

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



February 19, 2008

Council Chamber, Town Hall

703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Bryce Nimmo

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

Karen Bertamini

Don Guidolin

Sharel Shoff

Terry Yemen

Blaine McDonald arrived at 4:35 P.M

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

ACTING DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Steve Huculak

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Michael Roy

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janice Armstrong

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Mayor B. Nimmo called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

Mayor B. Nimmo asked councillors for comments on the 2008 Strategic Workshop held on February 7th and 8th and all felt that the workshop was beneficial. Some of the comments made included worthwhile, valuable, spirit of cooperation, good vision, a unified body and a very effective workshop.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

3.1 Mayor B. Nimmo called the Public hearing to order at 4:35 PM.

Mayor Nimmo advised that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider Bylaw 04.08 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw by re-designating Plan 0512635 block 2 Lots 16 thru 25 from R-1 Residential district to R-3 Residential District (Stevenson)

He asked secretary, J. Armstrong if there were any written submissions. J. Armstrong advised there were no items of correspondence.

Mayor B. Nimmo asked if anyone was present to speak in favour or against the proposal. There were no speakers present.

Mayor B. Nimmo asked if there were any questions from Council. There were no questions from council.

Mayor B. Nimmo closed the public hearing at 4:37

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2008.32 Shoff, Berdahl moved the adoption of the agenda as presented. Carried

5.0 MINUTES

5.1 ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting – February 4, 2008

MO2008.33 Yemen, Guidolin moved the adoption of the regular Council meeting of February 4, 2008 as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – January 17, 2008

5.2.2 Management Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2008

5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1 CAO

8.1.1 R. Romanetz introduced Bylaw 02.08 being a bylaw to authorize the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of expanding and upgrading the sewage treatment plant.

R. Romanetz advised that the design is 100% complete and at this time Stantec is putting together the required environmental assessment along with the tender preparation. The tender is proposed to close mid April and awarded by the end of April.

MO2008.34 Bertimini, Guidolin moved second reading of Bylaw 02.08 Carried

MO2008.35 Bertimini, Guidolin moved third reading of Bylaw 02.08. Carried

8.1.2 R. Romanetz introduced the amended Remuneration and Expense allowance for Mayor and Council - Policy C-01-08

MO2008.36 Bertimini, Yemen that Council adopt Policy C-01-08 as presented. Carried.

8.1.3 R. Romanetz introduced an RFD for the Police Committee Formation.

R. Romanetz advised that a letter from Brian Skeet dated January 31, 2007 was received recommending the formation of a Policing Committee this was previously introduced at a Committee of the Whole meeting. Along with B. Skeets recommendations, attached was a comparison sheet explaining the difference between a Policing Committee and a Community Advisory Committee also included was the Provincial perspective which outlines the benefits of forming a Policing Committee. S. Shoff suggested that members of the CAC be given the information as it may encourage some of them to become members on this board as well.

B. McDonald advised that there is a Citizen Advisory meeting scheduled for February 21, 2008

MO2008.37 McDonald, Bertimini council authorizes administration to proceed with the next steps for the formation of a Policing Committee. Carried

8.1.4 – Appointments to the Drumheller Housing Administration

R. Romanetz advised that the town has received one application from Debra Walker to serve on the Drumheller Housing Administration Board. R. Romanetz recommended that Council accept her application to sit on this board.

K. Bertimini advised that there has been a vacancy on this board for a very long time and that she looks forward to working with Debra on this board.

MO2008.38 Shoff, Berdahl that Council approve the appointment of Debra Walker for a one year term. Carried.

8.1.5 Letter from Alberta Children's services: FCSS Program review Action Supplement

Funding to Rural Municipalities.

R. Romanetz for information purposes advised council that a letter was received from Alberta Children's Services stating that a review of FCSS programming was done in 2006 and one of the recommendations was a short term solution to bring all FCSS Programs to a funding level equivalent to the percentage of the Provincial FCSS budget increase between 2002/03 and 2007/08 (16%). The recommendation was approved and implemented as of January 2008.

FCSS program will receive an additional \$21,567.00 for the operating year of 2008 only and this grant does not have to be matched but does need to be budgeted in the years ahead.

R. Romanetz also advised that he has met with P. Salvator and D. Houwer to discuss how this money can be used. He also asked council to bring any suggestions forward to himself or P. Salvatore.

8.1.6 Policy Framework on Post Education System.

R. Romanetz advised that the policy framework was provided as requested by council.

P. Salvator advised that previously there was an open competition model within the province, which appears to be returning to a system that is more anchored in the regional geography for service delivery. They are also considering adding technology as it may help deliver the program.

B. Nimmo advised that he had contacted the office of the Hon. Jack Hayden requesting a status update on the Post Secondary application, Jack Hayden reported that the application did go forward but with the election there are no firm answers as of yet, he will however look into it after the election if he is still the MLA.

8.2 Acting Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.4 Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (Next presentation April 14, 2008)

9.1 CAO

9.2 Acting Director of Infrastructure Services

9.3 Director of Corporate Services

9.4 Director of Community Services

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

10.1 Bylaw 04.08 being a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw by re-designating Plan 0512635 Block 2 Lots 16 thru 20 from R-1 Residential District to R-3 Residential District (Stevenson)

MO2008.39 Shoff, Yemen moved second reading of Bylaw 04.08. Carried

MO2008.40 Guidolin, MacDonald moved third reading of Bylaw 04.08 Carried

11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS

12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.1 Councillor A. Berdahl advised that the Drumheller Stampede and Ag Society had their books done and are actively seeking out grants that maybe available. The Drumheller Ag Society received a letter from the Hon. Minister of Alberta Agriculture George Groeneveld announcing that they will be receiving a check in the amount of \$16,608.39. This is a one time grant given to help with expenses and there is no requirement to match this grant.

14.2 Councillor Shoff advised that the Drumheller Library Board Report
The regular meeting of the library board was held on Feb. 14 at 6 pm.

- The wine tasting event was an enjoyable evening and the board made a profit.
- The general meeting for the Library Society will be held on March 27, 2008 at 6pm. in the Atco building.
- The Artsparks program has a coordinator, name of Elizabeth Davis. This program will commence shortly.
- Petitions were discussed; policy for the library, a disclaimer will be attached to petitions in the library with timeframes, guidelines and attendant matters.
- The Standards and Services committee will review more closely for the next meeting, they will send representatives.
- A trustee workshop was held on Sat. Feb. 16 with 14 members attending.
- In January the library was open 182 hours with 3698 entrances for 20.3 people per hour.
- The library was closed for the installation of the new desk Jan. 21, 22, 23.
- The library sent out 1194 items to 109 other libraries and received 1087 from 130 libraries. The damage rate for CD and DVD are becoming a concern. The staff are trying to package for minimal damage.
- A big thank you, to all staff for helping with installation of the circ desk. A business plan will be reviewed and updated. This includes operational, capital replacement plan and strategic plan.
- The website is to be updated and become more user friendly. A meeting will be held on March 18 to discuss this project.
- A date has not yet been set for the grand opening of the circulation desk.
- The library would like to present an update on the Marigold system to the town council, suggested date was March 10.
- The Alberta Library Conference is on April 24 to 27. Drumheller

14.3 Councillor B. McDonald Councillor brought an update on the Economic Development Task Force and much of what was discussed during the Council/Administration Strategic Planning Retreat. B. McDonald also advised that the economic development task force is hoping to zero in on the agricultural district where they would build a green hub working with Green Energy. Downtown revitalization is another priority.

14.4 Councillor K. Bertimini advised that she has had some discussions with P Salatore and A. Berdahl in regards to concerns that the Wane Community Association has. A. Berdahl and herself will be attending a meeting in March and will address their concerns at that time.

14.5 Councillor K. Bertimini advised the she attended AUMA last week and had met with the Board of Directors. The committee is to come up with a template for Municipal Water Conservation and to design a Municipal Climate Change Action Plan to reduce our footprint on the environment in conjunction with the Provincial Climate Change Strategy. They are also working to complete phase 4 Municipal Sustainability Plan.

IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER