

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 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

ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

B. Wulff

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

2.1 Mayor Terry Yemen proclaimed June 4 to 10, 2012 as Seniors Week.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to Agenda: Councillor S. Shoff – Badlands Community Facility Grand Opening / 2013 Centennial

MO2012.77 Berdahl, Shoff 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 April 23, 2012

MO2012.78 Zariski, Garbutt moved to adopt the regular Council Meeting minutes of April 23, 2012 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 09.12 being a bylaw to set the 2012 Mill Rate - third reading

R. Romanetz advised that Council at their meeting of April 23, 2012 requested that Administration prepare a Press Release explaining the two options proposed for the collection of taxes. He stated that although the Drumheller Mail and FM Radio Station carried stories on the Tax Rate Bylaw, the Press Release did not go out. He asked B. Wulff to provide an overview on the two scenarios that is outlined in the Press Release to go out following the Council meeting. B. Wulff explained that the first two readings of Bylaw 09.12 were based on option one which provides for a 4.6% increase in tax dollars collected for both the residential and non-residential sectors. This includes a 3% cost of living increase plus a 1.6% new growth allowance. The second option proposed an increase based on mill rate, which would require a 5.25% increase in taxes collected for residential and a 3.46% increase in taxes collected for non-residential ratepayers. R. Romanetz asked Council if they wished to delay third reading until the public had an opportunity to comment on the Press Release. Council agreed to move forward with third reading.

MO2012.79 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved third reading to Bylaw 09.12.

Discussion on Motion:

In response to a question from Council, Director of Corporate Services J. Kuzminski stated that the 2011 mill rate for residential was 6.9128 and the 2012 mill rate for residential is 6.9857; and the 2011 mill rate for non residential was 10.7962 and the 2012 mill rate for non residential is 11.10. He explained that the residential assessment is climbing at a higher rate than the non residential resulting in a larger increase in the

non residential mill rate. R. Romanetz explained that the requisitions for the seniors and education are separate from the residential and non residential mill rates.

Vote on Motion:
Carried unanimously.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

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 Housing Administration

Councillor J. Garbutt advised that the Housing Administration's siding project for the Hunts and Greentree low cost housing units will be completed shortly. Grant dollars were available to carry out this project. He further explained that the Provincial and Drumheller Housing Administration's policy is to ensure appropriate housing for its residents – if a two bedroom unit is being rented by a single person they will be moved to a one bedroom unit when it becomes available. With regards to Sandstone Manor, Councillor J. Garbutt asked if there was a status update on the remediation of the drainage problem. R. Romanetz advised that the repairs to the foundation caused by heaving of the foundation are still ongoing. He further explained that staff is monitoring the flow into the storm sewer and they fully expected water drainage however this is not the case. As a result, further work is being done by Hunter Survey Systems to resurvey the elevations to see if the building is shifting. He explained that before any repairs are done to the cracks in the building, the Town needs to ensure that the root of the problem is found and there is no further movement. The Town will also re-drill some holes in the slab to locate the water table and see if the water is trapped. If this is the case, the Town will install sump pumps to drain the water. Administration will provide a report to Council once the problem has been confirmed.

In response to a question from Council, Councillor J. Garbutt stated that there has been no further suggestion from the Province to amalgamate both of Drumheller's Housing Boards.

13.2 Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association

Councillor J. Garbutt explained that at the DDSWMA's meeting held on April 26th, the membership voted to join the Southern Alberta Waste to Energy Alliance. Drumheller and Acme members voted against the proposal. Drumheller is not opposed to the concept however the benefits of membership and the cost of the per capita grant when a facility will be built in future years remain unanswered. There is no additional per capita cost to the ratepayers as a portion of this amount will be used for the membership fee. The SAWEA requires a guarantee on the supply of waste to be viable – the additional 17 municipal members will support further discussions with the provincial government and proponents of the technology.

13.3 Taxi Commission

Councillor J. Garbutt advised that a Taxi Commission was held on April 30th to review whether the current bylaw was still effective and to address concerns relating to a new car service business which is not regulated under the current bylaw. It was agreed that a new bylaw would be drafted by the end of June for Council's review.

13.4 Badlands Community Facility July 4th Grand Opening

Councillor S. Shoff announced that the Grand Opening of the BCF will be held on July 4th with the ceremony and ribbon cutting to commence at 1:00 PM. The Volunteer Recognition (by invitation only) will be held on the same date commencing at 6:30 PM.

13.4 2013 Centennial

Councillor S. Shoff advised that Drumheller will be celebrating their centennial next year. A calendar of events is planned for the full year and she encouraged community groups to advertise their event on the Centennial Calendar. All events need to be submitted by June 30th.

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further items, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer