

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 27, 2015
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: Ken Beleshko
Bob Burnett
Rick Hart
Lloyd Jardine
Acting Town Manager: Christine Burke
Recording Clerk: Corinne Giles

Members at Large

Reporter: Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target
Mark Wierzbicki. Leduc Representative

AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / ADOPTION

Agenda: Mayor Rasch added 2 items for closed session. Acting Town Manager Burke added 2 items for closed session.

2015-027 Moved by Councillor Jardine to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2015

2015-028 Moved by Councillor Burnett to accept the Regular Council meeting minutes of January 13, 2015 as presented.
Carried.

DELEGATION

4.1 Carmen Fedirko, Carving Creek - Marketing Opportunity

Carmen Fedirko requested Council host a summer market on the vacant lot at the end of Hankin Street to facilitate and increase traffic to existing businesses. The market would be Saturday from May long weekend through September. The benefits would go beyond a Summer Market and benefit the community as a whole. An overview of how the success of a Summer Market could be achieved was given and suggested 100% of the vendor fees be disseminated equally to local nonprofit community groups. In an effort to promote the eating establishments in the Village no concessions should be permitted but have a board available for restaurants to post their daily specials. Signage, advertising and social media would be a strategic part of successful marketing. The benefits of the Village hosting a Summer Market can be realized by the community as a whole. It would promote development and sustainability of local businesses, facilitate positive collaboration and show councils support of local nonprofit groups, small businesses and local artists. This could set the stage for the Village of Thorsby to be a destination.

Council suggested as a first step to put an ad in the Target to generate interest for the community to come together and strategize on marketing opportunities during the summer months. Council will meet Monday February 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village office to generate interest in this unique opportunity.

OPEN HOUSE

Irene MacPherson

- Commends the Village on the excellent job of snow removal on the roads. However, this last week the roads have deteriorated. She feels this is due to one less member on the Public Works team.

Debbie Robb

- Wonders why the seniors pay \$250 per month to rent the Community Hall When other groups can rent a room at the Rec Centre for 3 hours a night for \$10 and the rate in the brochures is \$17 per hour for the craft room. She wants to know why that is happening.
- Ms. Robb questioned why someone has a key to the hall at all times but the seniors can't get a key to the kitchen to make coffee for their functions. They

are expected to pack water in 5 gallon pails from bathrooms downstairs to make coffee.

PROCLAMATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Alta Municipal Affairs – Internship Grant Application

2015-029 Moved by Councillor Hart that Alta Municipal Affairs – Internship Grant Application response be accepted as information.
Carried.

2015-030 Moved by Councillor Jardine that Administration be directed to reply to the rejection form letter in the strongest of terms of displeasure. The letter is also to be sent to Calmar, Warburg, Breton and the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Diana McQueen.
Carried.

6.2 Growing Rural Tourism

2015-031 Moved by Mayor Rasch to accept this item as information.
Carried.

RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Urban Development Institute Membership

2015-032 Moved by Councillor Hart that the 2015 membership not be renewed.
Carried.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

9.1 Acting Town Manager Burke – verbal report

- FCM has been renewed
- Shredder scheduled for second week in February
- Alberta Transportation is responsible for signage on Hwy. 778 the process is on-going
- Western Management Consultants for 39/20 on shared services - by phone
- Arctic Spas development of Mudry property for accessory wood products
- Waiting for second quote on heating for the Water Treatment Plant
- Power rate comparisons with AUMA
- Utilizing Esso fuel fleet cards with 4% savings
- Additional sanding on icy roads
- Renovation started to close off the server and shelving area at office
- Quotes received from Fortis for 15 street lights to end of industrial area
- New honorarium forms are available for Council
- The Village and Thorsby & District Cultural & Historical Society are reviewing next contract draft

9.2 Recreation Coordinator

- Keyless entry system training scheduled for next week
- Checking costs for upgrades to handicapped access

9.3 F.C.S.S. Coordinator

- Christmas Elves provided 41 hampers

2015-033 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the verbal report as information.
Carried.

FINANCIAL

10.1 Financial Report

10.2 Cheque Registers

2015-034 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept reports as information.
Carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1 Mayor Rasch

- Revamping arena with Historical Society
- 39/20 Alliance Mtg. upcoming
- CRB Mtg. Upcoming
- Chamber of Commerce Mtg.
- Interest shown in future development

- Water Committee Mtg.
- Warburg, Breton, Drayton Valley – water facility tour

11.2 Deputy Mayor Beleshko

- Water initiative talks with the U of A
- Historical Society Mtg.

11.3 Councillor Burnett

- Water Committee Report – provided for discussion in Camera
- Chamber of Commerce Mtg.

11.4 Councillor Hart

- Leduc Foundation Mtg. - Interviews
- Leduc County Mtg.
- 39/20 Alliance Mtg. upcoming
- Historical Society Mtg.
- Water Committee Mtg.

11.5 Councillor Jardine

- Water Committee Mtg.
- Leduc County Mtg.
- Warburg, Breton, Drayton Valley – water facility tour
- Library Mtg.

- 2015-035 Moved by Councillor Burnett to accept the reports as presented.
Carried.
- 2015-036 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess for 5 minutes at 8:30 P.M.
Carried.
- 2015-037 Moved by Councillor Hart that the regular meeting return to session at 8:35 P.M.
Carried.
- 2015-038 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting go to Closed Session at 8:35 P.M.
Carried.
- 2015-039 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess for 10 minutes at 8:45 P.M.
Carried.
- 2014-040 Moved by Councillor Hart that the meeting return to Closed Session at 9:02 P.M.
Carried.

IN CAMERA SESSION

12.1 Land

12.2 Legal

12.3 Personnel

- 2015-041 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 9:58 P.M.
Carried.
- 2015-042 Moved by Councillor Hart that Section 4.1 be removed and the numbering of the sections in Bylaw 2014-02 be corrected, and that the amended bylaw be given first reading.
Carried.
- 2015-043 Moved by Councillor Hart that the Village engage the contracted services of The Werkz as per the proposal dated January 25, 2015.
Carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- 2015-044 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 P.M.
Carried.

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Christine Burke, Acting Town Manager

Date Adopted