arts Day on September 6, 2008.
MERIDIAN COMMUNITY FUTURES	<p>Council received a letter from Meridian Community Futures regarding an invitation to an annual meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2008 as well as an appointment of a zone representative.</p> <p>Councillor Schroeder to attend. Council discussed and Councillor Schroeder was appointed as a representative at Annual Meeting.</p>
CANADA POST	Council received a letter from Canadian Union of Postal Workers Prairie Region regarding possible deregulation of postal services.
TOOL BOX OF IDEAS	Council received a letter from Honorable Hector Goudreau regarding the Tool Box of Ideas for Smaller Centers, designed to attract and retain immigrants.
AUMA CONVENTION	Council received a package from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding an AUMA Convention September 30 – October 3, 2008. Mayor Wilson, Councillor Lehman, Councillor Christianson, and Municipal Administrator Debbie Kovitch to attend.
REDA	<p>Council received a letter from the Mayor of Drumheller with regards to forming a new Regional Economic Development Alliance.</p> <p>Council discussed the forming of the new REDA and concluded that the Council was satisfied with their current REDA-PEP support.</p>
TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO	Council was informed of the Trail of the Buffalo Ambassador Driving Tours on September 4, 2008 occurring in Edgerton Area.
RDRWA	Council was informed of the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance open houses. Mayor Wilson to attend October 29, 2008 open house in Empress.
CANADIAN BADLANDS	Council was informed of the Canadian Badlands “Best Practices Mission”.
TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO	<p>Council was informed of the Trail of the Buffalo Marketing Workshop on September 17, 2008 in Provost.</p> <p>Councillor Schroeder to attend.</p>
ELECTED OFFICIALS EDUCATION	Council was informed of the Elected Officials Education Program Fall Schedule.

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**ACADIA
FOUNDATION**

Council received a bid submitted by Dwayne Tomkins for the Acadia Foundation Project in the amount of \$210,000.00.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to accept the bid submitted by Dwayne Tomkins in the amount of \$210,000.00.

CARRIED

**AIRPORT
RUNWAY**

Council was informed of a grant in the cost of \$629,000.00 from Community Airport Program for the upgrading of the Oyen Airport runway upgrading.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman to apply under the Community Airport Program for Oyen Airport runway upgrading.

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the invoice from John's Electric in the amount of \$23,859.53, be approved for payment.

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

CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the balance of accounts be approved for payment.

CARRIED

**CALVES AT
AIRPORT**

Councillor Van Otterloo reported to Council of two calves wondering around the Oyen Municipal Airport by the hangers. The calves belong to Sean Barrette and the calves had gotten through a broken fence

Council discussed the situation and it was concluded the Acting Administrator write a letter to Sean Barrette, informing him of the broken fence and the cattle.

**FREESTANDING
SIGNS**

Council brought forward complaints with regards to free standing signs that do not meet Town of Oyen Land Use Bylaw.

Council instructed Acting Municipal Administrator to send letters.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:14PM

CARRIED

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