



TOWN OF HINTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August 18, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor Rob Mackin, Councillors Ryan Maguhn, Stuart Taylor, Glen Barrow, Matthew Young
ABSENT: Councillors Dale Currie, Marcel Michaels
SECRETARY: Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant
ALSO PRESENT: Mike Schwirtz - Town Manager
Denise Parent - Director of Corporate Services

ORDER

Mayor Rob Mackin called the Regular Council meeting to order. The time was 5:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M. YOUNG - That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting held August 18, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

1. Regular Meeting of Council Minutes - July 21, 2015
2. Standing Committee of Council Minutes - August 11, 2015

M. YOUNG - That the Minutes listed above be approved as presented.

Carried

CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"

Hans van Klaveren spoke to Council about the success of the recently held "Run in the Rockies" event. This was the 5th year of the annual event and a large number of volunteers contributed to make it successful again. The organizing committee appreciated the support given from the Town of Hinton.

Joan Janeczko advised she has been coaching the Water Devils swim club in Hinton. She also wanted to thank the town for support to the club. The season wrapped up with six children attending the provincial swim meet.

Mrs. Janeczko also advised that 4 youth and 3 adult guests are arriving from Wanouchi, Japan tomorrow and will be in Hinton from August 19 to 22, 2015.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Street Lighting Request - Presented by Gord Wardell

Gord Wardell, owner of Pineridge Village Mobile Home Park, told Council that the Crestwood Hotel has not replaced any exit door or parking lot lights for the last year and the result is it is


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extremely dark behind the hotel. He feels this is a safety issue for the residents of his mobile home park and that this laneway belongs to the Town.

Mr. Wardell said he previously spoke to several administrative staff to request the Town provide lighting and was advised by each that the Town's bylaws state that the mobile park owners are to provide lighting on their own premises. He felt the next step was to ask Council to install two lights at Units 408 and 414, where the Fortis power poles are located and for the Town to pay the ongoing power costs for same. He does not believe that the mobile home park residents should have to pay for any of it, stating they already pay taxes. He also does not feel the onus should be on him to talk to his neighbor to ask them to fix their lights. Mr. Wardell asked Council to do that.

Administration advised Council this is a lane, not a town road, as per their development records. Council was cautioned they would be in contravention of the bylaw if they ordered lights to be installed as per Mr. Wardell's request. Administration cautioned also this would set a precedent for other parties to come forward to request laneway lights. Administration indicated that Fortis are quite prepared to install lights on existing poles and bill the landowner. Mr. Wardell stated it shouldn't be his responsibility to pay for a town road and claimed he already maintains the road and doesn't charge the town for it.

Council asked if Administration could offer another solution to get more lighting at that location. Administration again stated that Fortis can install lights but the tax payer should not have to bear the cost of the monthly fee. Any costs should be paid for by the residents along that lane.

Council then discussed having Administration research options and costs to provide lighting to this location and to the other laneways in town.

S. TAYLOR - That Council direct Administration to conduct research on the possibility to provide lights in this laneway.

Carried

ACTION ITEMS

Refer to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda package for August 18, 2015 for detailed background information on these decisions.

1. Fire Bylaw #1097

R. MAGUHN - That the Fire Bylaw #1097 matter be referred back to a Standing Committee meeting to be further reviewed prior to passing third reading.

Carried

2. Fireworks Bylaw #1098

R. MACKIN - That the Fireworks Bylaw #1098 matter be referred back to a Standing Committee meeting to be further reviewed prior to passing third reading.

Carried


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3. Tender Award for Replacement of Ladder Truck Unit #23

M. YOUNG - That Council award Rocky Mountain Phoenix (Rosenbauer) the tender contract for \$890,639 for Ladder Truck Unit #23.

Carried

4. Land Sale - Innovista Phase I - Lot 9A, Block 1, Plan 102 1741 (366 Fleming Drive)

M. YOUNG – That Council accept the offer from 67505 Alberta Ltd. to purchase 366 Fleming Drive (Lot 9A, Block 1, Plan 102 1741) located in Innovista Phase 1, at the price with terms/conditions as previously circulated and reviewed by Council In Camera.

Carried

5. Alberta Innovates - Geothermal Energy Development in Alberta

R. MAGUHN - That Council approves commissioning the study (to determine the volume of energy available through geo-thermal energy) in partnership with the University of Alberta and Alberta Innovates and other participating municipalities for a cost of approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000. Funding to commission this study will be absorbed by the Council Contingency and the Automatic Traffic Enforcement reserve.

Councillor S. Taylor requested an amendment to the original motion:

S. TAYLOR - That Council match dollar for dollar with private industry dollars.

Councillor Maguhn would not consent to the amendment. Councillor Maguhn then requested that his original motion be amended to remove “Automatic Traffic Enforcement reserve” from the original motion. Motion now reads as follows:

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Carried

6. Mid-Year Financial Overview

R. MAGUHN - That Council approves a budget of \$200,000 for the PATCH project.

Carried

M. YOUNG - That the remainder of the report be accepted for information.

Carried

7. Purchase Budgeting Module

M. YOUNG That Council approve the purchase of the Budgeting Module in the amount of \$80,000.

Carried


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8. Participatory Budget 2015

R. MAGUHN - That Council approve the Town of Hinton Participatory Budget 2015 Rulebook.

Carried

M. YOUNG - That Council approve the expenditures of up to \$3,000 from the Participatory Budget for related expenditures (advertising, facility rentals, etc.).

Carried

9. Request to Waive Property Tax Penalties – 143 Tamarack Drive

M. YOUNG - That the request made by E.S.H. Property Development to waive the property tax penalties in the amount of \$7,146.40 for the property located on 143 Tamarack Drive be denied.

Carried

10. Changes to Deputy Mayor Terms

R. MACKIN - That the Deputy Mayor terms be amended as follows:

**September 1, 2015 – October 31, 2015 – Glen Barrow
November 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016 – Ryan Maguhn**

Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Council Information Package #1 - previously circulated July 22, 2015
2. Council Information Package #2 - previously circulated July 29, 2015
3. Council Information Package #3 - previously circulated August 5, 2015
4. Council Information Package #4 - previously circulated August 12, 2015

M. YOUNG - That Council Information Packages #1, #2, #3 and # 4 be accepted for information.

Carried

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER

1. Council Reporting (Training/Conferences/CEAC, Listening Teams, All Other Committees)

Councillors reported on the various committees, meetings and activities they attended since the last Regular Council meeting and what they plan on attending in the coming weeks.

Councillor Ryan Maguhn stated he would attend the arrival of the Wanouchi, Japan guests tomorrow evening (Wednesday, August 19, 2015) as his last function prior to officially taking his leave of absence until October 20, 2015 (after the federal election) as he is running for a federal government position in the Yellowhead riding.


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2. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Mike Schwirtz provided an update on administrative matters.

ADJOURNMENT

G. BARROW - That the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn.

Carried

The time was 7:44 p.m.



Mayor



Director of Corporate Services

