

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON AUGUST 3, 2010 AT 5:30PM

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Mayor Wilson, Councillors Lehman, Schroeder, Bedwell, Christianson Van Otterloo and Tye.
- Municipal Administrator – Debbie Ross
Recording Secretary – Charmain Hausauer
- GUESTS** Town Assistant Foreman Wyatt Girletz, Delegate Doug Jones, Oyen Baseball Academy.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- IN CAMERA** It was moved by Councillor Christianson to go in camera at 5:35PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- OUT OF CAMERA** It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to go out of camera at 6:09PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- PUBLIC WORKS** Town of Oyen Assistant Public Works Foreman Wyatt Girletz attended the Council meeting to discuss questions and concerns Council had.
- Wyatt reported to Council that Sparks Plumbing has started work on the Street Improvement Project.
- Councillor Bedwell requested that Public Works contact Rita Kay Anderson to discuss her sewer concerns at her home located at 401 – 1st Avenue East.
- Council requested a special meeting with Wyatt Girletz and Michael Potter on August 5, 2010 at 9:00 AM.
- BASEBALL ACADEMY** Delegate Doug Jones reported to Council that the Academy has received a RADF (Rural Alberta Development Fund) Grant in the amount of \$500,000 (\$250,000 for renovations, and \$250,000 for first year of operations). Additional funding is expected from Special Areas (\$500,000) and the Prairie Rose School Division (\$50,000 in kind). ATCO will be hosting a fundraiser on November 2, 2010.
- The Academy is requesting a confirmation of previous commitment from Council for \$150,000 for the baseball academy project.
Council took the matter under advisement and will review the matter at a later meeting.
- CANADIAN BADLANDS** Delegate Doug Jones reported to Council that there are plans in the works to expand the parking lot at the Visitor Information Centre to accommodate larger recreational vehicles. The project is expected to cost in the range of \$600,000. Bob Scott (Alberta Tourism) has committed \$200,000. Alberta Ministry of Transportation is expected to commit another \$200,000. The Canadian Badlands Board is searching for a grant to cover the balance of the project.
- The project may be cancelled due to the fact that Bob Scott has recently taken medical leave.
- PREVIOUS MINUTES** Councillor Bedwell informed Council of corrections to be made in the previous minutes of June 29, 2010.

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Corrections to be made:
Remove Tom Van Otterloo name from "MEMBERS PRESENT"
Change to "Councillor Lehman" under "OLD POOL"

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the previous minutes of June 29, 2010 with corrections.

TD BANK

Councillor Bedwell made a Notice of Motion to list the old TD Bank Building (not land) located at 302 – 1 Avenue East for sale to be moved from its present location.

RECREATION REPORT

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

MSI GRANT AMENDMENT

Councillor Tye moved to amend the grant application and move \$17,500 from recreation salaries to recreation operations. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DRAFT BYLAW NO. 798-10

Draft Bylaw No. 798-10 was presented to Council for adoption. Being a By-Law of the Town of Oyen, to provide the Organizational and Procedural Matters of Council, Council Committees and Councillors.

Discussion took place.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that Bylaw No. 798-10 be given first reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that Bylaw No. 798-10 be given second reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that Bylaw No. 798-10 be presented for third reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was moved by Councillor Christianson that Bylaw No. 798-10 be given third and final reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DRAFT UNIVERSAL WATER METERING POLICY #07-10

Municipal Administrator, Debbie Ross, presented to Council Policy #07-10 for adoption. This policy is to address the rising costs of potable water and water conservation practices.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell to adopt the policy as amended. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DRAFT EMPLOYER SUPPORTED VOLUNTEER POLICY #08-10

Municipal Administrator, Debbie Ross, presented to Council Policy #08-10 for adoption. This policy is to address the growing need by the volunteer organizations and community agencies for volunteers to deliver services, to lend specific technical and professional expertise, to show leadership as board and committee members and to build and provide support for programs in the community. Employee volunteerism is seen as a viable way to inject new, creative energy into our community. This is a deliberate strategy by the Town of Oyen to encourage employees to become involved in their community as volunteers and to support them in those efforts.

Discussion took place.

Council agreed that they could not justify the expense to implement this policy at this time.

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- WASTEWATER** Councillor Lehman moved to have the Municipal Administrator submit a request to Alberta Environment to amend our current agreement to include a discharge on to town owned property located Se ¼ of 34-27-4-W4 . **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- ATCO ELECTRIC** Municipal Administrator Debbie Ross informed Council that an additional payment for the Street Light Conversion Project in the amount of \$10,164 (including GST) was received from ATCO Electric. It was recommended that the additional funds be applied to the chamber renovation project deficit.
- Discussion took place.
Councillor Christianson moved to have the funds applied to the chamber renovation project deficit. **CARRIED.**
- Councillor Van Otterloo abstained from the vote due to a possible conflict of interest.
- JEPP** Municipal Administrator Debbie Ross informed Council that a new round of funding is available under the JEPP (Joint Emergency Preparedness Program) grant, and we may be able to apply for the grant to assist the Fire Department in purchasing new SCBA equipment. A total of \$58,000 would be required for this project. The grant would provide 50 %, or approximately \$29,000 in funding. Special Areas will commit an additional \$14,500 and the Town would have to cover the remaining \$14,500.
- Councillor Lehman moved to have the Municipal Administrator proceed with the grant application for new SCBA equipment for the Town of Oyen Fire Department. **CARRIE UNANIMOUSLY.**
- STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** Municipal Administrator Debbie Ross presented a final accounting of the costs for the additions of 5th Avenue overlay, Airport amendment to include remilling and Firehall paving to the current Street Improvement Project.
- Councillor Lehman moved to approve the additional spending of:
- 1) 50,000.00- extra on Airport resurfacing
 - 2) 325,000.00 -5th Avenue overlay
 - 3) 113,457.00 – firehall paving
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- TAX RECOVERY PROPERTY** Municipal Administrator informed Council that an offer has been received in the amount of \$20,000 for Lots 1-3, Block 2, Plan 4490AR.
- Discussion took place.
- It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to accept the Offer to Purchase for Lots 1-3, Block 2, Plan 4490AR in the amount of \$20,000.00 subject to conditions set out in the Municipal Government Act. **DEFEATED**
- U-NITE NIGHT** Councillor Christianson moved to give the Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce permission to use the park adjacent to the Legion for their BBQ supper August 26, 2010 in conjunction with U-Nite Night Bedlam Bed Races. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- MR. CARPENTRY** Councillor Lehman moved to ratify the Mayor’s approval of the bill that was received from Mr. Carpentry for the Chamber Renovations.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- OYEN FLOORING** Councillor Tye moved to pay the Oyen Flooring bill for Council Chamber renovations as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- JOHN'S ELECTRIC** Council Lehman moved to make a progress payment to John's Electric for Council Chamber renovations. **CARRIED.**
- Councillor Van Otterloo abstained from the vote due to a possible conflict of interest.
- PEP** Council received a letter of request from Palliser Economic Partnership seeking sponsorship for the upcoming Growing in Rural Alberta Symposium November 3,4 & 5, 2010 in Medicine Hat.
- Councillor Schroeder moved the Town of Oyen purchase a Bronze sponsorship at a cost of \$500.00. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION** Council received a letter from the Regional Suicide Prevention Society with a request to declare September 10, 2010 as World Suicide Prevention Day
- Mayor Wilson proclaimed September 10, 2010 as World Suicide Prevention Day within the Town of Oyen.
- ALBERTA ARTS DAY** Council received a letter from Culture and Community Spirit regarding the upcoming Alberta Arts Day 2010.
- Council directed the Municipal Administrator to forward the information to Studio 9-41, and the local schools.
- EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM TRAINING** Council received a letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs in regards to the new Emergency Public Warning System training. Councillors Schroeder and Bedwell are going to review their schedules and will attend the training if they are available.
- CORRESPONDENCE** The Municipal Administrator and Council reviewed the balance of the Correspondence listed on the August 3rd, 2010 Council meeting agenda.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the accounts be approved for payment with corrections. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- REAL** Councillor Christianson reported to Council on the REAL meeting that she attended on July 6, 2010. A position has been created at SCHS and they are currently advertising for applications. Brian Andjelic from the Prairie Rose School Division has requested that Councillor Christianson be part of the hiring process. Council granted Councillor Christianson approval to sit on this board.
- REC BOARD** Councillor Bedwell has made an inquiry in regards to the Oyen & District Recreation Board Draft Master Plan being prepared by Palliser Regional Municipal Services. A new Planner has recently been hired and they are currently working on completing the proposal. They are planning to meet with the Rec Board in August.
- POOL** Councillor Bedwell made a request of Council to direct the Municipal Administrator to send a letter to our insurance company in regards to the delays

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and mismanagement of the Town of Oyen insurance claim at the pool.

- TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO** Councillor Schroeder informed Council about the Trail of the Buffalo meeting that he attended on July 9, 2010. A contract has been forwarded to the Town Office for our support and participation in the Destination Marketing Fund as per the motion at the December 1, 2009 Council meeting.
- PC FUNDRAISER** Councillor Lehman reported to Council on the PC Fundraiser for Jack Hayden that he attended in Stettler and the Prime Ministers meeting at Heritage Park that he attended in Calgary.
- ACADIA FOUNDATION** Councillor Lehman reported to Council that Phase II of the Acadia Foundation is now complete. The new Windows that were installed in Phase I of the project are leaking and will need to be replaced. Councillor Lehman also attended the sod turning for the new senior's facilities in Hanna and met with Minister Joblonski.
- ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo to adjourn the meeting at 9:09PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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