

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2012 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Terry Yemen

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

Jay Garbutt

Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk

Sharel Shoff

Doug Stanford

Tom Zariski

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Allan Kendrick

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Jack Kuzminski

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Terry Yemen called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

Mayor T. Yemen congratulated the following volunteers and organizers for their successful events held this past weekend: DinoFest was well attended, Old Grouch's event raised a record \$13,000 for STARS, and the Legion Cenotaph Rededication was memorable. The Mayor thanked the PW staff for their labor on the concrete work and landscaping around the Badlands Community Facility area.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition: 13.1 Councillor A. Berdahl - Drumheller Public Library Report

MO2012.84 Hansen-Zacharuk, Garbutt moved to adopt 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 May 22, 2012

MO2012.85 Stanford Shoff moved to adopt the regular Council meeting minutes of May 22, 2012 as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

Aqua7 Regional Water Commission - Jerry Wittscott, Chair and Kevin Miner, Manager provided an overview of the purpose of the amendment to the Water Supply Agreement which would be to allow Aqua 7 to include the boundaries (as outlined in red of Appendix 2) of Rocky View County as a party to whom the Commission may resell the Town water as opposed to just a small portion of Rocky View County (Hamlet of Kathryn), as provided for in Schedule "F" of the Water Supply Agreement, dated December 10, 2008. Rocky View's proposal is for the resale of water at the same allotment to Kathryn (at a maximum of 2,200 m³/day as identified by the Commission as being the apportionment made available to the Rocky View County by Aqua 7). K. Miner further explained that the area to be serviced to Rocky View has been tweaked a bit and does not include the area to the west which is serviced by private water co-ops. He stated that the water will be kept within the trading area and the water would flow into the Graham Reservoir. R. Romanetz advised that the area to the west is operated by Rocky View Co-op and in an emergency situation either the County or Co-op can open the valves and feed water to help each other out.

Questions and Comments from Council

Councillor L. Hansen-Zacharuk asked the timelines for use of the water. K. Miner stated that although the water is for long term planning, it is Rocky View's intention to use the 2200 m³/day sooner than later to help offset the costs for the other members. He further explained that the engineering and pipeline design will take less than a year and a possible built date within two years.

Councillor T. Zariski asked if the boundaries would be expanded in the future. K. Miner stated that there is not sufficient capacity through the Aqua 7 line now for future boundary expansion. A. Kendrick stated that Rocky View would look at other solutions for the long term – this is a short term fix but that could be 15 years down the road. It is an interim plan until a major expansion occurs on the Western Irrigation District Reservoir. R. Romanetz stated that the existing Drumheller plant has the capacity to supply the maximum of 8200 m³/day to member municipalities within the Water Supply Agreement and of that amount the Commission may resell water to a maximum of 2200

m3/day to Rocky View - if the water demand is beyond this amount, the Drumheller plant would have to be expanded and all parties would have to contribute to the costs. Councillor A. Berdahl stated that the partnership is meant to benefit all parties and more volumes is required for Aqua 7 to be more sustainable. He asked what other arrangements are in place to increase the volume of flows for Aqua 7. K. Miner stated that discussions are still ongoing with all parties. R. Romanetz advised that Three Hills is conducting a risk assessment on their supply line and assessing the costs needed for capital improvements to their water plant. J. Wittscott stated that the delivery of water through the Aqua 7 may be more feasible to other municipalities once more water moves through the lines and costs are decreased.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1. CAO

8.1.1 RFD – Aqua 7

R. Romanetz provided an amended Water Supply Agreement Schedule F as reviewed by the Town's Solicitor which includes more clarity on some clauses and a revised map. The proposal is to extend the line from Kathryn to the Graham Reservoir for distribution through the Rocky View County system in the area outlined in red on Appendix 2.

MO2012.86 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to accept the amendment to the Water Supply Agreement Schedule F as presented (the area identified in red on Appendix 2) between Aqua 7 Regional Water Commission and the Town of Drumheller.

Councillor A. Berdahl declared a point of order and requested the motion be tabled for two weeks.

MO2012.87 Berdahl, Zariski moved to table motion MO2012.86 for two weeks.

In favour – Zariski, Berdahl

Opposed – Shoff, Yemen, Garbutt, Stanford, Hansen-Zacharuk

Motion Defeated

Motion on the table: **MO2012.86**

In favour - Shoff, Yemen, Garbutt, Stanford, Hansen-Zacharuk

Opposed – Zariski, Berdahl

Motion Carried.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD – East Coulee Wastewater Equipment

A. Kendrick advised that the tender for the equipment needed for the East Coulee WWTP Upgrade closed on May 23, 2012. Five tenders were received ranging from \$172,032.00 to \$496,637.48 with the lowest tender bid received from Sapphire Water International Corporation. The consultant's estimate was \$190,000 for this equipment. He further advised that the equipment needs to be ordered long before the construction contract is tendered.

MO2012.87 Zariski, Berdahl that Council award the East Coulee Wastewater Treatment Plan equipment to Sapphire Water International Corporation in the amount of \$172,032 including GST.

In response to questions from Council, A. Kendrick advised that Sapphire was the top firm for all five components in the evaluation process. R. Romanetz agreed that there was a significant difference in amounts and it is not unusual to have one or two bids on the outside of the range however three tenders were relatively competitive.

Vote on Motion:
Carried unanimously.

8.2.2 RFD – 4th Ave. SW (Newcastle) Sewer Line Replacement

A. Kendrick advised that tenders for the 4th Avenue sewer line replacement closed on May 29, 2012. One tender was received from Knibb Developments Ltd. for the amount of \$138,810. The engineering estimate for this project was approximately \$100,000.

MO2012.88 Shoff, Garbutt that Council award the 4th Avenue sewer line replacement to Knibb Developments Ltd. in the amount of \$138,810 including GST.

In response to questions from Council, A. Kendrick explained that the bid was 30% more than the engineer's estimate because it is a complicated and difficult project which will require working under the existing large culvert. He further explained that if the project was retendered the Town may not gain a lower bid or no one would bid. He stated that the other contractors who looked at the specs said the job was too small or complex. He stated that Knibb has worked with the Town on at least eight projects.

Vote on Motion:
In favour - Shoff, Yemen, Berdahl, Zariski, Stanford, Hansen-Zacharuk
Opposed - Garbutt
Carried.

8.2.3 Cast Iron Water Line (information only)

A. Kendrick stated that the tender bids came in over what the consultants anticipated and they need to reevaluate the cost increases. The 2012 tender results were considerably higher than last year's amount. The Town needs to go back and delete a portion of the project or expense from another account to make the project large enough to keep the interest of the contractor. R. Romanetz advised that this portion of the replacement is difficult and involves working around several utility lines in the area. Councillor T. Zariski stated that water quality was at the forefront during the election and needs to remain a top priority. A report will be provided to Council at their next meeting on June 18th.

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

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

13.1 Drumheller Public Library Report

Councillor A. Berdahl provided an overview of the Drumheller Public Library's activities and budget deficit. He stated that their 2012 deficit will be \$6,984 which will require Sunday closures, a new raise schedule for staff and extended Christmas closure to make up for the budget deficit. Council requested the Drumheller Public Library Board to be invited to a Council meeting in the near future to answer questions relating to the budget deficit.

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2012.89 Garbutt, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to go in camera at 5:20 PM. Carried unanimously.

14.1 Labour Matter

MO2012.90 Shoff, Berdahl to revert to regular Council meeting at 6:10 PM. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer