

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF ELNORA VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD
THIS 21st DAY OF JULY, 2009**

PRESENT: Mayor Dale Brown, Councillors Gina Armstrong and Dave Robb

GUESTS: Rick Cloutier, Gwen Kidd

ADMINISTRATOR: Michelle Smith

MINUTES: [Res #09-11-71](#); MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, the agenda for the July 21, 2009 regular meeting of Village Council was confirmed as amended. Carried.

[Res #09-11-72](#); MOVED: Councillor Robb, Minutes from the June 9th regular meeting were read and adopted. Carried.

MONTHLY STATEMENT: [Res #09-11-73](#); MOVED: Councillor Robb, The monthly statement for June 2009 was adopted as presented. Carried.

[Res #09-11-74](#); MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, the Village should look into upgrading the exterior of the Medical Clinic. Council will bring recommendations to next meeting. Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: [Res #09-11-75](#); MOVED: Accounts for payment 7721 to 7789 plus one Master Card transaction was approved and ordered paid by Mayor Brown. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Tanis Westersund – suggestion to make Elnora Beautification calendars. Council recommended the Flower Show Committee be approached to work on the project in partnership with the Village.

521 King Street – request for re-assessment of property from 2007 to 2009.

The assessment appeal deadline was missed, however the letter of concern from the resident was forwarded to Wild Rose Assessment Services for follow up.

ATCO Gas – [Res #09-11-76](#); MOVED: Councillor Robb, the Village will maintain the same franchise agreement rate with ATCO Gas as in the previous year.

Alberta Health Services – explanation of the new Central Zone of Alberta Health Services and organizational chart.

CUPW – information regarding the Federal Government's position on removal of small town post offices and rural delivery of mail.

Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – [Res #09-11-77](#); MOVED: Mayor Brown, Council will continue to be a member of the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance regardless of the potential charitable status. Funds paid to the organization are to be considered a membership fee from the municipality rather than a charitable donation. Carried.

Municipal Affairs – notice of additional provincial funding for libraries

Chinook's Edge School Division – 2010/13 Capital Plan shows Elnora School as ranked #10 on the list for \$725,600 of modernization.

CAEP – 2008 - 2009 Annual Report

[Res #09-11-78](#); MOVED: Mayor Brown, the above correspondence were read and ordered filed as information. Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councillor Robb would like to see the finishing work completed on the alley behind Village Office, 6th Ave, and the alley that was moved to intersect with the Elnora access road. These three items are to be made priority for Public Works. It was suggested that Bill begin to practice using the Village's grader for a couple of hours per month in case a back-up is needed for our current operator.

Councillor Robb asked for Bill to check the fence around the second ball diamond, repair if necessary and contact Bill Dahl re: grazing the area immediately north of the ball diamonds. Council requested clean-up done on the burn pit/municipal storage area.

Res #09-32-79; MOVED: Mayor Brown, Council supports the idea of continuing the Public Works Assistant position and hope to finalize the position continuing in fall when the budget is being set. Carried.

RICK CLOUTIER: Rick discussed the potential for Highway Commercial land development on the south side of Twp. 352. There was discussion of a three way partnership between the Economic Development Board, Local Development Co-op and the Village.

Res #09-12-80; MOVED: Mayor Brown, Council agrees in principal to a partnership with the Local Development Co-op for development of the 3.676 acres of Highway Commercial land on the south side of Twp. 352 as outlined in the Village of Elnora Area Structure Plan. Council permits negotiations between administration and the Local Development Co-op to move the project forward, with the information to be brought back to Council for approval. Carried.

Rick informed Council that plans are proceeding with the Solar Expo for April 2010. They expect to have 32 booths and would like to have a booth for promoting Elnora. Rick felt it would be ideal to be able to advertise commercial land for sale at that time.

RED DEER COUNTY FIRE: **Res #09-23-81**; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, the Village will enter into an extended Fire Services Agreement with Red Deer County. Carried.

402-4TH AVE: **Res #09-26-82**; MOVED: Councillor Robb, Council will proceed with bringing 402-4th Ave into compliance with the recommendations of Alberta Health Services with permission of the property manager. Carried.

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT: A full up to date budget was submitted for Council review.

Michelle noted to Council that although intentions were to apply for grant funding to pave and extend the walking trails this year, the paving company said it would reduce costs quite a bit to pave the trails in the same year as street paving is done.

Res #09-72-83; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, Council will delete \$60,000 from the recreation budget intended for paving trails in 2009. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: 10.1 Request For Decision (RFD) 09-11; to remove the chain link fence at the end of Main Street. Tabled to next meeting.

10.2 RFD 09-12; Welcome to Elnora signage. **Res #09-72-84**; MOVED: Mayor Brown, Council intends to place the original Welcome sign near the west municipal boundary on Twp. 352 once it has been re-finished and the Highway Commercial land site plan is completed. The newer Welcome sign will then be moved to the north Village boundary of Rge Rd. 232. Carried.

10.3 RFD 09-13; to decide if the Parkland Foundation requisition should be recognized as a separate line on the tax assessment notices. **Res #09-12-85**; MOVED: Mayor Brown, Council will not separate out the Parkland Foundation requisition on the tax assessment notices. Carried.

10.4 The resident of 428-6th Ave registered a verbal complaint at the office regarding how high the 2009 taxes were. Council took this complaint as information only and felt a complaint should be given in writing before a response is given.

10.5 A report on the tax recovery auction of 531-4th Ave. was submitted to Council. An expression of legal opinion from Chapman Reibeek LLP was presented to Council outlining what next steps must be taken by the Village according to Section 420 of the Municipal Government Act. Bison Bailiff Services is being contracted to attend the property with the Designated Officer for the purpose of taking possession of the property.

Council would like administration to research a Bylaw regarding who will be a Designated Officer in different situations which may arise from time to time within the Village. This draft Bylaw is to be on the September agenda.

OLD BUSINESS: 11.1 A lease agreement for occupancy of the front portion of 210 Main Street was signed with the Elnora Public Library.

11.2 *Res #09-12-86*; MOVED: Mayor Brown, the Village releases the Elnora and District Museum from all terms of the lease agreement for lot 5, block 9 plan 3151AT signed June 17, 2008. The Elnora and District Museum shall also be reimbursed \$24 of pre-paid rent. Carried.

Res 09-12-87; MOVED: Councillor Robb, the Village will set an asking price of \$16,000 for the commercial property located at lot 5, block 9, plan 3151AT. Carried.

Round Table

MAYOR BROWN: School Resource Officer update – there have been no applicants for the SRO so the position will be temporarily filled by an officer on medical leave volunteering her time.

COUNCILLOR ARMSTRONG: Council is concerned that Red Deer County Patrol is ineffective at enforcement in the Village. Administration is to draft a letter to County Patrol outlining expectations for enforcement of Bylaws if their contract is to continue in Elnora. The draft is to be reviewed and approved by Council.

Councillor Armstrong asked what the zoning of 611-3rd Ave. was. Michelle stated it was an R1 zone. Administration has been directed to send the property owner notice to clean up the property at 611-3rd Ave and 606-2nd Ave.

COUNCILLOR ROBB: has concerns about the number of residents who are moving sheds without permits and other Land Use Bylaw issues. He would like Council to consider being proactive in enforcing municipal Bylaws rather than working on a “complaints received from residents” basis. The matter was tabled to next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: *Res #09-11-88*; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator