



Village of Stirling

February 17, 2016

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on February 17, 2016. In attendance Councillors Bikman, Edwards, Lewington and Maynes and CAO Selk. Mayor Nilsson was excused.

CALLED TO ORDER Councillor Lewington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RECOGNITION Nothing this meeting.

2016-029 AGENDA Councillor Bikman moved to adopt the agenda adding items 7(e) Axia Update and 7(f) Community Priorities Grant Program.
Carried

DELEGATION(S) Nelson Family Ranches representative Jeff Nelson discussed the water conservation initiatives within their operations and the use of RID water at their feedlot and for outdoor watering at each house. Nelson also discussed the Village meter upgrade plans and proposed the Village replace the 1 mainline meter on their water mainline rather than install the 8 meters scheduled for each house.

Administration discussed the overall priorities to be achieved by upgrading and replacing meters at each house within the Village water system. The necessity for having a meter in each residence was also discussed along with the need for individual metering along the 8th Street mainline.

Councillor Lewington asked the Nelson Family Ranches request be put on the March 2, 2016 Council agenda.

Michael Hotton discussed his most recent utility bill with Council and indicated that he felt he should not have to pay for the bill due to an error. He indicated he was not made aware of the utility charges when he signed up for billing last year and had come in each month to pay the bill he was given.

Councillor Lewington indicated utility rates are posted as part of the Rates and Charges Schedule and are public information.

Administration discussed the reason the \$32.00 charge would not have been an unusual situation and that the billing has now been corrected. It was also indicated that due to the error Mr. Hotton was offered the option of a payment schedule with no interest to be charged.

2016-030	<u>MINUTES</u>	Councillor Edwards moved to adopt the minutes of the February 3, 2016 Council Meeting.	Carried
2016-031	<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>	Councillor Bikman moved to accept accounts payable cheque #20160074-20160101 and #20160102-20160104.	Carried
	<u>UTILITY RIGHT OF WAY FENCE CONSTRUCTION REQUEST - BONINI</u>	Administration presented background information regarding Council's requirement to grant consent prior to the fence being constructed within the utility easement right of way. Alberto and Brenda Bonini discussed the proposed fence development in the 15-foot right of way on the north part of their property. It was indicated that if the Village required access to the utility right of way they would have no problem granting access and they would remove the 10-foot section of the fence to grant access.	
2016-032		Councillor Lewington moved Council direct Administration explore the appropriate mechanism, that protects both parties, to allow for the execution of an agreement with the property owners which would allow for the construction of a fence in the Village utility right of way.	Carried
	<u>DELEGATION(S)</u>	Library Board Chair Suzanne Montague discussed the Library Board priorities regarding the creation of a Community/School Library facility as part of the School Modernization. She indicated that if the new partnership was not able to move forward the Library would be expecting to remain in its current location.	
2016-033	<u>ACP GRANT – WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EXPANSION</u>	Councillor Bikman moved to approve the submission of the Water Distribution System Expansion ACP Grant application.	Carried
2016-034	<u>ACP GRANT – MTC CHAUTAUQUA 2016-2019</u>	Councillor Bikman moved to approve the MTC Chautauqua 2016-2019 ACP Grant application.	Carried

2016 FEES AND
CHARGES -
REVISION

Administration presented information about possible changes to the water rates which would better address the different rates which are paid by residential, commercial and institutional users in both the residential and rural water systems.

Council directed Administration to prepare a recommendation for the next Council meeting.

AXIA UPDATE

Councillor Lewington discussed the upcoming announcement from Axia regarding the communities selected for fiber installation in 2016. Lewington also discussed the Broadband Committee recommendation to promote sign up through the distribution of a Question and Answer mail out to the community.

2016-035

Councillor Lewington moved Council support the additional mail out from the Broadband Committee of up to \$450.00 in expense.
Carried

COMMUNITY
PRIORITIES GRANT
PROGRAM

Council discussed the Lethbridge Community Foundation grant application program for 2016. Council gave support to the Fire Department making an application.

ROUNDTABLE

Councillor Maynes nothing to report.

Councillor Edwards nothing to report.

Councillor Bikman nothing to report.

Councillor Lewington discussed the possibility of lobbying the Provincial Government through the Director of Stakeholder Relations for Rural.

2016-036 CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Maynes moved to go into closed session at 8:29 p.m., as per section 16 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Carried

2016-037

Councillor Bikman moved to come out of closed session at 8:54 p.m.

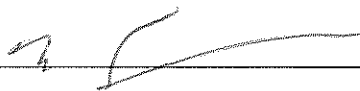
Carried

Council directed Administration to add the Hotton request to the March 2, 2016 Council agenda.

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| 2016-038 | <u>CORRESPONDENCE
AND ITEMS FOR
INFORMATION</u> | Councillor Lewington moved to accept the correspondence as information, as presented. | Carried |
| 2016-039 | <u>ADJOURN</u> | Councillor Bikman moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. | Carried |



Mayor



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