

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2010 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Bryce Nimmo

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

Karen Bertamini

Blaine McDonald

Don Guidolin

Sharel Shoff

Terry Yemen

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICE

Allan Kendrick

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Micheal Roy

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

2.1 Mayor Bryce Nimmo proclaimed January, 2010 as Drumheller Crime Stoppers Awareness Month.

2.2 Mayor Bryce Nimmo proclaimed January 27th as Family Literacy Day.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Deletions: 14.1 Personnel Matter

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MO2010.01 McDonald, Shoff moved to approve the agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2009

MO2010.02 Guidolin, Berdahl moved to approve the regular Council meeting minutes of December 21, 2009 as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

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 Bylaw 01.10 being the 2010 Borrowing Bylaw (Line of Credit)

R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 01.10 for the purpose of borrowing monies in accordance with Section 256 of the Municipal Government Act. He stated that the Town may borrow up to the principal sum of \$2M from Chinook Credit Union. He advised that the bylaw authorizes short term borrowing to ensure cash flow to pay expenditures until the tax revenue is received in September.

MO2010.03 Yemen, Guidolin for first reading to Bylaw 01.10.

Councillor A. Berdahl asked the amount actually borrowed from the line of credit. M. Roy advised that the line of credit has not been used in the past due to reserves however it serves as a contingency for the Town.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

MO2010.04 Shoff, McDonald for second reading to Bylaw 01.10. Carried unanimously.

MO2010.05 McDonald, Yemen moved no objection for third reading to Bylaw 01.10. Carried unanimously.

MO2010.06 Guidolin, Shoff moved for third reading to Bylaw 01.10. Carried unanimously.

8.1.2 Bylaw 02.10 (Drumheller Housing Association Borrowing Bylaw)

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R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 02.10 being a request from the Drumheller Housing Administration for a loan until receipt of their operational grant from the Province. He advised that the loan is for \$50,000 at zero interest repayable at six months. He explained that the loan will allow DHA to pay their bills for the low cost housing and affordable housing units. He stated that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the bylaw must be advertised for two weeks.

MO2010.07 Guidolin, Berdahl moved first reading to Bylaw 02.10. Carried unanimously.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD - Municipal Sponsorship Grant Application

A. Kendrick presented the proposal for the Municipal Sponsorship Program to rebuild the baseball diamond in Rosedale due to the Community Facility construction on the former John Anderson site. He stated that the MSP grant would cover \$73,791. of the estimated total costs of \$347,629. He further explained that with in-kind contributions of \$137,717 this would require additional funding from other sources in the amount of \$136,121. As a result the project may have to be constructed in phases in 2010 and 2011. The deadline for the application is January 15th 2010. Administration is recommending that the grant application be submitted as presented.

MO2010.08 Guidolin, McDonald that Council direct Administration to submit the grant application under the Municipal Sponsorship Program for the development of a baseball diamond as detailed in the attached application.

Discussion on Motion:

In response to a question from Council, M. Roy explained that the grant is based on a per capita formula and other grant calculations to bring the amount up to the maximum grant of \$73,791. R. Romanetz advised that a commitment was made by the previous Council that if John Anderson was taken out of service, another baseball diamond would be built. He stated that the proposed ball diamond would meet minimum requirements to play baseball. A. Kendrick advised that the current Rosedale ball diamond would be expanded with new fencing, irrigation and dugouts. He further explained that there may be some salvage that was removed from John Anderson that could be reused to reduce the Town's share of the project. Councillor A. Berdahl asked what would be the contributions from other sources. A. Kendrick advised that other sources could be CFEP, community sponsorship and / or in-kind contributions.

Vote on Motion:

5 - in favour - McDonald, Nimmo, Shoff, Berdahl, Guidolin

1 - opposed - Yemen.

Carried.

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD - Business Licence Fee Schedule

M. Roy advised that when the fee schedule was passed by Council resolution last year, the Business License fees had an effective date of April 1st. He advised that since Business Licenses are calendar year based, Administration is recommending that the effective date be changed to January 1st.

MO2010.09 Yemen, McDonald that Council amend the Business License Fee Schedule to an effective date of January 1st.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor B. McDonald asked if the billing goes out immediately, what would be the payment due date. M. Roy advised that billing would be for the calendar year January 1st to December 31st with payment due within the 30-60 day timeframe. Councillor S. Shoff asked the amount for a company with 1-2 employees. M. Roy stated that the cost would be 6% over last year as there was no increase in 2009. She further asked when the business tax is due. M. Roy stated that the business tax is due in the later part of the year because this amount can not be issued until the assessment report has been received. He further advised that the Business Tax Bylaw will be passed in April 2010 based on the assessment year of 2009. In response to a question from Council, M. Roy explained that the procedure for handling non payment of the business license fee would be through Community Enforcement.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

8.4. Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

13.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

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There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER