

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on January 9, 2019. In attendance: Mayor Trevor Lewington, Councillors Robert Edwards, Matthew Foss, and Kevin Nelson, Interim CAO Scott Barton and Administrative Assistant Aletta Lightfoot.

Councillor Nilsson was excused

<u>CALLED TO ORDER</u> Mayor Lewington called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2019-001 <u>AGENDA</u> Councillor Nelson moved to adopt the agenda.

Carried

<u>RECOGNITION</u> Council recognizes Kathy Kawade and the Stirling High School

Student Council for collecting and donating 806 lbs of food for the Lethbridge Food Bank, as well as the Stirling School Hope

Squad for raising \$225 which was also donated to the

Lethbridge Food bank.

Council recognizes Westwind School Division representatives Darren Mazutinec and Josh Smith who stopped by the Village Office with a Christmas basket on December 17, 2018. They thanked the Village for their collaboration throughout the year

and look forward to working together in 2019.

DELEGATION(S) None

2019-002 <u>MINUTES</u> Councillor Edwards moved to adopt the minutes as amended of

the December 12, 2018 Council Meeting.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING Motion tracker updated for review.

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MINUTES Administrator tracking list updated for review.

2019-003 <u>ACCOUNTS</u> Councillor Foss moved to accept accounts payable cheques

<u>PAYABLE</u> #20190011-20190064, excepting #20190030, #20190051 and

#20190055.

Carried

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Councillor Nelson moved to accept cheque #20190051.

Councillor Edwards abstained

Carried

2019-005

Councillor Foss moved to accept cheque #20190030.

Mayor Lewington abstained

Carried

2019-006

Councillor Edwards moved to accept cheque #20190055

Councillor Nelson abstained.

Carried

2019-007

BANK

RECONCILLIATION

Councillor Edwards moved to accept the November 2018 bank

reconciliation as presented.

Carried

BUDGET REPORT

Interim CAO Scott Barton presented current information:

- School Modernization: update on recent donations

Revenue:

- Recreation Services: revenue coming in was a bit short (pool & campground fees)
- Developmental Services budgeted \$12k, brought in \$4,400

Expenses:

- About \$40k extra throughout the year (majority is Fire Dept)
- Purchasing property \$100k reflected in budget
- Over in Recreation wages, but extra in pool expenditures (approximately \$6k)
- \$1,971,000 spent \$1,905,000
- Operational surplus of \$108k will change
- FGTF grant in, MSI grant in
- Brought in \$265k more goes back to MSI in March of 2018
- Capital spending \$13k under budget
- Looking at revising operational GL's to better reflect allocation

Overall, budget looks very good.

AHS: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Discussion about health and wellness in the Oldman River Health Advisory Council area that stretches the southwesternmost corner of the province, representing municipalities like Lethbridge, Pincher Creek, Fort Macleod and Cardston.

Council discussed.

CHAUTAUQUA 2019

- Sandra Nelson was present and discussed with Council dates and requirements for this year's events, including the Stirling Silver Saddle Club (they start scheduling in March).
- The play is about Raymond and will be presented in the Raymond theatre. The script will be ready by mid-March and then casting will begin.
- Can Stirling's new theatre be used? The consensus is that the theatre production should be shown in the town that the history is about. However, the original agreement from four years ago to promote tourism in our area has changed over the years including evolving structure, obligations, a 2-day event from the original 4-day event.
- Village Commitment: personnel public works will be required (over-time), licensing and insurance.
- Sandra to talk with Interim CAO Scott Barton and with Jim Depew to figure out specifics of what is required.
- Advertising: Home & Garden Show (Village of Stirling, Mayors and Reeves, etc.)
- This is the last year of commitment. There will be no more money from Travel Alberta after this.
- Always need volunteers.

FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE

Administration provided background information.

- Raise of \$.03 by Water Commission. Increase our water by the same amount to stay at par.
- Administration to discuss changes to schedule.
- Family Pool Day Use Pass: Definition of family is critical for guidelines.
- Discussion of amortization for pool.
- CMRSWA requisition going up by 5%; \$2,300 on Village requisition. Repair costs vs contracting out services still being discussed (incorporate into recommendation \$1.15 to be precise)

2019-008

Mayor Lewington moved that Council set residential water flat rate for 2019 to \$30, increase current consumption charge across

all categories (rural, institutional, commercial) by \$.03. and further move an increase residential wastewater flat rate from \$21 to \$22.

Carried

2019-009

Councillor Edwards moved to direct Administration to make recommendations to the 2019 fees and charges schedule and bring back to Council for consideration.

Carried

NEPTUNE UPDATE

Tabled to January 23, 2019 meeting.

MASS TEXTING –

Tabled to January 23, 2019 meeting.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

BYLAW NO 477-18 -

CONSUMPTION OF

CANNIBIS IN PUBLIC SPACES - Any violation in provision to this bylaw.

- Section 7, subsection (2) This section shall not prevent an officer from issuing a violation ticket requiring a court appearance of the defendant pursuant to the Provincial

Offences Procedures Act or from laying an information instead

of issuing a violation ticket.

- Penalty – 1st offence and 2nd offence – costly if it is challenged.

- All provincially rated.

2019-010

Mayor Lewington moved to pass the second reading of Bylaw No. 477-18 – Consumption of Cannabis in Public Spaces.

Carried

2019-011

SUBDIVISION AND LAND PREPARATION OF LOT 5, BLOCK 34, PLAN 752] Councillor Edwards moved that Council direct Administration to develop and initiate a subdivision application and redevelopment strategy for Lot 5, Block 34 Plan 752J to:

- a) Demolish or offer for salvage the existing structures on the lot.
- b) Subdivide the existing lot into 4 new lots.
- c) Prepare the new lots for utility servicing and rough grading as required.
- d) Prepare the required titles and other processes to offer the new lots for sale to the public.

And further moved that Administration utilize existing internal resources where possible and report progress monthly.

Carried

2019-012 STATUS OF
REMEDIATION
AND LAND
PREPARATION OF
LOT 28, BLOCK 13
PLAN 081 4600

Councillor Foss moved that Council direct Administration to develop a remediation plan for Lot 28, Block 13, Plan 081 4600 using internal resources where possible and alternatively by engaging external services providers so as to prepare the lot for sale to the public in a reasonable timeframe. Further that the costs for such remediation work be added to the tax roll and be a factor for negotiation in any future land sale.

Carried

2019-013 PAVING AND
REDEVELOPMENT
OF 3 STREET

Mayor Lewington moved that Council direct Administration to develop design options and recommendations for the redevelopment and paving of 3rd street between 4th and 5th avenues and further that public works engage with engineering consultants, school division and other relevant community representatives to review the design so as to:

- Improve student/pedestrian safety
- Optimize parking in light of recent additions to off-street parking upgrades at the school and church
- Calm traffic on this street
- Provide dedicated school bus parking
- Ideally reduce future maintenance and paving costs for this road

And further directs Administration to engage with Westwind School Division to provide plans for future development.

Carried

2019-014

RENEWABLE
ENERGY PROJECT
COORDINATION
COMMITTEE

Mayor Lewington moved the amended terms of references for the Stirling Renewable Energy Project Coordination Adhoc Committee.

Carried

COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT

Councillor Foss reported:

- Ridge Regional Public Safety Services meeting January 10, 2019.
- Discussed options of man-power regarding Magrath's departure keep status quo.
- Requisition has been adjusted due to a surplus this year due to only 2 officers and approved.

Councillor Edwards reported:

- CMRSWA – 5% increase to requisition as previously mentioned.

Mayor Lewington reported:

- Mayors and Reeves – Peaks to Prairies Electrical Network is installing 20 level-2 charging stations along Hwy 3 up to Calgary, as well as a station along Hwy 4 in Warner. Stations will be in ground and functioning by end of 2019. Plan to connect with BC's network, and spaced with Montana's network, based on distance.

Councillor Nelson reported:

- Water Commission: increase rate to \$.03, carbon filter next year, the service truck is donated to a community each year inline for the Village this year.

Ridge Country Housing Authority: more building in Milk River; Stirling to come up a plan of when, where, how much for possible future development of low-income housing, senior lodging, assisted living, etc. What are priorities in our region? Priorities for Stirling?

2019-015 <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Councillor Edwards moved to accept the correspondence as

information, as presented.

Carried

Aletta Lightfoot left at 8:49 p.m.

2019-016 CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Foss moved to go into closed session at 8:50 p.m., as per section 17 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Carried

2019-017

Mayor Lewington moved to come out of closed session at 9:28

p.m.

Carried

2019-018

Councillor Edwards moved that Council approves up to \$4,500 for initial travel and accommodation expenses as well as background checks and other related administrative costs related to the recruitment and selection of a new Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried

2019-019 ADJOURN

Councillor Nelson moved to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

CAO