

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF ELNORA VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2008

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

GUESTS: Glenn Craig, Rick Cloutier

ADMINISTRATOR: Michelle Smith

MINUTES: *Res #08-11-85*; MOVED: Councillor Robb, the agenda for the June 17, 2008 regular meeting of Village Council was confirmed as amended. Carried.

Res #08-11-86; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, Minutes from the April 8th regular meeting were read and confirmed. Carried.

MONTHLY STATEMENT: *Res #08-11-87*; MOVED: Councillor Robb, The monthly statement for May 2008 was adopted as presented. Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: *Res #08-11-88*; MOVED: Accounts for payment 7142 to 7193 were approved and ordered paid by Mayor Brown. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: CFIB – Report on Fiscal Responsibility Gap for review

RCMP – first quarter Detailed Crime Report

Chapman Riebeek Barristers & Solicitors – letter of introduction and summary of services and charges for bylaw related legal actions.

Ross Twidale – letter of complaint regarding the condition of 6th Ave. A letter of response is to be sent.

Kirsty Twidale – letter of complaint regarding the condition of 6th Ave. A letter of response is to be sent.

April Irwin – raising issues about a Bike Park and having the Men's Ball team responsible for ball diamond maintenance. A letter of response is to be sent.

Emilie & Warner Aeyelts – phone record regarding concerns over various building extensions and the amount of leniency shown for enforcement of bylaws and contracts, and the need for proactive not re-active bylaws.

Municipal Affairs – approval of MSI Grant application for pumphouse upgrades (\$3,900)

Municipal Affairs – approval of annual unconditional grant (\$830)

Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – invitation to Annual General Meeting. Tjarda Barrett has been the Elnora Representative for the past year and will be thanked for her continued efforts with the group.

Alberta Environment – information re: full cost accounting for Municipal Drinking Water Systems for the Tangible Capital Asset project

Parkland Regional Library – *Res #08-74-89*; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, the Village of Elnora accepts the Parkland Regional Library's Audited Financial Statements as presented. Carried.

DTHR – lowering of the acceptable level of lead in drinking water standards. The Village is currently compliant with these new standards.

CAEP – certificate of good standing with the Central Alberta Economic Partnership

Municipal Affairs – notice of funding for affordable housing projects

University of Alberta – Course results for Michelle Smith re; Land Use and Subdivision Design (B), Preparing Land Use Planning Documents (A), and Contemporary Planning Issues (B)

Res #08-11-90; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, The above correspondence were read and ordered filed. Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Written report of activities presented for Council review.

Res #08-43-91; MOVED: Mayor Brown, a new garbage truck is to be purchased for the Village of Elnora. Up to \$30,000 may be spent. Carried.

Councillor Armstrong recommended Michelle find out if a tin roof on the Village Office building would compromise future “Heritage Building” status. This is to be done before the new roof is put on.

Sidewalk Maintenance Project – Quotes for 8 areas of the Village were received and a Request for Decision attached. The project was tabled to next meeting. Michelle is to ask for a more itemized billing for the current quote and try to get other quote(s) for these areas for comparison.

Res #08-32-92; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, a Thank You is to be done for Karen Pennock for her time spent training with the Village STEP worker. Four rounds of golf from Buffalo Rock and a gift certificate from the Cabin Café are to be given in appreciation. Carried.

Council asked that finishing the fence behind the new trees on the north end of Queen Street be made a priority for Public Works.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Report from Chief Glenn Craig attached. 18 calls were responded to so far in 2008, there is a focus on training for the year and building renovations are nearly complete. Council expressed their thanks to Mr. Craig for stepping into the role of Fire Chief and their thanks to the entire Department for all that they do for Elnora and the surrounding community(s).

RICK CLOUTIER: Informed Council he will be joining the Economic Development Board and asked for clarification of roles of Council and the Board as well as the separation of powers.

Rick had attended a solar energy tour recently and is considering modifying his home. He inquired about any bylaw regulations to this effect. Elnora’s current Land Use Bylaw does not reference solar energy equipment but Michelle will check to see if any type of permit would be required for the modifications.

Rick expressed concern regarding the progress of some homes on 6th Ave. Development permits and their expiry/extension were brought up as well as the contract requiring a purchaser to build on a purchased lot with one year. It was noted that this contract was

developed after the sale of 424-5 Ave and so does not apply to that lot/owner. Council discussed these issues with Mr. Cloutier providing as much information as possible about past decisions, extenuating circumstances and possible future actions.

BYLAW REVIEW: Bylaw #367 “regulating the form, content and cost of permits” is to be repealed as this is currently covered under the Land Use Bylaw. Since a Bylaw is required to amend or repeal another Bylaw – Michelle is to make a list of which Bylaws need to be repealed so that several may be done at once.

Council directs Administration to begin research to form a Municipal Campground Bylaw, a Traffic Control Bylaw, and a Fees for Services Bylaw as none of these currently exist.

Regarding the Livestock and Fowl Bylaw – review of the document has revealed that “Wildlife” is not defined. Further review is required, the matter is tabled to the next meeting.

AMSC: *Res #08-12-93*; **MOVED:** Councillor Armstrong, Council begins an in-camera session at 9:30 pm. Carried.

Res #08-12-94; **MOVED:** Mayor Brown, Council ends in-camera session at 9:45 pm. Carried.

Res #08-12-95; **MOVED:** Councillor Robb, Elnora Village Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Administrator to execute the AUMA Member Master agreement effective 2009 to 2013 for both electricity and natural gas, with a green power component of 20%. Carried.

The Elnora Manor Management Body is to be offered the opportunity to participate in the natural gas component of the contract under the Village.

NEW BUSINESS: 10.1. A quote for 3 new streetlights on 6th Ave was received. This project would cost \$7,040 + GST. Michelle is to investigate possible grant funding.

10.2 *Res #08-11-96*; **MOVED:** Councillor Armstrong, the Village will change the rate of mileage compensation to \$0.45/km effective immediately. This matter is to be reviewed again in October. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: 11.1 *Res #08-12-97*; **MOVED:** Councillor Robb, the Village of Elnora will enter into a lease agreement with the Elnora and District Museum Committee regarding the Committee’s use of Lot 5, Block 9, Plan 3151AT for a 25 year period. Carried.

11.2 *Res #08-61-98*; **MOVED:** Councillor Robb, the Village of Elnora will enter into an agreement with Bill Dahl to allow haying and/or grazing of the 45 acres west of the Village at a rate of \$40/acre for the 2008 year. Any fences for the purpose of dividing the 45 acres needed by Mr. Dahl will be his responsibility to install/maintain. Carried.

11.3 *Res #08-12-99*; MOVED: Councillor Robb, the Village of Elnora will not lift the caveat placed on 617 King Street by the Regional Planning Commission at this time. Carried.

Michelle is to send a letter of decision to the owners and explain the purpose of the caveat.

Round Table – All Council members attended a Steering Committee meeting and a Joint Council meeting with Delburne and Red Deer County Councils and Administration.

MAYOR BROWN: attended a meeting with a possible public sector partner for support on the School Resource Officer position for Delburne, Elnora and Trochu Schools. Red Deer County is also being approached for support and a letter of support for the program was received by the Solicitor General.

Res #08-26-100; MOVED: Councillor Robb, Elnora Village Council hereby authorizes Mayor Brown to commit to as much as \$5,000 to the School Resource Officer Program on behalf of Elnora to cover the duration of the program contract. Carried.

Mayor Brown asked that Public Works be directed to convert the boulevard at 427-3 Ave from grass to gravel.

Mayor Brown also asked that Administration look into land purchase contract dates for 432-6 Ave Cres. to see if action may be required regarding this property.

COUNCILLOR ARMSTRONG: Attended the following meetings; FCSS, Parkland Foundation, Elnora Museum Committee, Parkland Regional Library.

COUNCILLOR ROBB: Attended the Elnora Museum Committee and School Resource Officer meetings.

Dog/animal issues continue to be a major concern in the Village. Dave directed Michelle to put information in the newsletter regarding the process involved to register a complaint if a resident has a problem with an animal in the Village.

Property fence issues also seem to be brought forward to individual Councillors regularly and may need to be addressed in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT: *Res #08-11-101*; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator