

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held October 23, 2013 in the Clearwater County Council Chambers in Rocky Mountain House.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 11:17 A.M. by Reeve Alexander with the following being present:

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| Reeve: | Pat Alexander |
| Councillors: | Earl Graham |
| | John Vandermeer |
| | Jim Duncan |
| | Theresa Laing |
| | Kyle Greenwood |
| | Curt Maki |
| Chief Administrative Officer: | Ron Leaf |
| Director, Public Works: | Marshall Morton |
| Director, Community & Protective Services: | |
| | Mike Haugen |
| Director, Planning: | Rick Emmons |
| Director, Ag Services & Landcare: | Matt Martinson |
| Recording Secretary: | Tracy Haight |
| | Kurt Magnus |
| | Erik Hansen |
| | Rhonda Serhan |
| | Christine Heggart |
| Media: | Helge Nome |
| | Sarah Maetche |

AGENDA:

JIM DUNCAN: That the October 23, 2013 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted.

397/13 CARRIED 7/0

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1. October 08, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

EARL GRAHAM: That the Minutes of the October 08, 2013 Regular Meeting be accepted.

398/13 CARRIED 7/0

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1. October 15, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes

JIM DUNCAN: That the Minutes of the October 15, 2013 Special Council Meeting be accepted.

399/13 CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL:

1. Alberta Wetlands Policy Revision

Rick Emmons provided a summary and objectives of the new policy. Mr. Emmons noted this policy would affect land use planning, projects, and operations in Clearwater County carried out by Agriculture Services & Landcare, Planning, and Public Works departments.

Mr. Emmons noted this policy covers both settled and unsettled areas referred to as white and green zones respectively. Mr. Emmons stated the Planning Department would be able to adopt identifiable criteria to rate wetlands and provide focus on the regional concept using the regional land-use framework.

Matt Martinson noted Agricultural Services and Landcare Department's current role and activities and stated the department would meet the requirements for "in-lieu fee payment". Mr. Martinson noted under this policy, the department might be able to provide guidance to landowners in preserving and/or replacing wetlands.

Discussion followed on the policy's clarification of riparian areas.

Marshall Morton stated impact on wetlands would require consideration in the planning stage for public works projects, as this will affect costs and project timing. Mr. Morton noted funds for preservation and restoration of wetlands would require consideration in future budget forecasts.

Discussion followed on the complexity of the issue and the environmental and economic effects of the policy.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council accepts the information as presented.

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CARRIED 7/0

Rick Emmons, Marshall Morton, Erik Hansen, Kurt Magnus, and Matt Martinson left the meeting.

2. Remembrance Day Presentations

Ron Leaf stated historically the Reeve attends Remembrance Day service at Rocky Mountain House and Division Four and Six Councillors attend the Caroline service.

Mr. Leaf requested direction from Council for the 2013 Remembrance Day services.

Reeve Alexander noted that any council member may attend Remembrance Day services; however only Councillors authorized are entitled to reimbursement.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council authorizes Reeve Alexander and Councillor Graham to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies.

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CARRIED 7/0

3. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Convention

Ron Leaf stated the AUMA Convention will be held on November 20 – 22 and the Town of Rocky Mountain House has extended an invitation for a member of council to attend.

Discussion followed on the value of attendance in order to be aware of urban perspectives relating to municipal issues and provincial government initiatives.

Reeve Alexander noted his attendance would be beneficial particularly relating to the proposal from urban centers to pool linear tax assessments.

Councillor Vandermeer recommended appointing Reeve Alexander and one new member of council to attend.

Discussion followed on Councillors availability to attend the convention.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council tables the AUMA 2013 Convention agenda item until the November 5, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.

402/13 CARRIED 7/0

CORPORATE SERVICES:

1. Operating and Capital Budget Reports as of September 30, 2013

Rhonda Serhan noted variances to the operating budget are due to fire and flood expenses, the Nordegg water incident, and that some of the costs are annual payments that are cost shared and revenue shared. Ms. Serhan expects some funding from the provincial application for fire and flood disaster before year-end.

Ms. Serhan noted capital expenditures are mostly below budget and related to equipment costs and project delays due to weather.

Ms. Serhan responded to questions from Council and staff noted some capital purchases have been ordered but not received, therefore costs will not reflect in the budget. Ms. Serhan advised costs for some projects will carry forward to 2014 and accounts payable totals will increase due to paving projects.

CURT MAKI: That Council accepts the information as presented.

403/13 CARRIED 7/0

Rhonda Serhan left the meeting.

INFORMATION: 1. Information Items

Mr. Leaf noted administration provides information to council in order to make informed decisions and encouraged new members of council to make enquiries.

EARL GRAHAM: That the CAO's Report, Public Works Director's Report, Accounts Payable listing as of October 23, 2013, and Councillor Remuneration, be accepted as information.

404/13 CARRIED 7/0

IN CAMERA: 1. In Camera

JIM DUNCAN: That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole to discuss a legal issue 12:04 A.M.

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JIM DUNCAN: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 12:23 P.M.

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ADJOURNMENT:
12:24 P.M.

JIM DUNCAN:

That the Meeting adjourns.

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CARRIED 7/0

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER