

**Regular Meeting of Council for the
Village of Carmangay,
July 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
at the Village Office**

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order 6:05 p.m.

GUESTS Caroline Erb

PRESENT Kym Nichols, Mayor
Sheila Smidt, Deputy Mayor
Stacey Hovde, Councilor
Heather O'Halloran, Administrator
Sue Dahl, Assistant Administrator
Ed Fortinski

Motion made by Councillor Stacey Hovde to audio record the meeting for personal use.

Recorded vote	– in favor	– Councillor Stacey Hovde
	- opposed	– Deputy Mayor Sheila Smidt
		- Mayor Kym Nichols

Defeated

PRESENTATION

Caroline Erb had some questions about the development of a waterline and road for Gay Avenue. She questioned the cost of this project and why this would be a priority over the existing problem infrastructure where there are residents who live and pay taxes.

Administration and council explained that it was an informational based quote, as there has been some interest in a property on Gay Avenue. Prior to this, we had not been able to give concrete numbers to the prospective buyers.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Add – Audio record meetings to Business Arising from Minutes

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Sheila Smidt to approve the agenda with addition for July 18, 2017.

Carried

MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on June 20, 2017.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Sheila Smidt to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 20, 2017.

Carried

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PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mowing both Village properties, as well as properties that we are paid to mow. Last week's storm took down a large tree on Elmore Street. This was cut up and taken to the transfer station along with other limbs gathered throughout the Village. Over the Canada Day long weekend, Tex had to go out to the Tepee rings on two occasions and extinguish fires that had been started in the fire ring and left burning. Lots of watering of plants and trees at the campground due to the hot, dry weather. A water tap had to be repaired at the campground as a camper forgot to unhook their hose from the tap prior to pulling away. Capital H2O was in to check out our machine which monitors the chlorine levels in the water and will add it when required. The technician was able to re-calibrate the machine, however given that the machine is 10 years old, he let us know that we should be making plans to replace it next year. Alberta Environment suggests that these machines be replaced every 5 years. A new machine will cost between \$3000 and \$3500. There have been a few minor repairs to the mower.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Recording meetings – After consultation with Municipal Affairs, it was determined that a policy must be in place so that the audio recording is done properly.

Motion made by Councillor Stacey Hovde for administration to draft a policy to present to council at the next meeting in regards to audio recording meetings.

Carried

- b) Bylaw #767 – Open Burning Bylaw – 3rd reading

Motion made by Councillor Stacey Hovde to proceed with 3rd reading of Bylaw #767.

Carried

By unanimous consent, 3rd reading of Bylaw #767 – Open Burning Bylaw.

Carried.

- c) Bylaw - #768 - Animal Regulation Bylaw – Council reconsidered the draft of Bylaw #768 and suggested some edits for administration.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Sheila Smidt to table for further editing until next meeting.

Carried.

- d) Request for waterline to Plan 0913922, Block 1, Lot 1 – the resident has asked if the Village could provide the water to his property from Alta Vista Blvd. Administration is concerned about this, as this line supplies all the residents on Alta Vista Blvd already.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Sheila Smidt to have administration approach the eastern landowners about easement agreement for servicing resident's property with the waterline.

2 in favor

1 opposed

Carried

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e) ATB lending facility – documents have arrived for the operating line of credit in the amount of \$200,000. There would be no set-up fees or annual/monthly fees. Interest is prime less 0.25. Payments only on outstanding balances with interest only payments.

Motion made by Councillor Stacey Hovde to accept the \$200,000 line of credit with the condition that a bylaw be put in place as to how the lending facility is accessed.

**1 in favor
2 opposed
Defeated**

f) Wilde Bros. Invoice – Wilde Bros charged to come out and supply the drawings and quote for the Gay Avenue water and street development. The invoice amount is \$3606.96

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Sheila Smidt to table until further information can be gathered from Wilde Bros

Carried

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Water usage has been elevated during this hot, dry weather and we have had a couple of occasions when water usage has been just over 400 cubes in a 24 hour period. Over the last couple of weeks, water has been averaging around 310 cubes. In July 2016, the daily average was 260 cubes. In June 2017, we used 6151 cubes. I realize that we have to wait for the water commission to issue restrictions, however, I notice that High River has enacted their water conservation level 2 which puts restrictions on the watering of lawns and perhaps we should ask the commission if this is also something we should be thinking about. Water bills were processed. There were a few challenges with the new software, however Sue was able to resolve them. The office has been busy with residents coming in to pay taxes. We are presently prepping for the next stage of the tax recovery process and sending letters out to those property owners still in arrears and asking them to come into the office and set up payment arrangements in an effort to avoid a tax sale. Ongoing collection of utility accounts that are in arrears. The office received a call from the contractor who will be changing out the street lights to LED for Fortis. They expect to be in the Village on July 23-25. We are working on the list of properties to have Ray Pfof market for us. A fire ban has been enacted for the whole of Vulcan County, including most of the villages, including Carmangay. The Rhodes quote to change the lighting in the office came in. To change of LED, the cost is \$5640.23 and to change to normal florescent, the cost is \$3968.86. Heather has started the application process for a grant to help with the cost of changing the lights.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approval for accounts payable for June 2017.

Approval of monthly statement for June 2017.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Sheila Smidt to accept the financial reports for June 2017.

Carried

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NEW BUSINESS

- a) Canadian Diabetes Bin – The Canadian Diabetes Society would like to install a clothing donation bin in Carmangay. There would be no cost to the Village, and there would be regular pick up. Council felt this would be a benefit to our community and that we could put it close to the recycle bins.
- b) Electoral Boundaries – Is there any feedback with the change to the electoral boundaries? No discussion.
- c) Twin Valley Regional Waterline Strat Plan/Agreement – Council had reviewed the strategic plan. Sheila found one typo.

Motion made by Councillor Stacey Hovde to approve the Twin Valley Regional Waterline strategic plan

Carried

- d) Reservoir cleaning quote - \$3100 + GST includes all staff, mileage and any tools that they may need. Council accepted this as information.

REPORTS

a) ORRSC

No report

b) MARQUIS

See report – page 6

c) VULCAN DISTRICT SOLID WASTE

Carmangay/Champion Waste Transfer Station

Trash compactor working, buying a generator so it can be portable

Removing the tire compound

SAEWA won't be doing anything until after the election.

d) CARMANGAY AND DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD

See report – page 7

e) SUBDIVISION APPEAL BOARD

Meeting to be held August 2

f) FCSS

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g) HALL BOARD

No report

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h) SOUTHGROW

See report – page 9

i) TWIN VALLEY REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION

Strat plan, still dealing with a land issue (reclamation), discussing conservation and possible water restrictions

j) MAYORS AND REEVES OF SOUTHWEST ALBERTA

No report

k) HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Still waiting for the bell to be hung on the old fire hall. Hoping this is done prior to August 5 (Sports Day)

CORRESPONDENCE

~ Farm Safety – thank you for donation

~ AUMA – refund for \$187.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Next Regular Council meeting – August 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm
Committee of the Whole – August 2, 2017 – if necessary

Mayor

Administrator