

**VILLAGE OF THORSBY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 24, 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  
Town Manager: Christine Burke  
Recording Clerk: Marianne Belozer

Members at Large

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

**AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / ADOPTION**

Agenda: Councillor Hart added item #8.2 Proposed Town Market, Mayor Rasch added item #8.3 Development Incentive Signage and Town Manager Burke added item #4.1 Sam Kobeluck, Black Gold Regional Schools.

2015-096 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the agenda as amended.  
*Carried.*

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**3.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2015**

Councillor Beleshko asked that an amendment be made to item #11.2 that it read "Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Agreement"

2015-097 Moved by Councillor Jardine to accept the Regular Council meeting minutes of March 10, 2015 as amended.  
*Carried.*

**DELEGATION**

**4.1 Sam Kobeluck, Black Gold Regional Schools**

Mr. Kobeluck addressed Council stating he had five items to bring forth to members.

He began informing Council that the ward system for Black Gold Regional Schools is changing, currently there is seven Trustees that represent the total area. In the mid 90's when there was an amalgamation of school boards, towns and cities, it was based on one Trustee representing 5000 people. If that same formula is used it will still be seven Trustees but the way the population is going, both Beaumont and the City of Leduc are way in advance of 35,000 to 40,000 people so there is going to be a shift in the amount of Trustees that are going to be representing the rural areas. He advised of two public meetings being held on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to see how the rate payers feel about the possibility of only have one Trustee representing the whole rural area within the Black Gold region.

Mr. Kobeluck then brought forth the West End Campus Philosophy explaining that \$250,000 would be allotted from the Black Gold budget for transportation to bus students from Calmar, Warburg and Thorsby back and forth to allow for sharing of education resources.

He thanked Council for the snow removal at the schools, and brought up the issue of water pooling on 50<sup>th</sup> Street but said Town Manager Burke has been apprised of this problem. He also mentioned the Senior High boys won the Tri County Senior Boy 1A Championship and four girls from the elementary school that represented the grade 6 science class in the U of A WISS Conference.

Mayor Rasch on behalf of Council thanked Mr. Kobeluck for his attendance.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Town Manager Burke gave a verbal response on the actions taken in responding to the Open House item from the March 10, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

## **PROCLAMATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 Blaine Calkins, MP – National Health & Fitness Day - Proclamation**

2015-098 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept this item as information.  
*Carried.*

### **6.2 Rundle's Mission Society – 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Invitation**

2015-099 Moved by Councillor Hart that Council attend this event and Administration be directed to RSVP for all five members of Council.  
*Carried.*

### **6.3 Municipal Affairs – Internship Program letter response**

2015-100 Moved by Councillor Beleshko that this item be accepted as information.  
*Carried.*

## **RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS**

### **7.1 Bylaw #2015-03 a bylaw to amend Business License Bylaw #2001-03**

2015-101 Moved by Councillor Hart that Bylaw #2015-03 be given first reading.  
*Carried.*

2015-102 Moved by Councillor Jardine that Bylaw #2015-03 be given second reading.  
*Carried.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1 39/20 Alliance Policy and Procedures**

2015-103 Moved by Councillor Hart that Council gives direction to Mayor Rasch and Councillor Hart to vote to accept the policies for adoption by the 39/20 Alliance Board following full discussion with other members of any comments or amendments Council members of Thorsby and other Alliance community Councils may have brought forward.  
*Carried.*

### **8.2 Proposed Town Summer Market**

Discussion commenced amongst Council with concerns being brought up about the proposed Town Summer Market not allowing non-profit Community Groups to hold BBQ's and fundraising ventures on Saturday's during the summer months.

Town Manager Burke advised she will draft and send a letter to the Chamber of Commerce asking for clarification on the concerns brought up by Council.

### **8.3 Development Incentive Signage**

Discussion commenced amongst Council with ideas on how to best promote and publicize Thorsby's Development Incentive Policies.

Administration was directed to come up with some ideas and report back to Council.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **9.1 Town Manager / Public Works Manager**

2015-104 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the report as presented.  
*Carried.*

### **9.2 Recreation Coordinator**

2015-105 Moved by Councillor Beleshko to accept the report as information.  
*Carried.*

**9.3 F.C.S.S. Coordinator**

2015-106 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the report as presented.  
*Carried.*

**FINANCIAL**

**10.1 Cheque Registers**

2015-107 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the cheque registers as information.  
*Carried.*

**MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

**11.1 Mayor Rasch**

- Mayors' Caucus
- May Long Weekend Planning Mtg.
- Fortis Tour
- 39/20 Alliance upcoming

**11.2 Deputy Mayor Beleshko**

- Thorsby & District Historical & Cultural Society Community Hall update
- Leduc County FCSS Mtg.
- Thorsby FCSS (Characters of Virtue Presentation)

**11.3 Councillor Burnett**

- Chamber of Commerce Mtg.

**11.4 Councillor Hart**

- CRB Mtg.
- Leduc Foundation Mtg.
- 39/20 Alliance – upcoming

**11.5 Councillor Jardine**

- Library Hours on Saturdays
- Volunteer Income Tax Program

2015-108 Moved by Councillor Jardine to accept the reports as presented.  
*Carried.*

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

2015-109 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M.  
*Carried.*

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Barry Rasch, Mayor

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Christine Burke, Town Manager

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April 14, 2015  
Date Adopted