

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 23, 2009
Council Chambers

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| 1. Call to Order | 1.0 Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
Present: Mayor Posti, Councillors Gord Ebden, Geoff Humphrey, Scott Kinley, Mitch Krecsy, Grant van Boeschoten, John Walker.
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger.
Absent: Asst. Admin. Susan Norberg.
Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo. |
| 2. Delegations | 2.1 7:00 p.m.: John Ferguson, Phoenix Construction Inc. |
| 3. Agenda | 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:
5.5 – Chamber of Commerce – Re-designate recreation grant funds.
11.1 – In-camera: Parkland Community Planning Services |
| Res.455/09 | Moved by Councillor Kinley that the agenda be adopted as presented with the additions. Carried. |
| 4. Minutes | 4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting November 9, 2009 |
| Res.456/09 | Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 9, 2009 be adopted as circulated. Carried. |
| 5. Action Items | |
| PRL Survey | 5.1 Parkland Regional Library sent out to Council a client satisfaction survey. It was completed and will be returned. |
| Wolf Creek – School Zone Changes – Speed Limits/Hours in Effect | 5.2 Provincial legislation sets school zone speed limits. The times that these are in effect vary throughout the province. Wolf Creek Public Schools is asking Councils to support the Alberta School Boards Assn. policy that school speed zone hours be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days and that AUMA and AAMDC urge their members to implement the same hours on all roads within their jurisdiction. General discussion was in favour of the new proposed times.

Alta Transportation is hosting consultations on school and playground zone signage and time changes. Mayor Posti will plan to attend the one in Red Deer. |
| Res. 457/09 | Moved by Councillor Ebden that the letter from Wolf Creek Public Schools concerning school zone speed limits and hours be received for information. Carried. |
| Eckville Ag. Society – Fund Withdrawal Request
Res. 458/09 | 5.3 As per the agreement with the Town, Eckville Agricultural Society has submitted a request for a motion of approval to disburse funds from their account.

Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the request from Eckville Agricultural Society to release funds in the amount of \$5,110.84 to cover repairs to the R.O. water system and purchase of a new TV/entertainment system in the lounge be approved. Carried. |
| Debt Limit Reg. Review | 5.4 The Debt Limit Regulation is being reviewed to ensure the regulation’s continued relevance. Municipal Affairs is proposing two amendments to the revenue calculation under Section 3. Council reviewed and did not have any comments for feedback. |
| Res. 459/09 | Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the debt limit regulation review be received for information. Carried. |
| Chamber: Rec. Grant Change Request | 5.5 The Chamber made application earlier in the year under the Town’s recreation grant program for funding for fireworks at the Tree Lighting event. Fireworks will not happen this year due to the interference of CN rail cars and the pile of railway ties in the area. The Chamber is requesting Council to allow them to re-designate the funds for live music entertainment. |
| Res. 460/09 | Moved by Councillor Kinley that the recreation grant funding of \$600.00 previously approved for purchase of fireworks be re-designated for live music entertainment at the Tree Lighting event. Carried.

Councillor Walker will represent Council at the event, and should he not be back in time from another appointment, Councillor van Boeschoten will act on the Town’s |

behalf.

- 6. Bylaws, Policies, Projects** 6.1 None
- 7. Reports**
- Foreman's Report 7.1 Street Maintenance: Eckford Street swept for the CTV Media Shoot. Street sweeping done for the year.
Water/Sewer: lift stations, pumps, water facility all working well.
Vehicles: garbage truck has leaks all over, trouble with holding totes.
Machinery/Equipment: sanding unit spinner rebuilt, repairs being done to charge pump on loader.
Other: all Christmas decorations and lights on the big tree are up.
- Administrator's Report 7.2 Community Video Profile: iMedia TV completed video taping. Will be developing the footage and script.
Joint Fire QMP (Lacombe Regional Fire Services): is completed and has been sent to the province for approval.
ARB Regional Board: establishment of the Board is progressing quickly. Draft bylaws, agreement and costing template developed. Recruitment strategies for board members. Presentation will be made to Council in the near future.
- Financial Reports 7.3 The November 23, 2009 Accounts Payable and October Financial Report were reviewed.
- Res.461/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden that the Foreman's, Administrator's, and Financial reports be received for information. Carried.
- Foreman Rick McKinnon entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
- One additional item Mr. McKinnon discussed with Council was the vandalism and damage to the snow fence around Town. Damaged snow fence will be removed and will not be put back up. Council did not have any other matters they wished to discuss with Mr. McKinnon.
- Rick McKinnon withdrew from the meeting at 6:45 p.m.
- 8. Committee, Board Reports** 8.1
- Councillor Ebden Emergency Management Agency meeting at Lacombe County EOC. Will be updating member binders, etc.
- Mayor Posti CAEP annual general meeting.
- Councillor Walker Lacombe Foundation: Blackfalds housing project going very well.
- Res.462/09 Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the Committee and Board reports be received for information as presented. Carried.
- 9. Correspondence, Information Items**
- FortisAlberta – Eckville Annual Report 9.1 The town of Eckville, and the surrounding rural area, is served by one feeder from substation 534S Eckville, located south of the town: 534S-3684T feeds the Town and surrounding area to the east. Projected load growth for 2009 at Eckville substation is 0.7%. The installed capacity at 534S Eckville substation is sufficient and there are no system capacity upgrades projected within the next five years. Outages on Feeders Supplying the Town of Eckville causes in the past year are as follows:
- Unknown or other – 5 (previously 4); Pre-arranged – 3 (previously 5); Trees – 0 (previously 3); Lightning – 2 (previously 7); Equipment or material – 0 (previously 4); Adverse Weather – 0 (previously 1); Adverse Environment – 0 (previously 0); Public Interference – 0 (previously 0); Birds or animals – 7 (previously 3); Loss of supply – 0 (previously 0).
- AB Transportation Annual Report 9.2 Alberta Transportation advise that their 2008-09 annual report and highlights are available on their website – www.transportation.alberta.ca.
- RCMP Deployment – 2010 Olympics 9.3 The District Commander for Southern Alberta advises that more than 500 “K” Division (Alberta) RCMP employees from various categories will be deployed to the Olympics. A strategic plan has been put together to ensure that communities receive uninterrupted service during the deployment period.
- CTV Olympic Shoot Thank You 9.4 CTV thanks the Town for the amazing shoot, the organizing, the attendance. Through their Olympic shoot experience across Canada, they have never seen such an outpouring of love and support for a hometown athlete; in our instance, Mellisa

Hollingsworth.

Res. 463/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

Stantec Consulting Ltd. – Christmas Client Reception – Dec. 4/09. No firm commitment from Council members to attend.

2. Delegation

2.1 John Ferguson, Phoenix Construction Inc., entered the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Proposed Commercial Development - 5008 Eckford Street

Phoenix Construction is proposing to build on 5008 Eckford Street. The plan is for a two story building with the main floor being for retail type tenants and the upper floor for offices for accountants, oilfield, etc., and/or professionals such as dentists, medical. An issue that has arisen is, in order to have a large enough building to be economically feasible, the parking requirements of the Land Use Bylaw cannot be met. Mr. Ferguson is asking for Council to work with them to come up with some arrangement to address the parking issue. Some options include cash in lieu, a parking lease agreement, or sale of property to them. Discussion.

Mayor Posti thanked Mr. Ferguson for his presentation and advised that Council would discuss this further and get back to him.

Mr. Ferguson withdrew from the meeting at 7:09 p.m.
Councillor Kinley withdrew from the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Council started discussions on existing parking areas and arrangements with local businesses. More detail is required as to the type of businesses that may be located in the building. At this stage, Phoenix Construction does not know themselves.

Councillor Kinley re-entered the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Council is willing to be flexible on the parking and to work with Phoenix Construction to come to a solution that will meet their parking requirements while at the same time not affecting other local business and public parking. This discussion to be communicated back to Mr. Ferguson.

12. Committee of the Whole

Strategic Planning Session Agenda

Council agreed to go through the items for the Committee of the Whole prior to going In Camera.

12.1 Wayne Page Facilitation Services has prepared a draft agenda and would like input from Council. Council is satisfied that the agenda sets out what they want to accomplish during the session and did not have anything further to add.

Tangible Capital Assets Policy 1511

12.2 Council reviewed the draft tangible capital assets policy. No changes made. Collins Barrow, the Town's auditing firm, has received a copy for their input and have not responded yet. Councillor Krecsy mentioned that there are changes coming under the International Accounting Standards and if it will affect municipal accounting standards for tangible capital assets, now would be the time to include them in the policy. Administration will follow up on this.

Daily Cash Receipting, Balancing Policy 1550

12.3 Council reviewed the draft and inquired as to whether or not the draft was referred to Collins Barrow for their review and comment. The draft was not sent to them. The draft sets out in writing the current practice being followed.

Res. 464/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that Policy 1550, Daily Cash Receipting and Balancing be approved as written.

Res. 465/09

Moved by Councillor Kinley that Res. 464/09 be deferred until Collins Barrow has reviewed Policy 1550 Daily Cash Receipting and Balancing and provided their feedback. Two in favour, five opposed. Defeated.

Mayor Posti then called for the vote on Res. 464/09. Six in favour, one opposed. Res. 464/09 was carried.

Carson Papke, Eckville Echo, withdrew from the meeting.

11. In Camera
Res. 466/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members and Administrator Kleeberger to discuss matters relating to Parkland Community Planning Services. Time: 7:41 p.m. Carried.

Out of Camera
Res. 467/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 7:56 p.m. Carried.

13. Adjournment

13.1 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:57 p.m.

Res. 468/09

Carried.

Mayor

Administrator