

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 2 AT 5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Van Otterloo

LATE ARRIVAL

Councillor Lehman – 5:37PM

GUESTS

Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised.
Additions under New Business:

5. Intersection – Heights of Hedges and Vehicles Parked on Sidewalk
6. Oyen Lion's Club Letter
7. Palliser Airshed Society
8. Stop Order Issued

Additions under Correspondence:

13. Email from Alberta Emergency Management Agency

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

Town Foreman Darcy Dobrosky attended the meeting to report and discuss the following concerns and inquiries that Council had:

- Condition of Street Sweeper –possibilities of a new street sweeper & Costs.
- Assistant Town Foreman, Wyatt Girletz is presently attending course in Edmonton and Mr. Dobrosky will attending course in Edmonton on June 9 & 10, 2009.
- Sidewalk repairs – will be done this summer
- Reviewed the water lines that exist on the east side of 319 – 7th Avenue going out to the RCMP Centennial Park.
- Filling the old swimming pool with dirt to eliminate any hazards.

Councillor Lehman reported to Council on a tour of the new water pumps distribution system he had with Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky and recommended that every Council member should go and have a tour.

Town Foreman Darcy Dobrosky takes leave of the Council Chambers at 6:15PM.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Council reviewed the previous Council meeting of May 5, 2009, and the following corrections were made:

Correction of “May be” under Chamber of Commerce.
Correction of “Counselor” under VIC.
Correction of “from” under FCSS.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the previous minutes of May 5, 2009 as corrected. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**BUDGET
MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor Lehman to adopt the minutes of the Town of Oyen Budget Meeting held on May 28, 2009 as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OFFER TO
PURCHASE**

Discussion took place regarding the offer to purchase a Portion of R11, Plan 7510963 and a Portion of Block 1, Plan 7510279.

The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that the R11 property is registered as Municipal Reserve and Block 1 is zoned as Community Service District. The MA distributed and reviewed copies of sections of the Municipal Government Act with regard to the regulations and process of selling or disposing of municipal reserve. It was also stated that this area has been designated for future development of a public pathway to the RCMP Centennial Park, Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre and golf course. Also there are existing utility right-of-ways on these properties.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that Council decline the offer to purchase due to the location of the water lines on the lot, the municipal reserve and the future development of a public pathway.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Administrator to write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Berg.

**RECREATION
REPORT**

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

Councillor Christianson inquired about the new showers at the RV Park.

**GARBAGE
REMOVAL
CONTRACT**

The Municipal Administrator reported that the contract for Garbage Removal within the Town of Oyen expires on July 1, 2009.

Discussion took place.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Town of Oyen advertise in the Oyen Echo for tenders for a 3 year Contract for Garbage Removal within the Town of Oyen. **CARRIED**

**AMENDING
AGREEMENT - FCSS**

Council received a letter from Alberta Children's Services with regards to an amendment to the funding agreement for the Oyen FCSS from January 1, to December 31, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Christianson that the Council of the Town of Oyen approves of entering into an agreement with Alberta Children's Services for the amendment of funding for the Oyen FCSS. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OPS-Letter
Of Support**

A letter was received from the Oyen Public School requesting support for their application for funding under the Community Facility Enhancement Program for improvements and upgrades to the Public school playground field to enhance curricular and extra curricular events.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman to support and approve of the Oyen Public School project.

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- LETTER OF CONCERNS** Council received a letter from Ms. Sherry Bamber expressing concerns with parking, garbage, safety issues and trees needing trimming past 7th Avenue at the west end on the Gene Peden Ball Diamond.
- Council reviewed and discussed a great length
- Council instructed the Municipal Administrator to send a letter to Ms. Sherry Bamber informing that her concerns will be addressed.
- UNSAFE INTERSECTIONS** Councillor Schroeder brought forward concerns and a list of unsafe intersections due to trees, etc. that obstruct a driver's view and vehicles parking on sidewalks.
- Discussion took place.
- Mayor Wilson volunteered to contact the property owners and request that the obstructions be taken care of.
- SHOW 'N' SHINE** A letter was received from the Oyen Lion's Club requesting permission to close four (4) blocks on Main Street, from Alberta Treasury Branch to the Missionary Church for the 2009 Annual Show 'N' Shine to be held on July 18, 2009.
- It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen grant permission to the Oyen Lion's Club to close four (4) blocks on Main Street, from Alberta Treasury Branch to the Missionary Church for the 2009 Annual Show 'N' Shine. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- PALLISER AIRSHED SOCIETY** Council received a letter from the Palliser Airshed Society together with an invoice for a membership to the Society.
- Discussion took place and it was concluded that Council was not interested at this time and therefore declines the request.
- STOP ORDER** The Municipal Administrator reported and reviewed with Council the Stop Order No. -01-09 that was issued to the owners of Lot 4, Block 19, Plan 7711259.
- Discussion took place regarding the Stop Order and why it was issued.
- POOL LANDSCAPING** Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the Pool Landscaping meeting that she had attended.
- MARIGOLD LIBRARY** Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the Marigold Library Systems meeting that she had attended.
- VICTIMS SERVICES** Councillor Bedwell reported on the Victim's Services meeting she had attended on June 1, 2009.
- RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** Councillor Christianson reported to Council on the Recreation Advisory Board meeting she had attended.
- LIFE LEASE** Councillor Lehman reported to Council on the Life Lease meeting he had attended.
- CANADIAN BADLANDS** Councillor Lehman reported to Council on the Canadian Badlands meeting he had attended.

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- RECYCLING COMMITTEE** Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Recycling Committee meeting he had attended on May 12, 2009 and reported to Council that he was appointed the Chair of the Committee.
- MERIDIAN** Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Meridian Investments conference call meeting he will be a part of on June 3, 2009 at 9:00AM and a Meridian Annual Meeting in Kindersley on June 4, 2009.
- PEP** Mayor Wilson reported to Council on the Palliser Economic Partnership Meeting he attended in Medicine Hat on May 29, 2009.
- CN RAIL DISCONTINUANCE** Council received a notice that the CN Rail Discontinuance Public Forums will be held in Hanna on June 23, 2009, and in Drumheller on June 25, 2009.
- CORRESPONDENCE** The Municipal Administrator and Council reviewed the balance of the Correspondence listed on the June 2, 2009, Council meeting agenda.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** It was moved by Councillor Tye to approve the list of accounts payable.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- OFFICE EMPLOYEE** Councillor Christianson inquired to the Municipal Administrator with regards the hiring of a part-time administrative employee. The MA reviewed and reported the position will be advertised in the Oyen Echo.
- ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM.
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