

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF ELNORA VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD
THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY, 2008**

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

GUESTS: Debbie Wilson, April Irwin, Debbie Silbernagel, Wendy Corry, Becky Cunningham, Helen LeBlanc

ADMINISTRATOR: Michelle Smith

MINUTES: *Res #08-11-68*; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, the agenda for the May 13, 2008 regular meeting of Village Council was confirmed as amended. Carried.

Res #08-11-69; MOVED: Councillor Robb, Minutes from the April 8th regular meeting were read and approved as amended. Carried.

Res #08-11-70; MOVED: Mayor Brown, minutes from the April 10th public hearing were read and approved. Carried.

Res #08-11-71; MOVED: Councillor Brown, minutes from the April 16th special meeting were read and approved. Carried.

MONTHLY STATEMENT: *Res #08-11-72*; MOVED: Councillor Robb, The monthly statement for the months of March and April 2008 were adopted as presented. Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: *Res #08-11-73*; MOVED: Accounts for payment 7097 to 7141 transactions were approved and ordered paid by Mayor Brown. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Municipal Affairs – the Order in Council approving the annexation of certain lands from Red Deer County to the Village of Elnora.

AADAC – information regarding the Tobacco Reduction Act.

Parkland Regional Library – 2008 survey results and 2007 annual report.

Alberta Assessment Services – Linear property Assessment 2008 tax year change report.

Parkland Foundation – Municipal requisition of \$55

Mr. Ron Hoffman – Letter of concern regarding a former Elnora Resident. Michelle's reply letter to his concerns was included as information.

Neighbourhood Place –letter requesting Council input on various community related interests for use of a municipal building. A letter of response is to be sent.

Res #08-11-74; MOVED: Mayor Brown, The above correspondence were read and ordered filed. Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: A written report for activities in the month of April was submitted by Bill Jewell and accepted as information. Bill had gotten a quote for roof repairs for the Village Office building. It is in very bad shape and was leaking down to the main floor during the last rain storm. Because the quote is over \$10,000, according to Village policy two more quotes are required for consideration. Michelle and Bill will try to get this done as quickly as possible.

Res #08-12-75; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, Elnora Village Council wishes to formally begin the process of designating the Elnora Village Office building located at 219 Main Street Elnora as an Historic Building. Carried.

Res #08-12-76; MOVED: Mayor Brown, employees who are currently eligible for health care benefits will now receive major dental coverage. The Village of Elnora will cover 100% of the premium cost effective June 1, 2008. Carried.

ELNORA LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM: Debbie Wilson attended to give an annual program report. The 8 week program had a very successful year. The group feels the current

arrangement of operating through the Village of Elnora was convenient, Council also felt the arrangement could continue as there were no administrative difficulties due to the change. Financial reports for the program attached.

CORNERSTONE FITNESS: Five Cornerstone Board members attended to present a one year review of facility operations as requested by previous Council. Membership going into summer is currently 25. The financial statements were presented (attached) showing the facility has become financially viable to continue operations. Stability of the program would be greatly increased however if rental costs were eliminated.

Village Council is unwilling to buy the building Cornerstone is currently occupying at this point. Board members indicated they would be willing to fundraise for the purchase however Council still has reservations about maintaining another building. It was suggested that Cornerstone Fitness do a Business Plan to present regarding possible use of space at 210 Main Street. All proposals for the space will be considered if/when the space becomes vacant.

BYLAWS: *Res #08-26-77*; MOVED: Mayor Brown, to give third and final reading to Cat Control Bylaw 492-0804. This Bylaw will come into effect July 1, 2008. Carried unanimously.

Res #08-26-78; MOVED: Councillor Robb, to give a third and final reading to Livestock and Fowl Bylaw 493-0805. This Bylaw will come into effect immediately. Carried unanimously.

Pages 48 to 55 of the draft Land Use Bylaw were reviewed and revised.

POLICY: *Res #08-12-79*; MOVED: Councillor Robb, the Accounting for Tangible Capital Assets Classification/Capital Threshold/Amortization policy #12-08 was adopted as presented. Carried.

MILL RATES: Bylaw #495-0807 being a Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Village of Elnora for the 2008 taxation year was given first and second readings.

Res #08-26-80; MOVED: Mayor Brown, to give third and final reading to Taxation Bylaw 495-0807. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: 11.1 *Res #08-61-81*; MOVED: Mayor Brown, Liz Thompson is no longer appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission at her own request. Carried.

11.2 The Village will get quotes for a second "Welcome" sign to be funded ½ through grant funds. The location of this sign will be decided at a later time, possibilities include north end of the annexed quarter or west edge of the newly purchased 40 acres.

11.3 The 2007 audited financial statements were reviewed in detail and it was decided that a special meeting with the Auditor would not be necessary.

OLD BUSINESS: 12.1 An 'Offer for Employment' letter was approved to be added/used in conjunction with the Village Human Resources Policy for newly hired employees.

12.2 *Res #08-12-82*; MOVED: Mayor Brown, a letter is to be drafted to Michael Matthews in response to the draft lease agreement presented for Council consideration regarding high speed internet equipment on the Fire Department repeater tower. This letter is to outline the previously stated position that the Village would require Wispernet to arrange for any access etc. to the Community Health Care Center without Village assistance or involvement. A copy of this letter

is to be cc'd to the Fire Department as there is a new Fire Chief since the decision was made. The new Fire Chief will be given the opportunity for input regarding the lease proposal. Carried.

12.3 Consideration for lifting the Caveat on 617 King Street as requested is tabled to next meeting pending advice from planners.

12.4 Regarding the RFD (Request For Decision) from Helena Smith for FCSS to hold a volunteer appreciation event for June: the event will be moved to August and coordinated with a similar effort currently being planned.

Round Table

MAYOR BROWN: Coordinated Dave Pennock to attend the Central Waste Management Committee meeting, however through a mix-up at County Office Dave did not attend the meeting. He is still willing to be the Village representative and attend the next meeting. Mayor Brown attended the Parkland Foundation meeting, the Elnora School Open House, the FCSS Regional Board meeting held in Elnora and the MLA Roundtable in Lacombe. He and Bill Jewell looked into a resident concern regarding sidewalk at 535 – 3 Ave. and a resident concern regarding water drainage in the alley behind 610 – 2 Ave. Mayor Brown also asked Michelle for an update on gravel purchase for alleys. She said Bill was told to proceed with ordering gravel after last Council meeting and since he has the expertise on the best time/conditions for that work to be done, it is being left in his hands.

COUNCILLOR ARMSTRONG: Attended the Hwy 21 Community Initiatives Society strategic planning session and reported that Gwen Kidd covered the Hwy 21 Spring Conference in Bashaw. Councillor Armstrong attended a Parkland Regional Library meeting, the Cornerstone Fitness Potluck celebration and information night, the Elnora School Open House, the FCSS Regional Board meeting held in Elnora and an AUMA luncheon for women in politics.

COUNCILLOR ROBB: Attended the Flower Show Committee meeting, the Cornerstone Fitness Potluck celebration and information night, Ag Society meeting, School Open House, the FCSS Regional Board meeting held in Elnora and a Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

NEXT MEETING: *Res #08-11-83*; MOVED, Mayor Brown, the regular Council Meeting for the month of June will be held Tuesday the 17th and in July it will be Tuesday the 15th. This is one week later than usual and will need to be properly advertised. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: *Res #08-11-84*; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 pm. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator