

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF ELNORA VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD
THIS 15TH DAY OF JULY, 2008**

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

GUESTS: Ed Billingham

ADMINISTRATOR: Michelle Smith

MINUTES: *Res #08-11-102*; MOVED: Councillor Robb, the agenda for the July 15, 2008 regular meeting of Village Council was confirmed as amended. Carried.

Res #08-11-103; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, Minutes from the June 17th regular meeting were read and confirmed. Carried.

MONTHLY STATEMENT: *Res #08-11-104*; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, the monthly statement for June 2008 was adopted as presented. Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: *Res #08-11-105*; MOVED: Accounts for payment 7194 to 7231 were approved and ordered paid by Mayor Brown. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chinook's Edge School Division – Capital plan submission
FCSS – Request for Council participation at the Volunteer Appreciation event August 8th. Mayor Brown will be in the dunk tank, Councillors will take down tables on Main Street when finished and staff is directed to decorate the building in a western theme one week prior to the event.

Res #08-51-106; MOVED: Mayor Brown, a letter is to be drafted to the FCSS Advisory Board confirming approval of 4 training days to be budgeted in the 2009 year for the District Community Worker. Training opportunities are to be pre-approved through Village Administration in consultation with Advisory Board members. Carried.

Res #08-51-107; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, the Village of Elnora will not continue participating in the Central Alberta Women's Outreach Rural program for the 2009 year due to lack of program usage. Carried.

CUPW – request for submissions to not allow deregulation of public postal service

Hwy 21 Community Initiatives – Municipal Heritage Partnership Program update

Edith McPhedran – request for support for the Rural Alberta Youth in Action Association

AUMA – Convention updates and a draft framework for Provincial/Municipal Sustainability Partnership Agreement.

Alberta Transportation – 2008 Street Improvement Grant acceptance for \$18,540

Marian Cloutier – request for donations re: "Cycling for Children" fundraising bicycle tours

Alberta Health & Wellness – information bulletin re: transition of emergency medical services from Municipal to Provincial

Tjarda Barratt – Red Deer River Watershed Alliance Annual General meeting report.

Res #08-11-108; MOVED: Dave Robb, The above correspondence were read and ordered filed as information. Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Written report of activities for June submitted by Bill Jewell.

- Request For Decision (RFD) to have the alley west of the mobile subdivision on Queen Street straightened to come out on the Elnora Access road, not Queen Street. Decision was tabled for consultation with planners.

- Should the toad flax in the west 40 acres need to be knocked down again, Public Works will consult with the renter prior to any haying/spraying of the weeds.

- A potential garbage truck has been located and Bill Jewell and Dee Hodgkinson will be going to Edmonton to look at it July 16th.

- Councillors raised concerns regarding finishing the mulch of all trees planted this spring. Products are on hand to finish the job and Bill is aware this is to be his first priority.
- Street paving is scheduled for late August. Council is re-considering streets to be paved for 2008 year, but would require Public Works to install proper culvert drainage from Municipal Reserve wetland across Queen Street as discussed in spring before a decision is made. This is to be second priority for Public Works.
- Discussion of areas of concern for weed/grass care were; campground, fitness center, Fire hall Village Office and various back alleys.
- Trees/shrubs at north end of King Street are encroaching on the road from Village property and need to be cut back.

Bill Jewell will book a time with Councillor Robb to go over these and other problem areas he may be unaware of.

MR. ED BILLINGHAM: Attended Council meeting to discuss options for his properties located at 432 & 434 – 6th Ave Crescent. Mr. Billingham stated several reasons for falling behind on the project and stated he would be finishing one house externally within the next month. He would like to keep 432-6th Ave. Cresc. and build a house on it. The matter is tabled to next meeting while Council reviews options on dealing with all properties in violation of the Option and Development Agreement – Homeowner Residential Single Family.

2nd QUARTER FINANCIALS: Distributed for review. Council expense budget would allow for sending one member of Council to AUMA Conference this year. The Library is to be contacted regarding building repairs/maintenance.

MSI GRANT: 2007 grant allocation was partially rolled up to 2008. 2008 funds were recently received. Council made several suggestions on where the grant should be spent and Michelle will have an RFD done for next Council meeting.

BYLAWS: Reviewed amendments to Dog Control Bylaw #491-0803 suggested by Animal Control for enforcement purposes. Similar suggestions for the Cat Control Bylaw will follow. Michelle is to format the amendments for presentation at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 10.1. Large BoomTown Trail map is to be mounted on the outside wall of the Municipal Campground washroom.

10.2 A letter to clean up the premises located at 410 King Street is to be sent based on several verbal complaints reported to Administration.

OLD BUSINESS: 11.1 *Res #08-23-109*; **MOVED:** Councillor Armstrong, at the request of Fire Chief Glenn Craig, the following budget amendments are to be made; an additional \$3,500 is allocated to building and equipment maintenance and an additional \$8,000 to the Fire Department reserve account. Carried.

Glenn also informed Council that Bill Warren will now be the Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance Advisor.

11.2 There was discussion on how and when to fund additional street lights for the Village. It was decided to try and access Municipal Sustainability Grant funding for this project. A report on progress is to be given next meeting.

11.3 **Res #08-32-110**; MOVED: Mayor Brown, 207 feet of sidewalk on the south side of 2nd Ave between King and Princess Street and approximately 4 feet of sidewalk on the north side of 2nd Ave between main and King Street are chosen for maintenance for the 2008 season. Carried. An additional 265 feet of sidewalk located on the south side of 3rd Ave between Main and King Street will be added if a request for MSI grant funds is successful.

11.4 **Res #08-12-111**; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, the Village of Elnora will add/authorize both the Elnora and District Agricultural Society and the Village of Elnora Manor Management Body to participate in the 2009+ Energy Aggregation Program. Carried.

Round Table

MAYOR BROWN: Met with Sgt. Bill Laidlaw (RCMP) to discuss goals for the upcoming year. He has re-scheduled for an August attendance at Council Meeting. Mayor Brown also gave a brief update on the School Resource Officer and the impact of School Principal Mr. Caukill recently leaving Elnora School.

- Inquired about progress with the Boulevard at 427-3 Ave being changed from grass to gravel. Public Works has not yet started this project.

- Mayor Brown directed Administration to coordinate a Council Meeting for the youth (Youth Forum) with Boys & Girls Club and Neighbourhood Place.

COUNCILLOR ARMSTRONG: Asked for a progress report on 402-4 Ave, if any paperwork had been filed for Council consideration. There is no progress as this is a private property and therefore a private sale. At this point Village Office has not been involved in any potential sale.

- Councillor Armstrong directed Administration to look into an accident at 3 Ave and Princess St. resulting in the loss/removal of a street light. Michelle will follow up with ATCO.

COUNCILLOR ROBB: Has been hearing many “on the street” concerns from residents regarding weeds, hedges, animals and accessory buildings. Councillor Robb directed Administration to put an article in the newsletter regarding proper complaint procedure that residents can use to work toward resolving individual concerns.

Res #08-26-112; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, a letter is to be sent to the owner of 416-2 Ave regarding several infractions of the Land Use Bylaw. There is to be a timeline given for the owner to bring the property into compliance. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: **Res #08-11-113**; MOVED: Councillor Armstrong, The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator