

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON AUGUST 4, 2009 AT 5:30PM

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Mayor Wilson, Councillors Lehman, Schroeder, Bedwell, Christianson, and Tye
Acting Municipal Administrator – Debbie Ross
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo
- ABSENT** Councillor Van Otterloo
- GUESTS** Delegates, Marvie Kenny, Lorraine Guckert, Sherry Bamber
Ray Girletz, Randy Girletz, Verla Girletz
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised.
Additions under Correspondence:

17. Letter from Communities in Bloom Re: Concerns (Copy)
18. Letter from Concerned Citizens (Copy)
19. Invitation from Canadian Badlands (Copy)

It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- PUBLIC WORKS** Councillor Christianson & Bedwell requested that Assistant Town Foreman Wyatt Girletz attend meetings whenever Town Foreman Darcy Dobrosky is absent.
- PREVIOUS MINUTES** Council reviewed the previous Council meeting minutes of July 7, 2009, and the following corrections were made:

Correction of “XL” under Adoption of Agenda
Correction of “Mrs. Guckert” under Delegation
Correction of “Their” under Delegation
Correction of “to” under Delegation
Correction of “submitted” under Tax Recovery Property
Correction of “landscape” under Accounts Payable

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the previous minutes of July 7, 2009 as corrected.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- DELEGATIONS** Delegate Mrs. Kenny brought forward concerns regarding cooperation and communication with regards to the Town of Oyen Staff and the Communities in Bloom.

Delegate Mrs. Guckert brought forward concerns with regard to garbage around Town.

Delegate Mrs. Bamber attended at Council with regard to the progress on the proposed pathway by the Gene Peden Baseball Diamond.

Mayor Wilson informed the concerned citizens of the Town of Oyen that Council will require time to investigate concerns, and a Special Meeting of Council will be called to deal with the letters received by Town office August 4, 2009.

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2009 BULL-A-RAMA	<p>Delegate Randy Girletz presented to Council a interim financial statement of the 11th Annual White Lightning Dodge Professional Cowboy Crunch 2009 Bull-A-Rama and discussed any inquiries and concerns.</p> <p>Delegate Mr. Ray Girletz takes leave of the Council Chambers at 6:25PM</p>
STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	<p>Council was informed that the application to the Building Canada Fund Communities Component Application was not among the limited number of projects for which funding was available. Funding was given to only the 73 highest ranked applications of the 400 applications received. Discussion took place.</p>
A.M.I.P.	<p>Council received a letter from Honorable Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, advising that the application to Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program (AMIP) for the street improvements and 1st Avenue waterline replacement project was approved for funding in the amount \$366,801.00.</p> <p>Discussion took place and Council was informed that the money could be put into a bank account and collect interest until the project is ready to proceed.</p>
CN RAIL TASK FORCE	<p>Council received an email from Palliser Regional Municipal Services informing them that a CN Rail Task force is being established with 3 rail line use options being explored – Tourism, Industry, and Grain Hauling. They are looking for interested individuals to sit on the task force.</p>
COMMUNITY FUTURES	<p>Council received an invitation from Meridian Community Futures to their Annual Meeting, Thursday September 3, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Kindersley, Sk.</p>
TOXIC ROUND UP	<p>Council was informed that the Toxic Round Up for the Town of Oyen will be on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Town of Oyen Shop. The round up will collect old Televisions, computers, old paint, etc.</p>
GARBAGE CONTRACT	<p>Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the Special Meeting she attended regarding the Garbage Contract bid, on July 13, 2009, along with Mayor Wilson, and Councillors Schroeder, Christianson and Tye.</p>
CN RAIL DISCONTINUANCE	<p>Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the meeting she attended concerning the CN Rail Discontinuance.</p>
POOL LANDSCAPING	<p>Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on a Pool Landscaping meeting she attended.</p>
CROSSROADS CENTER	<p>Councillor Christianson reported to Council on the ribbon cutting ceremony she attended for the Grand Opening of the Crossroads Center.</p>
P.E.P.	<p>Councillor Christianson reported to Council on the Palliser Economic Partnership lunch meeting she attended on July 3, 2009, along with Mayor Wilson, and Councilors' Lehman and Christianson.</p> <p>Councillor Lehman reported to Council on the Town bus tour and Golf Tournament he attended with representatives from Palliser Economic Partnership, and MLA Jack Hayden. Councillor Lehman reported PEP representatives were very impressed with all the recreation and medical facilities in Oyen.</p>
COMMUNITY FUTURES	<p>Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Meridian Community Futures teleconference loans meeting he participated in.</p>

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DOCTOR'S CLINIC	Councillor Tye reported to Council on a Medical Dental Meeting he attended and updated Council on progress with the proposed new doctor's clinic.
KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE	Mayor Wilson reported to Council on a meeting he had with Keystone XL Pipeline representatives. The new pipeline is scheduled to begin filling on November 1, 2009. Should the power not be in place, there is a temporary, short term contingency plan to supply power by portable diesel generators through Finning (Canada)
PORTS TO PLAINS	Mayor Wilson reported to Council on a group of representatives from the Ports to Plains organization that visited Oyen on July 22, 2009, and attended the Oyen Bull-a-rama.
C.I.B.	<p>Council received a letter from Communities in Bloom with a request to close Main Street on August 27, 2009 for the Unite Night & Annual Bed Races.</p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Town of Oyen close Main Street from Railway Avenue to Allen's Agro Machinery lot from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. August 27, 2009 for the U-Nite Night and Bedlam Bed Races activities.</p> <p>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
OYEN PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDRAISING SOCIETY	<p>Council received a letter from the Oyen Public School Fundraising Society with a request for sponsorship for outdoor fitness equipment.</p> <p>Council reviewed and directed the request be referred to the Town of Oyen Recreation Advisory Board.</p>
CIB/GO	Council received a letter from Communities in Bloom/Grow Oyen with regard to maintenance of sidewalks and boulevards around Town, in particular adjacent to the old hotel located on the corner of Main Street and Railway Avenue
ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES	Council received a letter from Alberta Health Services announcing the new organizational structure for Alberta Health Services that came into effect June 1, 2009 outlining the key contacts for the South Zone.
MCF	<p>Council received information on 2 funding initiatives incorporated under the Meridian Community Futures operational plan for the period July 15, 2009-March 31, 2010, designed to provide financial assistance to develop, implement and promote projects.</p> <p>Category 1 – Youth (up to age 34)</p> <p>Category 2 –Rural Diversification/Innovation Projects</p>
SAMDA	Council received a copy of the disk of new Town photos for Photo library funded through SAMDA, as well as a copy of the 2009 Canadian Badlands Attraction map project with the Town of Oyen ad developed and funded through SAMDA.
CORRESPONDENCE	The Acting Municipal Administrator and Council reviewed the balance of the Correspondence listed on the August 4, 2009 Council meeting agenda.
ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID	<p>It was moved by Councillor Tye that the following list of accounts be approved for payment.</p> <p>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
SPECIAL MEETING	Mayor Wilson called a Special Council meeting for Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 7:00 PM.
ADJOURNMENT	It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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