

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
June 14, 2016**

Present: Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Sel Golding, Councillor
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief
Dan Coulter, Village Foreman

Recording Secretary: Laurie Beck, Administrator

Call to Order: Call to order at 5:59 pm

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: **Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the May 10, 2016 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2016 Regular Council meeting. Carried

To accept the minutes of the May 26, 2016 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2016 Special Council meeting. Carried

- Business Arising:***
- a. Stormwater Project**
Awaiting Phoenix Fence to come to complete the fencing. A payment to Shane Rodeback, Contractor in the amount of \$13,799.23, which represents the final payment and release of holdback monies was sent. Council instructed the Foreman that the trees that are in the Village's right-of-way/ property and must be removed.
 - b. Tank Remediation Program**
It is the proposal of EBA Tetra Tech that would see installation of twelve temporary injection points on the north side of the town shop building and injecting a 9% hydrogen peroxide into the subsurface. This would be done by using a direct push rig. In conjunction with the Chemical Injection Program (CIP), they will install a two horsepower regenerative blower and connect it to the

existing soil vapour wells on site. The unit will be equipped with moisture knockout and activated carbon to reduce vapours. This will be placed in the shop with a vapour vent stack exiting from the building through the wall and terminating above the roof height. This is referred to as a Soil Vapour Extraction (SVE) and should take approximately two days to install. EBA Tetra Tech will continue to monitor on a regular basis. Administrator Beck is to sign approval page and submit to EBA Tetra Tech.

Village Foreman Report:

Working on the preparation of the land for the fence that is to be erected behind Blayney Avenue. Some trees/hedges have encroached on village lands and have to be removed. Village Foreman has had to fill in the badger holes at the Ball diamonds. The scissor lift has broken down and needs to be repaired. Foreman Coulter is working on the tin for the old firehall/shop. Ordered a new bulk water coin dispenser but electrician will need to install it. The liner needs to be re-done on the chimney for the water tank at the new Fire Hall.

Administrator Report:

Lethbridge County has contacted Administrator Beck to set up a meeting to discuss an Inter-Municipal Development Plan. One of the new MGA (Municipal Government Act) amendments proposes that all municipalities whose borders touch should have a document. It was suggested that this meeting take place in August or September. No one had applied for the STEP position that Barons was approved for. Administrator Beck had a meeting with the newest MPC (Municipal Planning Committee) member to go over the Land Use Bylaw. A copy of the bylaw was provided to the member. A letter was sent to the residents regarding Council's decision allowing chickens. The Village is now able to pay bills on-line. There has been a lot of general public interest expressed in lots that the Village has for sale. A resident is asking for permission to construct a driveway, with access from Progress Avenue. RCMP Cpl. Tom Howell has returned to active duty and thought to stop in. Council is to be assured that he is having his members patrol within the village on a regular basis.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the construction of a driveway with the conditions that the driveway cannot exceed 20 feet wide as per the land use bylaw; adhere to the proper setbacks from each corner of at least 12.5 feet; and cannot have vehicular parking extend over the existing sidewalk.

Carried

- Correspondence:**
- Rachel Harder, MP – 2016 Canada Summer Jobs Program
 - Kim Hauta, Town of Coalhurst – Bylaw Enforcement Program coveroff
 - RCMP Picture Butte – April Stats
 - AUMA – Mayors Caucus Meetings
 - Provincial Operations Centre – Ft. McMurray Fires
 - AUMA – Input on Carbon Levy Impact
 - Community Futures – Notice of AGM
 - Thank You card from Barons & District AG Society
 - AB Municipal Affairs – MSI Funding for 2016
 - AB Municipal Affairs – Federal Gas Tax Fund
 - ORRSC – Annual Report and Financial Statements 2015
 - CUPW – Review of Canada Post

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for May, 2016.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the months of May, 2016. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statements for May, 2016. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**
Finished level two training. Training during summer will slow down to resume in the fall. Call volume has been slow. A couple of the trucks had to be fixed. It would be ideal if the hall had an airline as it will help. A meeting with Laird Burton from ERMC who was contracted by Lethbridge County to undertake Risk Management assessment was held June 7th. Administrator Beck has a copy of a proposed PowerPoint presentation and other documentation that would form the basis of the first get-together/information session. Fire Chief Fraser and Administrator Beck have been invited to a FDM Workspace Demo Night by the City of Lethbridge on June 21st.
- c) **Green Acres**
Retreat to Waterton was held on the weekend. Good retreat – had two lawyers attended that were very informative.

- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Spoke about excess monies. CLFR has to push harder to provide additional loans. Discussion regarding networking with the other CFLR agencies.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
No report at this time. Administrator Beck met with the new director, Zakk Morrison.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
Southwest and Southeast combined Mayors and Reeves. Spoke of MSI funding, linear tax. Form letter will be sent to the village regarding carbon tax to be sent to the government. Axia was at this meeting. There has to be a 30% interest in the municipality for it to bring it into the community. A fellow spoke about outdated mutual aid agreements, training, etc. Spoke about removing small licensing. The Highway 3 Twinning Development Association is looking for member municipalities to assist in promoting the twinning of Highway 3 from the B.C. border to Highway 1. Cost would be .75 per capita, \$50.00 set up fee and \$250.00 annual fee.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**
A couple of subdivision appeals took place. A very interesting meeting.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**
No report at this time.
- i) **AG Society**
Meeting last week. Plans were finalized for July 9th for the Family Fun Day.

New Business:

- a. **Picture Butte Jamboree Days Parade**
Picture Butte has invited Barons to put in a float or have a Council member participate in this year's parade, August 20, 2016.
- b. **Summer Council Meeting Dates**
As in previous years, Council was asked to consider the necessity of having regular Council meetings in the summer.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to not have any Council meetings in July or August unless some emergent issues arise, resulting in holding a special meeting. Carried

- c. **Revised Substance Abuse Policy**
Council has been presented with the revised Substance Abuse Policy for their consideration.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to adopt the revised Substance Abuse Policy for the Village of Barons.
Carried

Executive Session: Administrator Performance Appraisal

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to go incamera at 7:25 pm.
Carried

Motion made by Councillor Golding to come out of camera at 7:38 pm.
Carried

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck