

October 26, 2010

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VETERAN, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010 IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE.

- ORDER:** Mayor Gorcak, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Gorcak, Councillors Lafontaine & Allison and Debbie Johnstone, C.A.O.
- AGENDA:** **Councillor Lafontaine moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED.**
- MINUTES:** **Councillor Allison moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on October 4, 2010 be approved as presented/amended. CARRIED.**
- OLD BUSINESS:**
- 1) **Performance Appraisals** – the CAO’s form was amended as requested. Council agreed to complete the appraisals in the new year.
 - 2) **Fire Hall Expansion** - more information was received from Special Areas. This will be tabled until the December meeting.
 - 3) **Hall Sound System** – the system would qualify under MSI Operating as long as it reached the 10% threshold.
- RESOLUTION:** **Mayor Gorcak moved to apply under the MSI Operating Grant for the hall sound system and cabinet in the amount of \$6,000. CARRIED.**
- 4) **Roto Rooter** – would not qualify under MSI or the Federal Gas Tax fund. This item will be put in the capital budget for 2011.
 - 5) **Curling Club** – advised of some funds that the Village will have for a project.
 - 6) **Sidewalks** – a list of possible sidewalk projects were presented for council’s consideration for 2011. Darryl will get more quotes.
- MINUTES:** **Councillor Lafontaine moved to approve the sidewalk capital project for 2011 in the amount of \$77,000 to be funded by MSI Capital and/or the Street Improvement Grant or the Federal Gas Tax Grant. CARRIED.**
- 7) **Thornton Electric Quote**
- RESOLUTION:** **Mayor Gorcak moved to accept the quote received from Thornton Electric to re-wire the water treatment plant for \$1,600 plus GST. CARRIED.**
- BYLAWS:** none
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- 1) **2011 Water Consumption Estimates** – 2010 water consumption numbers were presented to date. An average of 1825 cum3 was used to September 30, 2010.
- RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to increase our 2011 SMWRSC water allocation to 2100 cubic meters/month for a total of 25,200 cubic meters for the year. CARRIED.**
- 2) **Martin Resch Sewer Invoice**
- RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to pay for Martin Resch’s invoice from Rural Roots in the amount of \$287.75. CARRIED.**
- 3) **Service Request Fees** – a fee increase was discussed. The new fees rates will be set up under new policy #12-10.
- RESOLUTION:** **Mayor Gorcak moved to increase the water and sewer service request fees effective October 26, 2010 as follows:**
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| Basic Fee | \$50 |
| Roto Rooter | \$30/hour |
| Water Jet | \$40/hour |
| Camera | \$40/hour |
| Operator | \$30/hour |
| Grass Cutting | \$30/hour |
| Hedge Trimming | \$30/hour |
| Tractor/Operator | \$50/hour |
| All Other Equipment | \$30/hour, CARRIED. |
- 4) **Christmas Party**
- RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to have the Village Christmas Party on Thursday, December 9th, at 6:00pm and to ask Double Aa Catering to cater the supper. CARRIED.**
- The November and December council meetings were brought up.
- RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Lafontaine moved to change the November 23rd meeting to November 30th and the only council meeting in December will be held on Monday, December 20th, 2010. CARRIED.**
- 5) **Chapman & Company** – an audit proposal letter was received for 2010.
- RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to re- appoint Chapman & Company as the auditors for 2010. CARRIED.**

6) Volunteer Stickers – were accepted as information.

DELEGATION

6:45pm – the Village Foreman joined the meeting. The sidewalk quote was discussed again. Darryl will get a few more quotes.
There is a SMRWSC operators meeting in Stettler on November 16th.
There was a discussion on purchasing a post hole auger for cemetery use and for planting trees etc.

RESOLUTION:

Councillor Allison moved to approve a maximum bid of \$3,000 at the Richie Brothers Auctioneers Canada Ltd. auction to purchase a post hole auger including an 8, 12 & 16 inch bit. CARRIED.

The Village Foreman exited.

7) Office Chairs – 2 new guest chairs and a chair for the CAO with adjustable arms were discussed.

RESOLUTION:

Councillor Lafontaine moved to purchase all three chairs for \$480 plus GST and freight. CARRIED.

8) Hall Tables – new hall tables were brought up earlier in the year. Home Hardware gave a quote of \$85/each for 26 new folding tables. It was suggested we order 1 table to see if they are what we want and then budget for the remaining tables in 2011.

RESOLUTION:

Mayor Gorcak moved to purchase one folding hall table from Home Hardware. CARRIED.

9) Fire Truck – a draft letter was received from Deryk Thulien with the Veteran Volunteer Fire Department regarding the condition of our 1966 Fire Truck. Greg Sheppard and Glen Durand with the Special Areas will be invited to attend a meeting on one of the following dates – November 18, 19, 22nd. The letter will be tabled until after the meeting with Special Areas. Debbie will also look into fire truck grants.

10) Interim Budget - was presented. The councilors will take it home to review for the next meeting along with the policy manual.

COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Mayor Gorcak – the location of the office air conditioner was brought up.

RESOLUTION:

Councillor Lafontaine moved to leave the office air conditioner as is. CARRIED.

Mayor Gorcak had mentioned to Jay Slem, Chairman of the SAB, about our plans for the arena ice plant. Mr. Slem suggested we get quotes as soon as possible.

Councillor Allison - no report

Councillor Lafontaine – no report

C.A.O. REPORT

A report was presented to council.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION:

Mayor Gorcak moved to accept the cheque listing in the amount of \$63,367.83 as presented. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION:

Councillor Lafontaine moved to accept the financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2010 as presented. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items of correspondence were reviewed:

Meetings, Minutes & Workshops:

PrairieLand Board Highlights – October 6
Trail of the Buffalo – next meeting October 27 in Provost
Palliser – AGM - November 4th at 4:00pm in Hanna

Information Items:

East Central Ambulance – for tender 1998 Ford E350, 7.3 Diesel automatic Ambulance – 155,000 km
Palliser – Fall Fieldnotes – and they are willing to orient new council members
Foreman’s Timesheet for September
SMRWSC – September Report
Contigo Business Services Inc – offering finance, strategic planning, grant application, special project assistance
AUMA – 2010 Convention Policy & Resolutions Handbook

All correspondence was accepted as information.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, November 9th @ 5:30pm – Regular Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gorcak declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.