

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 2014
7:00 PM

Call to Order: The Regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Rasch, at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Barry Rasch

Councillors: Rick Hart
Lloyd Jardine
Ken Beleshko
Bob Burnett

Chief Administrative Officer: Jason Gariepy
Operations Director: Bill Adams
Recreation Coordinator: Kelley Probe
Office Manager: Marianne Belozer

Delegations: Ian Cox, IPC Consultants
Phil Dirks, Hawkins Epp Dumont

Commissioner for Oaths: Michelle Coates
Thorsby District Firefighter: Scott Gumany
Members at Large

Reporters: Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target
Mark Wisbecki, Leduc Representative

OATH OF OFFICE - COUNCILLORS

CAO Gariepy presided as the new Councillor's Ken Beleshko and Bob Burnett took their oaths of office before Commissioner for Oaths, Michelle Coates and Scott Gumany, Thorsby District Firefighter.

Mayor Rasch took over the meeting and congratulated the Councillors on their appointments.

AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / ADOPTION

Agenda: Councillor Jardine added item 6.7 Cemetery Grass Maintenance, CAO Gariepy added item 6.8 Thorsby District Fire Department May 2014 Report, Mayor Rasch added item 6.9 Rotary Mixer and 6.9(a) Development Opportunity and 2 items to Closed Session.

2014-178 Moved by Councillor Beleshko to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2014

3.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2014

2014-179 Moved by Councillor Jardine to accept the Regular Council Meeting minutes of May 13, 2014 and the Special Council Meeting minutes of May 20, 2014 as presented.
Carried.

OPEN HOUSE

Rod Kuzio

- Cemetery grass maintenance
- Village salary disclosure

Ken Poffenroth

- Salary breakdown in 2014 budget

Mike Williams

- City of Leduc Fire Services invoice amount

Debbie Robb

- Community Hall cleaning
- Community Hall committee formation
- Utility Bill

Dan Culford

- Thorsby employee job descriptions

Nicole Howatt

- Water Meter calibration

PROCLAMATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Phil Dirks, Hawkins Epp Dumont LLP – 2013 Audit

Mr. Phil Dirks, CA, approached Council on behalf of Hawkins Epp Dumont LLP with the 2013 financial statements for the Village.

He gave Council a brief overview of the highlights of the 2013 financial balance sheets.

Mr. Dirks mentioned that the 2013 statements contained no surprises; he encouraged Council to ensure the final budget documentation is listed and endorsed appropriately.

Mr. Dirks thanked Administration for all the work done to help with the audit.

Mayor Rasch thanked Mr. Dirks for his attendance.

5.2 North Saskatchewan Regional Plan Consultation

5.3 Leduc & District Victims Services – Executive Summary April 2014

2014-180 Moved by Councillor Hart that items # 5.2 & 5.3 be accepted as information.
Carried.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

6.1 Water Rate Reduction Strategy – Ian Cox, IPC Consultants

Mr. Cox approached Council on behalf of IPC Consultants. He provided a slide show presentation explaining his research on options of a Thorsby truck fill station and a regionalized water system, he provided potential water marketing strategies giving advantages and disadvantages of the various possibilities.

Discussion commenced with Mr. Cox answering questions from Council members.

Mayor Rasch thanked Mr. Cox for his attendance.

6.2 Water Rate Reduction Strategy – Request for Decision

2014-181 Moved by Councillor Hart that this item be tabled for further discussion at the next Workshop meeting.
Carried.

2014-182 Moved by Mayor Rasch to recess for 10 minutes at 8:35 p.m.
Carried.

2014-183 Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 8:45 p.m.
Carried.

6.3 Finance Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference – Request for Decision

2014-184 Moved by Councillor Jardine that Council approve the terms of reference for a Finance Advisory Committee.
Carried.

6.4 Development Incentive Policies – Arrears Clarification – Request for Decision

2014-185 Moved by Councillor Hart that policies 2012-004 & 2012-05 be amended to clearly define the tax arrears as per section 326 (c) of the Municipal Government Act that states: “tax arrears” means taxes that remain unpaid after December 31 of the year in which they are imposed.
Carried.

6.5 Fire Vehicle Disposal – Request for Decision

2014-186 Moved by Councillor Hart that the Fire Engine and Fire Tanker be placed on consignment with Rocky Mountain Phoenix in Red Deer and the funds be transferred to the fleet replacement reserve when the equipment is sold.
Carried.

6.6 Bylaw Monthly Status Report May 2014

2014-187 Moved by Councillor Beleshko that the bylaw report be accepted as information.
Carried.

6.7 Cemetery Grass Maintenance

2014-188 Moved by Councillor Jardine that Administration be directed to provide a report on a long term strategy for cemetery grass maintenance to be brought forth at the July 8th regular meeting of Council.

6.8 Thorsby Fire District May 2014 Report

2014-189 Moved by Councillor Jardine to accept the report as information.
Carried.

6.9 Rototilling of Roads – Rotary Mixer

Mayor Rasch discussed the potential of obtaining a Rotary Mixer for road maintenance.

CAO Gariepy said this item should be reviewed during the strategic planning process.

6.9 (a) Development Opportunity

CAO Gariepy gave Council a brief overview of the proposed development opportunity.

Item to be discussed further in camera.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

7.1 CAO

- By-Election Review
- CAMA Conference update
- FCSS position has been filled
- Seniors Week Master of Ceremony
- Bill Adams resignation
- Met with developers and landowners
- Municipal Inspection

7.2 Finance & Corporate Services

- None at this time

7.3 Public Works

- Mowing
- Line painting complete
- Pump being rebuilt
- Flower pot placement

7.4 Parks & Recreation

- Seniors Week Appreciation update
- Summer Program Guide complete
- Recycle bicycle program
- Kick Off to Summer party in the park
- Hiring summer programmers

2014-190 Moved by Councillor Hart that the Administration Reports be accepted as presented.
Carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

8.1 Mayor Rasch

- CRB Upcoming
- 39/20 Alliance Upcoming

8.2 Deputy Mayor Hart

- CRB Strategic Planning
- 39/20 Alliance Mtg.
- Leduc Foundation

8.3 Councillor Jardine

- Yellowhead Library Trustee Mtg.
- Lions Park Tour

2014-191 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess for 5 minutes at 10:15 p.m.
Carried.

2014-192 Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 10:25 p.m.
Carried.

IN CAMERA SESSION

2014-193 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting go into closed session at 10:25 P.M.
Carried.

2014-194 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 11:40 P.M.
Carried.

2014-195 Moved by Councillor Jardine that direction be given to Administration to go forward and enter into negotiations with the Developer and make the offer as discussed.
4-1 Carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

2014-196 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 P.M.
Carried.

Jason Gariepy, CAO

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted