

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF ELNORA VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD
THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009**

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

GUESTS: Rick Cloutier

ADMINISTRATOR: Michelle Smith

MINUTES: *Res #09-11-12*; **MOVED:** Councillor Robb, the agenda for the February 10, 2009 regular meeting of Village Council was confirmed as amended. Carried.

Res #09-11-13; **MOVED:** Mayor Brown, Minutes from the January 10th regular meeting were read and confirmed. Carried.

MONTHLY STATEMENT: *Res #09-11-14*; **MOVED:** Councillor Robb, The monthly statement for January 2009 was adopted as presented. Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: *Res #09-11-15*; **MOVED:** Accounts for payment 7505 to 7558 plus two Master Card transactions were approved and ordered paid by Mayor Brown. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Big Valley – request to participate in their 95th birthday Homecoming Celebration. Michelle is to respond that Elnora Council is looking forward to participating in their event as well as passing the information along to various other local service groups.

Alberta Transportation – notice of a 4 year continuation of the Gas Tax Fund grant

Municipal Affairs – Acceptance of grant applications for the proposed Curb and Gutter Rehabilitation Project and retroactive funding for the purchase of the new garbage truck totaling \$45,300 of Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant dollars.

Municipal Affairs – information on 2008 operational MSI Grant

FCM – member advisory regarding new federal budget

Res #09-11-15; **MOVED:** Dave Robb, The above correspondence were read and ordered filed as information. Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Written report submitted by Bill Jewell as information.

Council asked for a cost analysis for video surveillance equipment at the campground/skating rink due to recent vandalism.

Dale reported on the meeting between Delburne and Elnora Mayors, COAs and Public Works to discuss the water system Mutual Aid Agreement. Michelle is looking into proper insurance coverage to be sure Delburne Public Works is covered for liability while operating the Elnora Waterworks Plant. If there are any wording changes necessary to the current Agreement they will be brought forward at the next meeting.

MIKE & BONITA MARTIN: were unable to attend and asked to be re-scheduled for the March meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Glenn Craig was unable to attend but submitted a written report. There were a total of 57 calls to the Fire Department in 2008. Three members took training for EMR and two new members joined the department. Full report attached.

Council was very appreciative of all of the volunteer work the Fire Department does for the community, and especially the huge commitment by those who took the EMR training.

BYLAW #500-0812: *Res #09-26-16*; MOVED: Unanimously, third and final reading of Bylaw #500-08-12 being a Bylaw providing for the establishment of general fees and charges for goods and services delivered by the Village of Elnora was given and passed. Carried.

RICK CLOUTIER: Rick asked if the Village would add Economic Development Board information to the Village website. All he needs to do is e-mail the information to Michelle who will be doing a global update of the website this month.

The BoomTown Trail conference in Camrose was also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: 10.1 *Res #09-12-17*; MOVED: Councillor Robb, the letter of engagement for audit services from Gitzedl Krejci Dand Peterson Chartered Accountants was approved. Carried.

10.2 The in house portion of the annual audit has been completed and the auditors will present their report to Council upon completion. The Community Hall will be booked for April 16th at 7 pm for a "Town Hall Meeting" rather than doing a mail out of the financial statements for 2008.

OLD BUSINESS: 11.1 *Res #09-12-18*; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, the lease agreement with Red Deer Co-op Limited is adopted as presented. Carried.

11.2 Council advised Michelle to prepare a lease document for the Youth Space based on the recommendations in RFD 09-02. This draft lease is to be presented at next meeting.

11.3 *Res #09-12-19*; MOVED: Mayor Brown, the Offer to Purchase property located at Lot 12A, Block 5, Plan 1862AR was accepted with amendments. Carried.

Round Table

MAYOR BROWN: Updated Council on the School Resource Officer project. They are expecting to have an Officer in place by April. Not all funding has been secured yet, but if the grant applied for does not come through there are various fundraising ideas in the works.

COUNCILLOR ARMSTRONG: Will be re-joining the Boom Town Trail board as she was unable to find a community member to take her place.

Councillor Armstrong received a letter from the Library Board withdrawing Cheryl Warren and Tanis Westersund as Parkland Regional Library representatives. There was discussion about the level of involvement necessary with PRL at this time. Council decided that information would be reviewed as it was submitted and meetings should be attended only when necessary.

Gina inquired about the progress of grants for the playground/trails. Michelle has sourced the grants but not submitted the applications yet.

Councillor Armstrong asked for an update regarding Lot 6, Block 17, Plan 892 1826. There was nothing to report as we are waiting for the owner and his legal council who have been on vacations since last Council meeting.

Councillor Armstrong asked how the RCMP felt about the proposed Youth Space. Mayor Brown reported that they were excited about this new opportunity.

Gina has booked a hotel room for the fall AUMA conference. Who will be attending will be decided at a later date. She also booked a room for the annual FCSSAA convention. Helena

Smith's attendance at this conference was again discussed and it was still felt that this would be a decision for Elnora's FCSS Advisory Board to make rather than Village Council.

Councillor Armstrong attended the FCSS Community Stakeholder meeting in Lousana February 4th and reported that she was the only Elnora representative in attendance. She conveyed to Council great concern over the lack of representation from the community and the lack of priority people were placing on this FCSS review opportunity. There was a brief discussion of roles and responsibilities of members of Council following the report.

COUNCILLOR ROBB: was concerned about the low attendance at the Community Gab Session and was wondering what could be done. Michelle reported that Helena will be changing the format of this information sharing session to be a less formal drop-in structure. All organizations will be invited to write their planned events down on a calendar accessible at Village Office throughout the year.

ADJOURNMENT: *Res #09-11-20*; **MOVED:** Councillor Robb, The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator