

**A BUDGET MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN
WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 14, 2011 AT
9:00 A.M.**

This meeting was scheduled at the March 1, 2011 regular Council meeting.

MEMBERS Mayor Christianson, Councillors Brockman, Schroeder, Bedwell,
PRESENT Thomson, and Herrtz

Municipal Administrator – Debbie Ross

ABSENT Councillor Lehman

PUBLIC WORKS It was moved by Mayor Christianson to send a thank you t to the Public Works Department for the outstanding job of snow removal done this winter.
CARRIED

COUNCILLOR It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to grant permission to Councillor
ABSENCE Hertz to be absent from 2 consecutive regular Council meetings, - March 1, 2011 and April 5, 2011. **CARRIED**

2011BUDGET Council reviewed the proposed 2011 town of Oyen Operating Budget submitted by the Municipal Administrator.

Council reviewed the following included in the proposed Budget:

- 2011 MSI Operating Funding projects
- 2011 Capital Budget projects

CAPITAL PROJECTS **Streets Improvement Project:** The Municipal Administrator informed Council that the Town of Oyen will require approximately \$50,000.00 to complete the 2010 Streets Improvement Project. Municipal Administrator recommended placing this under the 2011 MSI Capital Grant

The 4th Street proposed project will require a substantial amount of capital. Municipal Administrator is looking into the availability of new grants.

Municipal Administrator recommended postponing the 4th street project to 2012

Medical Dental Building: Municipal Administrator recommends placing the \$100,000.00 motioned by Council in December 7, 2010 meeting be placed in the Capital Budget and be funded through MSI Capital Grant

Fire Department: Municipal Administrator reported that Special Areas has agreed to the cost sharing of a crew cab truck (\$20,000.00 each) for the Oyen Fire Department, as well they have already purchased 8 SCBA's - half of the amount Fire Chief Lijdsman is requesting. Municipal Administrator recommends placing the truck (\$20,000.00) and the additional 8 SCBA's (\$43,098.40) in the fire budget and fund them under the MSI capital budget – Total Allocation \$63,000.00

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Arena Roof Repair and 2nd Compressor: Oyen Minor Hockey has applied for the CFEP grant to repair the Arena roof and place a second compressor at the arena to maximize capacity. Lions Club and Minor Hockey are contributing dollars, and the Town will have to make up any shortfall. The tentative amount on the grant application for Town contribution is \$73,565.00. This funding has been designated to come out of MSI capital grant.

Ball Diamond Food Booth: The ball diamond food booth CAF grant application in 2009 had the Town contribution coming from the Recreation Budget. \$45,000.00 was placed in each of the 2010 and 2011 recreation operating budget.

Public Works Equipment: Public Works Foreman has requested the placement of a new grader in the 2011 budget. Preliminary research has it priced between \$75,000.00 - \$100,000.00. Municipal Administrator recommended taking out a 5 year loan on the purchase of the grader, as interest rates are extremely low .

Lagoon Repairs/Renovations: Municipal Administrator reported that there is work that needs to be done at Lagoon to meet Environmental Standards and License agreement. She has a meeting scheduled with Engineers and Alberta Environment to review options available. She has also reviewed some grant options. Currently there is no budget figure, but the FGTF grant could be utilized as the Towns matching contribution.

NEXT MEETING Next meeting set for Friday March 18, 2011 9:00 a.m. Council chambers

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Christianson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR