

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON OCTOBER 6, 2009 AT 5:20PM

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Deputy Mayor Lehman, Councillors Schroeder, Bedwell, Christianson, Tye and Van Otterloo
- Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo
- ABSENT** Mayor Wilson
- In the absence of Mayor Wilson, Deputy Mayor Lehman chaired the meeting.**
- GUESTS** Delegates Bill Steinback, Annette Steinback, Marvie Kenny, Angela Symes, Lucille Hertz, Corporal Terry Link, Doug Jones
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised.
Additions under Delegations:
- Randy Girletz unable to attend - Doug Jones to take time slot.
- Additions under Correspondence:
15. Email from Government of Alberta RE: 2009 Ministers Regional Sessions
16. Trail of the Buffalo Alberta Campground Guide - Advertising
- Additions under Unfinished Business:
7. Council Chamber Renovations
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Agenda be adopted as revised.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- PREVIOUS MINUTES** It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 1, 2009, as circulated. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- HIGHWAY SIGNAGE** The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that she had contacted the Supervisor from Ledcor on September 8, 2009, and was informed that the sign on Highway No. 9 will be put back up as soon as the metal posts arrive. To date has not been done. Administrator to follow up.
- RCMP** Corporal Terry Link reported and discussed with Council on the following:
- Speeding on 5th Avenue – concerns are being addressed
 - Shortage of RCMP staff
 - Lowering of speed limit on Highway 9 intersection – follow up
- Corporal Link takes leave of the Council Chambers at 5:45PM.
- INTERNSHIP PROGRAM** The Municipal Administrator informed Council that she had contacted a representative from the Internship Program and as the Town of Oyen does not have the capacity for the ten functional areas required to host an intern, was highly recommended to join with another municipality and apply. Deadline was September 4, 2009.
- Discussion took place and it was decided that the Municipal Administrator investigate further.

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ACTION LIST Councillor Bedwell informed Council that she and Councillor Christianson had looked into adopting a proposed Action List.

Councillors Bedwell and Christianson explained the ideas to Council.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the minutes of the Council Meetings note who is responsible for an action, and how and when it is completed.

Delegates Angela Symes and Lucille Hertz arrive at 6:20PM

Council to conclude the matter later in the meeting.

RELAY FOR LIFE Mrs. Symes and Mrs. Hertz presented Council with a request for permission to host the 2010 Relay for Life in the Town of Oyen.

Mrs. Symes reviewed & discussed with Council the schedule and possible venues for the event.

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the Council of the Town of Oyen grant Angela Symes permission to host the 2010 Relay for Life in the Town of Oyen. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ACTION LIST After discussion it was concluded and agreed that the Municipal Administrator submit a report on the business arising from the Council minutes.

Councillor Bedwell withdraws motion that the minutes of the Council meetings not who is responsible for an action, and how and when it is completed.

Deputy Mayor Lehman accepts withdrawal.

BASEBALL ACADEMY Mr. Jones presented Council with an update on the funding for the Baseball Academy. A video was presented with support from residents from the Town of Vauxhall.

Mr. Jones is requesting that the Town of Oyen support to amend the grant application for the funding for the Baseball Academy facility under the registered Society.

Mr. Jones takes leave of the Council Chambers at 6:50PM

Council to discuss the matter later in the meeting.

TRAILER PARKS Mr. and Mrs. Steinback brought forward concerns with regards to the water, sewer and garbage rates that were being charged for Ball's Trailer Court and South Park Mobile Home Village.

Discussion took place.

Deputy Mayor Lehman informed Councillor Schroeder that his opinions may be in a possible conflict of interest.

The Municipal Administrator to provide Council with a copy of the By-Law's setting the water, sewer & garbage together with the consumption/usage that each Mobile Home Park had used. Council will review at the next regular Council meeting.

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PUBLIC WORKS The Municipal Administrator reported that the Town Foreman Darcy Dobrosky is attending the Alberta Public Works Association, Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Constructions Association and Alberta Transportation 4th Annual Partner's in Excellence Conference and Tradeshow in Red Deer from October 5-7, 2009.

STREET SWEEPER Council was presented with a report and quotes for street sweepers that Town Foreman had looked into.

Council was informed that Town Foreman Darcy Dobrosky has set up appointments with representatives from Joe Johnson Equipment Inc. and Cubex to meet and look at the street sweepers at the Tradeshow in Red Deer.

RECREATION REPORT Council reviewed the Recreation Report submitted by Town of Oyen Recreation Director Edward Peacock.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING It was moved by Councillor Christianson that the Town of Oyen Organizational meeting be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 5:30PM in the Town of Oyen Council Chambers. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CANCELLATION TAX ARREARS The Municipal Administrator presented to Council a Cancellation of Tax Arrears for Roll Numbers 71600 – Mobile Home (Ball's Trailer Park) and 53300 – Airport Hanger.

The arrears are as follows:

- Roll No. 71600: Mobile Home moved 2003 - \$ 942.27
- Roll No. 53300: Airport Hangar - \$1,340.92

The Municipal Administrator recommended a motion to cancel the arrears on the property in accordance with Section 347(1) (a) of the Municipal Government Act as taxes should not have been levied.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the arrears for Roll No. 71600 in the amount of \$942.27 and for Roll No. 53300 in the amount of \$1,340.92 be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HIGHWAY #41 EMPRESS ACCESS It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that Town of Oyen send a letter of support to the Minister of Transportation for the Highway No. 41 road work project from the Town of Oyen to the Empress Access. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS A Letter was received from the Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce with regards to the guidelines on postings on the bulletin boards on the 4-Way stops located on Main Street

Discussion took place.

Municipal Administrator to meet with Chamber of Commerce representative to discuss the list of guidelines with regards to the bulletin board postings on the 4 Way stops.

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- NO POSTINGS SIGN – MAP OF OYEN** A letter was received from the Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce with a request for the Town of Oyen to place an order for a “No Postings” sign on the new Town of Oyen entrance map, at the cost of the Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce.
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Town of Oyen place an order for a “No Postings” sign for the new Town of Oyen entrance map at the cost of the Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce. **CARRIED**
- DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE** A letter was received from the Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce regarding their support for directional signage for the Crossroads Center.
- Discussion took place and it was concluded that the subject will be discussed when the Municipal Administrator meets with a representative from the Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce and Big Country Ag. Society.
- LEASE LAND** A letter and proposal was received from Sean Barrette requesting for permission from the Town of Oyen to lease the land area at the south end of the landing strip at the Oyen Municipal Airport and is willing to repair the ¾ of a mile of fence.
- Discussion took place.
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Town of Oyen refuse the proposal to lease the land. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- SOCIAL CAPITAL CONCEPTS** A letter and project proposal was received from Social Capital Concepts and Old Medal Industries.
- Discussion took place and the Council instructed the Municipal Administrator to invite Mr. Shane Gilmore, Director to attend the next Council meeting.
- BYLAW OFFICER** The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that she had contacted the surrounding municipalities and they were all in agreement that the proposal of a shared bylaw officer should be brought forward to Palliser Regional Municipal Services.
- Councillor Schroeder to discuss at the next Palliser Regional Municipal Services meeting. The Municipal Administrator to send a letter requesting that a shared By-Law Enforcement Officer be placed on the next Palliser Regional Municipal Services meeting agenda.
- STREET SWEEPER** Council was provided with a list of specs and prices on new and used street sweepers that the Town Foreman Darcy Dobrosky had submitted.
- Mr. Dobrosky to report to Council with his recommendations for a street sweeper at the next Council meeting of October 27, 2009.
- ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES** Council was informed of a special luncheon on October 9, 2009 in Okotoks hosted by Dr. Stephen Duckett, the new President and CEO of Alberta Health Services to learn how the future of health care in rural Alberta will affect us.
- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the next regular Council meeting be changed to October 27, 2009 at 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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BASEBALL ACADEMY	<p>Council discussed the presentation from Delegate Doug Jones with regards to the Baseball Academy.</p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen request Mr. Jones to submit what is specifically being requested in writing together with accompanying documentation. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
OLD SWIMMING POOL	<p>Council discussed concerns with the removal of the accumulated water in the old Swimming Pool, the demolition and reclamation of the property.</p>
I.C.S.P.	<p>Council was updated on the Integrated Community Sustainability Program.</p> <p>Discussion took place and Council was informed that survey sheets have been made and are available at the Town Office and will be placed on Town of Oyen website.</p> <p>Councillor Schroeder volunteered to take surveys to the next Oyen Lions Club meeting.</p> <p>Delegate Marvie Kenny volunteered to take surveys to the Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 28, 2009.</p>
PROPOSED PATHWAY	<p>Council discussed concerns and inquiries with regards to the clean up on the property where the proposed pathway is going and the plans for the pathway.</p> <p>Councillor Christianson to take to next Recreation Advisory Board meeting on October 13, 2009.</p>
COUNCIL CHAMBERS	<p>Council was updated on the proposed renovations for the Council Chambers.</p>
MARIGOLD LIBRARY	<p>Councillor Bedwell informed Council on the Marigold Library Systems lunch meeting taking place on October 8, 2009.</p> <p>Councillor Bedwell informed Council that on behalf of Mayor Wilson she accepted 50 books from the Cow Bus.</p>
CN RAIL CONTINUANCE	<p>Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the CN Rail Continuance meeting she had attended.</p>
VICTIMS SERVICES	<p>Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the Victims Services meeting she had attended in Hanna.</p>
FCSS	<p>Councillor Christianson informed Council that the Family Community Support Services Director, Heather Norris, has hired Anne Marie Smigelski as an assistant.</p>
SAMDA	<p>Councillor Christianson reported to Council on the SAMDA meeting that she had attended.</p>
MERIDIAN	<p>Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Meridian Annual meeting he</p>

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MEETING attended on September 3, 2009.

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- H1N1** Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the H1N1 Tele-conference that he attended on September 13, 2009, together with the Municipal Administrator.
- WASTE MANAGEMENT** Councillor Van Otterloo reported to Council on the Waste Management meeting he attended.
Councillor Van Otterloo informed Council of concerns with regards to recycling.
- TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO** A letter and invoice was received from Trail of the Buffalo Tourism Association with regards to a membership renewal in the amount of \$595.00.
It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen renew the Town of Oyen membership in the amount of \$595.00.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM** Council received a letter form Marigold Library System with regards to a request that Council proclaim October as Canadian Library Month.
It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen proclaim October as Canadian Library Month. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO** An E-Mail was received from Trail of the Buffalo seeking advertising consortia partners in the Alberta Campground Guide.
It was moved by Councillor Schroeder the Town of Oyen participate in the Ad Consortia at a cost of \$414.00 for a half page ad. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- FALL CLEAN-UP** Delegate Mrs. Kenny inquired if the 2009 Town of Oyen Fall Clean up could be held on Thursday, November 5, 2009.
Municipal Administrator to look into date and inform Town Foreman Darcy Dobrosky.
- ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric 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 invoice from Lois Bedwell be approved for payment. **CARRIED**
Councillor Bedwell abstained from voting due to a possible conflict of interest.
It was moved by Councillor Tye that the remaining balance of accounts be approved for payment. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 10:24PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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