

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, April 28, 2008
Council Chambers

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| 1. Call to Order | 1.0 Mayor Helen Posti called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
Present: Mayor Helen Posti, Councillors Gord Ebden, Scott Kinley, Mitch Krecsy, Rick McKinnon, and John Walker.
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger
Absent: Councillor Sandra Hallgren, Recording Secretary Susan Norberg |
| 3. Agenda | 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:
Action 5.5: Public School Board’s Assn. of Alta – Seminars, Meetings:
10.9 Peanut Butter, Pearls and Politics
10.10 Clive Parade Jun 14/08
10.11 Red Deer College 44 th Convocation
10.12 Women & Municipal Govt. Luncheon
10.13 Sword Energy Table Top Exercise
10.14 Eckville Graduation May 24 |
| Res. 185/08 | Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the agenda be adopted as presented with additions. Carried. |
| 4. Minutes
Res. 186/08 | 4.1 Moved by Councillor Walker that the minutes of the regular Council meeting held April 14, 2008 be adopted as circulated. Carried. |
| 5. ACTION ITEMS
Trailer Parking on Streets – Citizen Letter | 5.1 A letter was received from a citizen opposing the decision of Council to not allow holiday trailers to park on Town streets during the camping season. After further discussion with Lacombe County Bylaw Enforcement, they advise that under the Traffic Safety Act warnings/tickets can be issued if trailers are parked too close to a fire hydrant, too close to an intersection/obstructing view of intersection, or if two trailers are parked opposite sides of the street creating unsafe conditions. Town bylaws only refer to electrical cords crossing sidewalks to plug in. Lengthy discussion regarding the current Town Traffic bylaw, amending it, or drafting a new bylaw to address trailer parking. |
| Res. 187/08 | Moved by Councillor Walker that Council rescind Res. 162/08 passed at the Council meeting held April 14/08 which reads, “that residents be informed of the enforcement of not allowing trailers to be parked on the streets in the weekly newspaper ad, and that Bylaw Enforcement be contacted to enforce this Bylaw.” Carried. |
| Res. 188/08 | Moved by Councillor Walker that Administration discuss these concerns and issues with Lacombe County Bylaw Enforcement for their feedback and to investigate what other similar sized municipalities do in regards to trailer parking on streets. Carried. |
| Communities Choose Well 2008 Wellness Initiative | 5.2 The Communities Choose Well have launched their 2008 wellness initiative and invite municipalities to register for participation. It will run from May 15, 2008 to February 15, 2009. Council thinks this is a good initiative and will support a local group(s) that is interested in taking on the leadership role. Council members will take the information back to the groups that they sit on. |
| Hike for Hospice Fundraising Event | 5.3 Red Deer Hospice Society is hosting a “Hike for Hospice” on May 4, 2008 to raise funds towards hospice palliative care services in communities and to raise awareness around the urgency for the need of Hospice Palliative Care. They also urge the Town to proclaim the first week in May to be “Hospice Palliative Care Week”. |
| Res. 189/08 | Moved by Councillor Kinley that the package detailing the Hike for Hospice fundraising event be received for information and that it be mentioned in the Town’s weekly paper ad. Carried. |
| Recreation Volunteer Recognition Award Nominations | 5.4 Alta Tourism, Parks & Recreation have provided an information package to receive nominations for their annual Recreation Volunteer Recognition Award that is presented during their annual Energize Workshop. |
| Res. 190/08 | Moved by Councillor Ebden that the information package be forwarded on to the local sporting groups for their perusal and possible nomination of a local citizen that may worthy of this award. Carried. |

Public School Board Assn. – Local Govt Charter Proposal Session	5.5	The Public School Board’s Assn of Alberta is hosting an information session to discuss a Local Government Charter proposal for municipal government at the Capri Center on May 31 at 3:30 p.m. They invite a representative from the Town to participate and provide input to the proposal.
Res. 191/08		Moved by Councillor Krecsy that Mayor Posti attend the information session that is being hosted by the Public School Board’s Assn of Alberta on May 31 at the Capri Center. Carried.
6.1 Bylaws, Projects	6.1	None.
7. Reports:	7.1	<u>Foreman’s Report</u>
Plowing		Due to the recent snowstorm, we have had a lot of plowing to do on the main streets as well as the residential areas. The snow on the streets of the entire Town have been either plowed or removed cleared off from the recent storm. We had to hire another truck to haul away the large amounts of snow.
Garbage Amounts		The amount of garbage being sent to the transfer site is increasing for the Town. I will report on the weights of garbage for the next council meeting.
Pumphouse Chlorine analyzer		We are still waiting for the Hach technician to come and check out the analyzer. It has not been working properly since the power outage a few weeks ago. We are checking TOTAL CHLORINE levels manually.
Vehicles Gravel Truck		The shaft on the PTO was bent and broke off during the hauling of snow. We purchased new u-joints and have a new shaft on order. It will be installed once it comes in. We were able to use the old shaft after it was straightened but it still has a large bend in it.
Other Bulk Water		We are looking at updating the Bulk Water to a cardlock system rather than a password system. We have had a couple of issues arise that water billed for was not used. An inspection of the bulk water access will take place sometime within the next week and discussions on further actions will be forthcoming.
Sewer line inspections		Due to the recent storm, sewer line inspections were put on hold. Will try again this week.
East Lift Station		Still waiting for Stantec to come out and do an investigation into the status of the East Lift Station.
Stantec Engineering		Council would like a letter sent from Mayor Posti to Stantec Consulting advising of their dissatisfaction that a few of the Town’s projects are not being given much attention and put on the wayside.
Computer Server	7.2	<u>Administrator’s Report</u> The server is back in operation and staff are busy updating documents and spreadsheets that were not retrievable. Fortunately, the accounting system data was not lost.
Water Meter Project Tangible Capital Assets Provincial Funding – Fixed Assets Module		Neptune is ready to start the project as soon as the contract is completed. The province has provided a one time grant to municipalities to assist with costs associated in meeting the new PSAB 3150 accounting requirements for capital assets. Eckville’s grant is approximately \$9,000.00. Diamond Software has developed a fixed asset module that will track, analyze and manipulate the Town’s fixed assets. This module also calculates depreciation and easily captures necessary asset data for reporting purposes (financial statements). Cost for the module, professional services, training, and support is \$8,688.00.
Budget 2008		Still finalizing the final draft and preparing the Tax Rate bylaw for final approval of Council.
	7.3	<u>Financial Report</u> The Accounts Payable report was reviewed.
Res. 192/08		Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the Foreman’s, Administrator’s and Financial reports be received for information. Carried.
8. Committee, Board Reports Councillor Ebdon	8.1	<u>Community Hall Board:</u> hall has been re-keyed, stage to be painted black, recognition plaques will be presented to past board members who have recently stepped down.

Councillor McKinnon Central Waste Management Commission: topics of discussion included the letter of credit, security proposal with the province, trip to Ottawa, and the membership agreement.

Councillor Kinley Bull-arena: getting ready for the event May 10.
Community Development Group: results of community needs will be looked at on May 6. Councillor Kinley will provide Council with a copy of the results.
Skateboard Park: a group of interested people are working towards improvements at the skateboard park. Council suggest that Public Works do a clean up and minor repairs to the existing equipment in the interim.

Councillor Walker AUMA Regional Workshop: April 16 in Red Deer.
Lacombe Foundation: Board member remuneration re-considered and will still pay for 2008. Thereafter, it will be up to the municipalities to pay the remuneration to their representatives if they so choose. No requisition to municipalities for 2008 operations.
Rental Assistance Program: for more information contact the Foundation. Information will be passed on to Eckville FCSS.
Role of Lacombe Foundation: information meeting for Councillors, staff on June 11 at Lacombe Memorial Centre.

Mayor Posti AUMA Regional Workshop: reported that it was very worthwhile.
Eckville FCSS Board Meeting: Mayor Posti selected as Chair, Councillor Hallgen selected as Vice-Chair. Three new members have joined.
Third Academy 2nd Fundraising Gala: Mayor Posti is a member of their "Hidden Hero" alumni. Event is May 2 at the Chalet at the Westerner.
CAEP: 3 municipalities have joined the membership.
MLA Roundtable: presentations made by provincial ministers with an open forum and question and answer period.

Res. 193/08 Moved by Councillor Walker that the committee and board reports be received for information. Carried.

Delegations Rod Vikse, Wildrose Assessment Services entered the meeting at 7:15p.m.

In Camera
Res. 194/08 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting go in camera excluding all persons except Council members, Administrator Therese Kleeberger and Assessor Rod Vikse to discuss the assessment process. Time: 7:17 p.m. Carried.

Out of Camera
Res. 195/08 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the meeting revert back to the regular meeting. Time: 7:45 p.m. Carried.

Rod Vikse withdrew from the meeting at 7:46 p.m.
Gord Balon, Eckville Fire Dept Fire Chief and Fred Millar, Lacombe Regional Fire Services entered the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

In Camera
Res. 196/08 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the meeting go in camera excluding all persons except Council members, Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Gord Balon, Eckville Fire Dept Fire Chief and Fred Millar, Lacombe Regional Fire Services to discuss fire department topics. Time: 7:48 p.m. Carried.

Out of Camera
Res. 197/08 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the meeting revert back to the regular meeting. Time: 8:52 p.m. Carried.

Gord Balon and Fred Millar withdrew from the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

9. Correspondence, Information Items

- 9.1 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance launches their State of the Watershed Project as the designated Watershed Planning & Advisory Council for the Red Deer River under the province's Water for Life Strategy.
- 9.2 Lacombe County – notification of approval of a proposed subdivision of the SW 14-39-3W5th.

Res. 198/08 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.

