

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor J. Hunter

Councillors A. Campbell, D. Dennis, D. Garbutt, R. Peeples, D. Richards & L. Thorogood

Town Manager R. Stoutenberg
Assistant CAO G. Switenky

Press (1)

Absent: None

Call to Order: Mayor J. Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1/2. **Agenda Additions/Approval:**

Motion 09:04:15 Moved by Councillor Richards to approve the agenda as presented with the following additions:

- 12(a) Memo re: Hwy 12-51 Street to 56 Street Water, Sanitary & Storm Replacement Tender
- 12(b) Appointment re: Water Strategic Planning Committee Appointment – Next Meeting April 22, 2009 at 2:00 PM
- 12(c) Status of Old Swimming Pool

- 13(a) In-Camera Session – Private Development Opportunity
- 13(b) In-Camera Session – Land Development Update

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 7, 2009

Motion 09:04:16 Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 7, 2009 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (b) Business Arising from the April 7, 2009 Minutes

None

- (c) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held April 14, 2009

Motion 09:04:17 Moved by Councillor Peeples that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 14, 2009 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (d) Business Arising from the April 14, 2009 Committee Minutes

None

4. **Citizen's Forum:** (a) Shaman Crowe – Power Sludge Rock Band
This item was dealt with later in the meeting.
5. **Delegations:** (a) 7:05 P.M. – Kinettes re: Winter Light Project
This item was dealt with later in the meeting.
6. **Administration:** (a) Stettler District Ambulance Association Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Town Council reviewed the Stettler District Ambulance Association Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the management of surplus/remaining funds once Alberta Health Services takes over responsibility for funding (after April 1st, 2009).

It was stated that the Ambulance Board has not reviewed the 2008 Financial Statements to date.

Motion 09:04:18

Moved by Councillor Dennis that the Town of Stettler Council accept the Stettler District Ambulance Association Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (b) Memo re: Town Wells

Town Council reviewed the memorandum from the Director of Operational Services, J. Keith regarding Town wells.

Under the new provincial approval the Town can continue to use our wells as is until December 31, 2009 only. If the Town elects to retain them (into 2010) they will have to submit an application to amend the approval to use the wells for emergency potable purposes only. The Town currently has three active wells which are capable of producing a total of 1,800 cubic meters per day.

Should the Town desire to continue to use the wells we will have to upgrade all the sites to inject sodium hypochlorite and install monitoring and alarming equipment. A hydrogeologic sensitivity assessment of the aquifer will be required and a sanitary survey once every five years. There will be additional annual operational and maintenance costs to meet AENV's 2006 Standards and Guidelines for Groundwater. Total upgrade costs at this time are somewhat uncertain but are anticipated to be in the \$50,000 range.

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg reminded Council that Associated Engineering (at the December 16th, 2008 Council Meeting) did not support the continuing use of Town wells as an emergency potable water source once the WTP upgrades/raw storage are complete; because the wells would be costly to maintain, are impractical to start-up in most emergency situations, and are unnecessary given the proposed new raw storage/settling pond at the plant.

Administration is recommending that the Town discontinue the use of the Town wells and cap them at a one time estimated cost of \$5,937.

It was suggested that the Town's wells not be abandoned and capped until WTP upgrades and the raw storage pond is further completed.

Discussion ensued regarding the protection value of the wells as an alternative/back-up water source to the Red Deer River. However it was acknowledged that the costs associated with upgrading and maintaining these wells for emergency potable purposes are significant given more stringent AENV Treatment Standards and Guidelines for domestic purposes.

Discussion continued regarding keeping the wells for non-potable emergency raw water purposes. Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg stated that he could investigate this further with Alberta Environment however Associated Engineering also felt that the economics of keeping the wells for non-potable/agricultural purposes is marginal.

(c) May Newsletter Items

- Toxic Waste Roundup and Paint Exchange – June 4
- Stettler Annual Art Walk – May 30
- HYC Annual Auction – June 6
- Relay for Life – Canadian Cancer Society – June 12
- Entertainment in the Park – June, July & August

(d) Accounts Payable in the amount of \$130,245.58

Motion 09:04:19

Moved by Councillor Richards that Accounts Payable in the amounts of (\$40,756.98 & \$89,488.60 for the period ending April 15, 2009 for a total amount of \$130,245.58 having been paid, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

7. **Council:**

Mayor and Councillors outlined highlights of meetings they attended.

(a) Mayor Hunter

- Apr 9 - Met with Rob Grandfield re: Kidsport.
- Apr 14 - Committee Meeting.
- Apr 15 - Tour of Joint Building.
- Apr 16 - Annexation Open House.
- Apr 17 - Town Office duties.
 - Meeting with County Reeve and County CAO.
- Apr 18 - Trade Fair.
- Apr 21 - Volunteer Week tea at the hospital.

- (b) Councillor Campbell
 - Apr 14 - Committee Meeting.
 - Apr 15 - Tour of Joint Building.
 - Apr 16 - Annexation Open House.
 - Apr 17 - Trade Fair.
 - Apr 18 - Rodeo Meeting.

- (c) Councillor Dennis
 - Apr 14 - Committee Meeting.
 - Apr 16 - Annexation Open House.
 - Apr 17 - Trade Fair.
 - Apr 20 - FCSS Board Meeting.

- (d) Councillor Garbutt
 - Apr 14 - Committee Meeting.
 - Apr 16 - Stettler Housing Authority Meeting.
 - Annexation Open House.
 - Apr 17 - MPC Meeting.
 - Apr 19 - Trade Fair.
 - Apr 20 - FCSS Board Meeting.

- (e) Councillor Peeples
 - Apr 9 - Tour of WTP and Water Transfer Station.
 - Apr 14 - Committee Meeting.
 - Apr 15 - Tour of Joint Building.
 - Apr 16 - Annexation Open House.
 - Apr 17 - MPC Meeting.
 - Trade Fair Booth luncheon.
 - Apr 19 - Trade Fair.
 - Apr 20 - Museum Meeting.

- (f) Councillor Richards
 - Apr 14 - Committee Meeting.
 - Apr 16 - Annexation Open House
 - Apr 17 - MPC Meeting.
 - Trade Fair.

- (g) Councillor Thorogood
 - Apr 14 - Committee Meeting.
 - Apr 16 - Annexation Open House.

- 8. **Minutes:** (a) None

- 9. **Public Hearing:** (a) None

- 10. **Bylaws:** (a) None

- 11. **Correspondence:** (a) Alberta Municipal Affairs re: 2009 Municipal Sustainability Initiative

(b) Private Member's Bill – Bill 204

Motion 09:04:20

Moved by Councillor Peeples that correspondence items 11(a) & 11(b) be accepted for information.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- 12. **Items Added:** (a) Memo re: Hwy 12/51 Street to 56 Street Water, Sanitary & Storm Replacement Tender

Town Council reviewed the memorandum from the Director of Operational Services, J. Keith.

Town Manager R. Stoutenberg advised that given unanticipated complexities associated with highway crossings the original tender estimates were low.

It was noted that five bids were received for the project.

Motion 09:04:21

Moved by Councillor Richards that the Town of Stettler Council award the Hwy 12/51 Street to 56 Street Water, Sanitary & Storm Replacement Tender to the low bidder Chinook Pipeline Inc. for the renegotiated amount of \$732,599, and further to increase the 2009 Capital Budget by \$53,400 to \$800,000.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (b) Appointment re: Water Strategic Planning Committee Appointment – Next Meeting April 22, 2009 at 2:00 PM

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg advised that Councillor Dennis should be appointed as the third Member of Council to all Joint Strategic Planning/Steering and Consultation Committees established under all Water Supply Agreements entered into by the Town (addition to original appointments per Council Motion 09-01-16).

This will be consistent with level of the electoral representation appointed from both the Highway 12/21 Regional Water Services Commission and the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission.

Motion 09:04:22

Moved by Councillor Garbutt that the Town of Stettler Council appoint Councillor D. Dennis as a third Town elected official to represent and vote for the Town of Stettler on Joint Strategic Planning/Steering and Consultation Committees established under all Water Supply Agreements entered into by the Town.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (c) Status of Old Swimming Pool

Discussion ensued regarding the deteriorating appearance of the old pool structure and the Town's intention to dispose of the property by way of sale.

5. **Delegations:**

- (a) 7:05 P.M. – Kinettes re: Winter Light Project

Nancy Hamilton, Registrar and Brenda Vegter, President and Teresa Symes, Director entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Hunter welcomed members from the Kinettes Club to the meeting.

The Kinettes Club would like to request usage of the Lions Campground for an inaugural Bright Nights Winter Project from approximately November 30, 2009 to January 15, 2010. It is the intention of the Kinettes Club of Stettler to solicit participants to sponsor/support the installation of temporary light displays throughout the serviced campground.

Discussion ensued regarding ATCO Electric's ability to monitor the power usage/consumption, the Club's plans to mitigate the potential vandalism, access to washroom facility, and the Town's cooperation to possibly provide some snow clearing for drive through/pedestrian viewing.

Mayor Hunter concluded that the Town of Stettler would support the Kinettes' initiative and will authorize the use of the Campground for a Bright Lights Display Project as envisioned by the Kinettes Club of Stettler.

It was acknowledged that the Kinettes will work with Administration to address any details associated with the usage of the Campground during the off season.

The Kinettes also invited Town Council to sponsor a winter light display for the event. Mayor Hunter responded that the Town will have to consider this request (in the context of the Town's general policy) at a later date and wished the Kinettes well on this exciting community project planned for the 2009 festive season.

Delegation members departed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

4. **Citizen's Forum:** (a) Shaman Crowe – Power Sludge Rock Band

S. Crowe entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

S. Crowe stated that his band performed at West Stettler Park during the summer of 2008 however has been turned down as a performer for the 2009 summer series. The reasons they were given by Parks and Leisure Services staff included inappropriate and offensive song/lyrical content for a family/park setting, and excessively loud volume levels (in 2008) which garnered complaints and concerns from the public in attendance as well as from adjacent property owners.

S. Crowe stated that he takes full responsibility for the inappropriate nature of the songs performed by the band in 2008, and if given a second chance he would ensure that the bands volume levels would be toned down and more importantly that there would be no inappropriate lyrical content and/or offensive language in 2009.

He stated further that his local band (Power Sludge) performs "Hard Rock" music and feels there is support in the community for their style of music.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the hard rock music performed by the band is appropriate for the venue/event which the Town sponsors on Wednesday evenings during the summer months. It was stated that it is Council's intention to offer family orientated musical performances in the park.

It was noted that 2008 was the first year for scheduled musical performances in the park and that performer attraction/selection criteria are still evolving.

It was further stated that the Town does not have an obligation to cater to all genres of music rather can attempt to engage performers that we consider suitable for all ages; given an open and free public park venue.

Mayor Hunter concluded that the Town Manager will discuss this matter further with Director of Parks & Leisure Services, L. Penner who together will jointly make the final determination of the 2009 performance schedule without Council involvement.

13. **In-Camera Session:** (a) Private Development Opportunity
(b) Land Development Update

Motion 09:04:23

Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Town of Stettler Council proceed into an In-Camera Session with the Town Manager & Assistant CAO present to discuss the items as presented on the In-Camera Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 7:22 p.m.

Motion 09:04:24

Moved by Councillor Peebles that the Town of Stettler Council return to the regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 7:50 p.m.

14. **Adjournment:**

Motion 09:04:25

Moved by Councillor Campbell that this regular meeting of the Town of Stettler Council be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

Assistant CAO