

TOWN OF RIMBEY

TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. Call to Order Mayor Ibbotson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, with the following in attendance:
- Mayor Sheldon Ibbotson
Councillor Jack Webb
Councillor Paul Payson
Councillor Scott Ellis, Via Skype
CAO Tony Goode
Director of Finance - Danita Deal
Acting Assistant CAO/Development Officer - Melissa Beebe
Recording Secretary – Kathy Blakely
- Absent:
Councillor Gayle Rondeel
- Public:
Rimbey Review – Trena Mielke
Rimoka Housing Foundation Chairman - Paul McLauchlin
3 members of the public
2. Public Hearing None
3. Adoption of 3.1. September 24, 2012 Agenda
Agenda
- Additions:
5.1 Delegation - MLA Joe Anglin
- Motion 167/12
- Moved by Councillor Webb to accept the agenda as amended.
- CARRIED
(4-0)
4. Minutes 4.1 Sept 10, 2012, Council Meeting Minutes
- Motion 168/12
- Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to accept the September 10, 2012, Council Meeting Minutes as presented.
- CARRIED
(4-0)
5. Delegation 5.1 MLA Joe Anglin
- MLA Joe Anglin entered the meeting at 6:50 pm.
- MLA Anglin thanked Town Council for the invitation to attend the meeting as a delegation. He noted that he has had discussions with Members of Parliament who are dealing with law enforcement issues. For example, in Rimbey, the jail cell space is inadequate. The area used for cells used to be adequate, however, the regulations have changed. Although there was a change in regulations, no financial support was forthcoming to enable the changes. He felt that Rimbey was being penalized by a loss of RCMP Member time while prisoners are being transported to other locations. MLA Anglin indicated that he has spoken with MP Blaine Calkins regarding the financial shortfall with the changes expected. As the Town of Rimbey is currently responsible to make the changes, MLA Anglin suggested to MP Calkins that when the federal government makes regulation changes that they should also provide financial support to enable the changes to be made. He noted that MP Calkins was quite receptive to the idea.

MLA Anglin spoke briefly on volunteer firefighters. He indicated that the issue of volunteer fire fighter was once again debated in the legislature. Bill 1 introduced legislation that provides medical treatment for all first responders. However, Bill 1 did not specifically list volunteer fire fighters, so an amendment has been brought forth to do so. This is particularly important with regards to post traumatic stress. It was also noted that volunteer firefighters are non-employees of municipalities, no matter who pays them.

MLA Anglin indicated that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) will be bringing forward issues regarding cost sharing between municipalities and community funding at the upcoming convention. Cost sharing is a very important aspect for this town in order to provide services to all residents of Rimbey and the surrounding area. He noted that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C) will be paying close attention to the outcome of the AUMA discussions as they will be dealing with the same issues at their convention in November.

MLA Anglin indicated that he has had the opportunity to meet with various Ministers and discuss highways, policing and seniors housing. The overlay project on Highway 53 going west was cancelled for this year. It was noted that Highway 63 to Fort MacMurry is first on the Government's priority list for upgrades. The province has a 3 billion dollar deficit therefore many projects may be bumped off the priority list and put on hold, even if they are currently under construction.

Discussions were held with Dianna McQueen, Minister of Sustainable Resources with regards to law enforcement staffing shortages. It was brought to her attention that the population in areas out west can swell by as much as 60000 people on any given weekend. The idea of an auxiliary force, such as back county rangers, which the RCMP could call on for assistance was suggested, however it was dropped with the halt of construction to the RCMP training facility.

MLA Anglin also had the opportunity to speak with Minister Doug Griffiths with regards to the Rimoka Housing Project. He was advised that the Application is complete, and currently waiting for approval. MLA Anglin suggested that Council meet with the Minister to lobby for this project, as the decision for approval will be based on priority. The facility will be judged on its merits to the community. The 3 main items of concern with the old facilities are that the hallways are too narrow, a lack of adequate fire suppression and a lack of food storage facilities. He indicated that the County of Ponoka has done a good job promoting this project but feels that the Town of Rimbey has not been vocal enough and suggested that Council speak to the Ministers at the AUMA Convention and advise them that the Town of Rimbey fully supports this project and will be providing the municipal services. Funding will be on a priority of need. A decision will be made in the next couple of weeks. The purchase of the land is significant to the approval process. By having the land secured, it shows the Ministry that the Town of Rimbey, The County of Ponoka and the Town of Ponoka are prepared for the project to proceed. It was noted that certain guarantees are being negotiated by the sellers of the land.

MLA Anglin advised Council that there have been individuals questioning his expenses while he was on the Rimoka Housing Foundation. He explained the expenses to Council and the reasons for them. The expenses valued at \$7,000.00 over 7 months were submitted for services provided, approved and paid through the Rimoka Housing Foundation.

Mayor Ibbotson inquired if the Wildrose Party had an opinion with regards to the courthouse situation in Red Deer. MLA Anglin indicated that the Wildrose Party was aware of the situation and reiterated that issues with law enforcement are significant and court houses are included in their concerns.

MLA Anglin spoke briefly on the Offsite Levy Symposium which came about because of a court case with Cochrane and that there has be no resolution as of yet.

MLA Anglin was questioned regarding revenue received by the Province of Alberta from linear assessment. He indicated the revenue is shared by Municipalities throughout the province, however counties receive approximately

93% of the funds. He suggested that there is a need to change the way municipalities are funded.

Mayor Ibbotson thanked MLA Anglin for his presentation to Council.

MLA Anglin concluded his presentation at 7:30 pm.

5.2 Rimoka Chair and CAO

Mr. Paul McLauchlin, Chairman of the Rimoka Housing Foundation thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the Council Meeting as a delegation. His purpose is to introduce himself as the new Chairman of the Rimoka Housing Foundation and provide Council an update with respects to the proposed new assisted living housing project, spark ideas and indicated a need to work together on the project as it nears the final stages. He noted that at the last presentation to the CAO, there had been engineered drawings provided. He thanked Council for their leadership in the land purchase from the Johnsons'.

Mr. McLauchlin indicated that we are at a stage where discussions should commence regarding the fate of the building. He noted that the building would actually be owned by the Social Housing Corporation, under Municipal Affairs, however, we want to have a say as to what happens with the facility. Ratepayers need to be satisfied at whatever this facility becomes and that it fits in with the Town of Rimbey.

There is a need to start brainstorming between the Rimoka Housing Foundation and the Town of Rimbey to determine the fate of the building. By working as a team, we can show Municipal Affairs that we have the will and the drive to see the project through.

Mr. Mclauchlin indicated that the Rimoka Housing Foundation is looking for an endorsement from the Town of Rimbey for the new assisted living housing project.

Mayor Ibbotson informed the Rimoka Housing Foundation Chairman that the Town of Rimbey endorses the proposed assisted housing project and will do whatever we can to move this project forward.

Mr. Mclauchlin indicated that he would take this information back to the Rimoka Housing Foundation Board and they would work with the Town of Rimbey, Town of Ponoka and County of Ponoka to set meeting dates to start discussions on the fate of the new facility.

Mayor Ibbotson thanked Mr. Mclauchlin for his presentation.

6. Bylaws

6.1 Bylaw 879/12

A Bylaw of the Town of Rimbey, in the Province of Alberta, to appoint a designated officer and establish the position of Assistant CAO/Development Officer.

Administration recommended that Council pass first, second and third readings of Bylaw 879/12 to establish the position of Assistant CAO/Development Officer.

Motion 169/12

Moved by Councillor Ellis to give first reading to Bylaw 879/12 to establish the position of Assistant CAO/Development Officer.

CARRIED
(4-0)

Motion 170/12

Moved by Councillor Webb to give second reading to Bylaw 879/12 to establish the position of Assistant CAO/Development Officer.

CARRIED
(4-0)

Motion 171/12

Moved by Councillor Payson that Bylaw 879/12 be considered for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS
(4-0)

Motion 172/12

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to give third and final reading to Bylaw 879/12 to establish the position of Assistant CAO/Development Officer.

CARRIED
(4-0)

7. New and
Unfinished
Business

7.1 MP Blaine Calkins – Letter of Delegation Invitation

A letter was sent in late September to MP Blaine Calkins inviting him to attend a Town of Rimbey Council as a delegation. A reply has been received from his office advising that due to prior commitments, he will not be able to attend any of the meetings in the near future. However, they will call back in early October to see which future dates would be suitable.

7.2 MLA Joe Anglin – Letter of Delegation Invitation

A letter was sent in late September to MLA Joe Anglin inviting him to attend a Town of Rimbey Council as a delegation. Although a reply was received indicating that MLA Anglin would not be able to attend any council meetings until early December, MLA Anglin contacted the Town of Rimbey and advised he would attend the September 24th Council meeting should his schedule allow on that day.

7.3 Parkland Regional Library Proposed Budget

The Parkland Regional Library Proposed Budget for the period of 2013 – 2015 was submitted to Council for their review.

Motion 173/12

Moved By Councillor Webb to approve the Parkland Regional Library Proposed Budget for the years 2013-2015 as presented

CARRIED
(4-0)

8. Reports

8.1 Council Reports

8.1.1 Mayors Report

Mayor presented a written report to Council.

8.1.2 Councillor Ellis's Report

Councillor Ellis presented a written and verbal report to Council

8.1.3 Councillor Payson's Report

Councillor Payson presented a verbal report to Council
Attended Library Board Meeting, Recreation Board Meeting, Interagency Meeting, Blindman Youth Action Society Meeting

8.1.4 Councillor Rondeel's Report – Absent

8.1.5 Councillor Webb's Report

Councillor Webb presented a verbal report to Council
Met with Taggish Engineering, Rimoka Housing Foundation Meeting, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion 174/12

Moved by Councillor Webb to accept Council reports as presented.

CARRIED
(4-0)

- 8.2 Board/Committee Reports
8.2.1 Rimoka Housing Foundation Minutes June 20, 2012

Motion 175/12

Moved by Councillor Payson to accept the Rimoka Housing Foundation Minutes of June 20, 2012 as presented.

CARRIED
(4-0)

- 8.2 Finance Reports
Director of Finance presented a summary of the following reports:
8.3.1 Bank Reconciliation August
8.3.2 Cash Position August
8.3.3 Consolidated Financial Statement August
8.3.4 Accounts Payable Cheque Run – September 15/12

Motion 176/12

Moved by Councillor Webb to accept the Financial reports as presented.

CARRIED
(4-0)

9. Correspondence 9.1 Canadian Diabetes Association
9.2 Correctional Services Canada – Restorative Justice Week 2012
9.3 Rimbey & Area Early Child Development Coalition
9.4 Elections Alberta

Motion 177/12

Moved by Councillor Webb that the Town of Rimbey proclaim the month of November as Diabetes Awareness Month, and that the Town of Rimbey proclaim November 18-November 25, 2012 as Restorative Justice Week.

CARRIED
(4-0)

Motion 178/12

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to received items 9.3, and 9.4 as information.

CARRIED
(4-0)

10. In Camera None

11. Adjournment Council adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER