

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD APRIL 4, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE TURNER VALLEY MUNICIPAL CENTRE AT 223 MAIN STREET N.E.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Rita Vanderveen was in attendance to stress her concerns with the unsafe conditions at the Foothills Cemetery. She said that the snow makes it treacherous for pall bearers to get to the grave sites. There are no trees, pathways or brushes to beautify the cemetery and that it is not an easy site for people to visit. Ms. Vanderveen feels that the money allocated to the cemetery is appalling.

Mr. Mark Chapman was in attendance and said that he had been speaking to Ted Morton about the meeting in Calgary with Gary Mar. Mr. Chapman was asking Council if he could attend the meeting. Mayor Straub advised that only the Council representatives would be attending the meeting with Mr. Mar. Mr. Chapman told Council that they should be testing the flare site at the plant. Council advised they would be holding an open forum after the meeting with Mr. Mar.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Straub called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:12 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Marjorie Straub
Deputy Mayor Bob Cress
Councillor Barry Williamson
Councillor Teresa Dujay
Councillor Harvey Schaffer
Councillor John Blakeman

Councillor Dona Fluter
Administration Manager Barb Savage
Utilities Manager Patti Kjinserdahl
Public Works Manager Randy Studd

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2005-04-01

Moved by Councillor Williamson that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

1. HBDC update

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C05D04-01

DELEGATIONS – BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB – 7:14 P.M.

Mr. Jim Kincaid, President of the Boys and Girls Club attended the Council meeting to introduce Karen McCullough who is the new Executive Director. Ms. McCullough advised that she will be looking at implementing new and different programming for the Boys and Girls Club. There will also be some re-organizing done both internally and externally. The ages of the children that use the Boys and Girls Club is between 3 and 18 years old. Mr. Kincaid stated that over the last couple of years, there have been 2 scholarship awards given to Turner Valley students who have attended the Boys and Girls Club. He advised there are 110 clubs across Canada with 25 located in Alberta. Ms. McCullough said there are 200+ children enrolled in Turner Valley, Black Diamond and Longview, with 25 to 30 kids attending every day. Mr. Kincaid invited all of Council to attend the annual general meeting that will be held at the end of May at the Boys and Girls Club, and said that it would be nice to have a Council representative at the meeting. He also stated there is going to be a jail and bail fundraiser held on the 29th.

Mr. Kincaid and Ms. McCullough left the Council meeting at 7:25 p.m.

C05D04-02

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

The Administration Manager was asked if the letter had been sent to the Minister of Environment regarding the slope stability issue. She advised that it had been.

The Public Works Manager was asked about the progress on the sewage dump station. He said it would be expensive to tie it into the sewer system as the sewer line would have to be installed through pavement.

C05D04-03
ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 21, 2005 were circulated to Council.

2005-04-02

Moved by Councillor Dujay that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 21, 2005 be accepted and adopted as received.

Carried

C05D04-04
NEW BUSINESS

Fees at the Foothills Cemetery

A letter had been received from a resident questioning the high cost of digging and backfilling graves. The Administration Manager advised Council she had requested the Public Works Manager for an estimate on how much they would charge for digging the graves. Council asked the Public Works Manager about having the public works department dig the graves and he stated that they would not dig the graves as they do not have the time to do it or the manpower. He said it is very difficult to dig on a slope.

2005-04-03

Moved by Councillor Fluter that the Administration Manager be instructed to forward a copy of the letter received from the resident to the Foothills Cemetery Board for discussion and reply.

Carried

Composting Program

The Public Works Manager was requesting a motion from Council to proceed with the composting program for 2005. He said that the location has to be signed as the new people in Town do not know where it is situated.

2005-04-04

Moved by Councillor Dujay that the composting program proceed for 2005 and that the funds are to be accounted for in the 2005 garbage department budget.

Carried

Resignation

A letter of resignation was received from Mr. Syd Mitchell from the Municipal Planning Commission.

2005-04-05

Moved by Councillor Schaffer that the resignation as received from Mr. Syd Mitchell from the Municipal Planning Commission be accepted and that a letter of thank you be sent to Mr. Mitchell.

Carried

D.A.R.E.Works

An invitation was received for D.A.R.E.Works to attend the annual spring fundraiser on April 22nd. Councillor Blakeman stated he would attend the fundraiser.

Councillor Fluter advised Council that she was requesting to be taken off D.A.R.E.Works as a Council representative as she is finding she is over extended herself with committees. Council decided everyone could take a turn and rotate for this committee.

Resignation of Fire Chief, Captain and FireFighter

Letters of resignation were received from the Turner Valley Fire Chief Bonnie Smith, Captain Rob Kerr and Brad Fowler, firefighter for the Turner Valley Volunteer Fire Department .

2005-04-06

Moved by Councillor Schaffer that the resignations of Fire Chief Bonnie Smith, Capitan Rob Kerr and Fire Fighter Brad Fowler of the Turner Valley Volunteer Fire Department be accepted as presented.

Carried

Appointment of Information Officer

The Director of Disaster Services presented a Request for Decision to Council for the appointment of Edward Fudge as the Disaster Services Information Officer.

2005-04-07

Moved by Councillor Fluter that Mr. Edward Fudge be appointed as the Disaster Services Information Officer for the Town of Turner Valley.

Carried

Waive Re-Zoning Fees

The Administration Manager presented a report to Council requesting that they waive the re-zoning fee for Mr. Pete Sutherland who is asking for an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw. She stated that this would show the Town of Turner Valley is working with businesses and is trying to promote Turner Valley as a place for new businesses to start. Clause 8.3.8 of the MDP states to encourage and assist commercial and industrial development the Town will consider the creation of an incentive program. The recommendation was being made to look individually at each request.

2005-04-08

Moved by Councillor Fluter that Council waive the \$350.00 re-zoning fee for Mr. Pete Sutherland as a means of encouraging businesses to start up in Turner Valley and that any future requests for a waiver of fees would be dealt with on an individual basis.

Carried

Diamond Valley Chamber of Commerce

An invitation was received from the Diamond Valley Chamber of Commerce to attend the annual general meeting luncheon scheduled fro April 12, 2005. Th Administration Manager advised she would ask the Economic Development Project Coordinator to attend.

Highwood Business Development Corporation

Councillor Williamson advised Council that at the last HBDC meeting a discussion had been held on succession planning and having HBDC organize and host a workshop for business owners that are looking at selling their business and how they should go about doing it.

C05D04-05

POLICIES AND BYLAWS

Bylaw Number 907-06

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF TURNER VALLEY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO
AMEND THE LAND USE BYLAW.**

Mr. Sutherland owner of 109 Sunset Boulevard SE has requested an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to allow for a site specific use of a log furniture woodworking business for Lot 6, Block 1, Plan 954GV. The Administration Manager advised that the use of a woodworking business is normally situated in an industrial area and under the Town of Turner Valley is included in the light industrial district.

2005-04-09

Moved by Councillor Fluter that Bylaw Number 907-05 be given 1st reading, that the Administration Manager be authorized to proceed with the advertising of the bylaw and that the Public Hearing be slated for April 18th at 6:45 p.m.

Carried

C05D04-06

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Administration Manager submitted a written report to Council.

The Foothills Cemetery Board submitted a letter outlining their capital items proposal and was requesting that Council approve the budget. Council held a discussion on the cemetery capital budget, the snowblower and how to improve the looks of the cemetery.

2005-04-10

Moved by Councillor Dujay that Council approve the Foothills Cemetery Capital budget for 2005 and the funds are to be accounted for in the 2005 budget.

Carried

2005-04-11

Moved by Councillor that the Administration Manager's report be accepted as received.

Carried

C05D04-07

IN CAMERA – 8:00 P.M.

2005-04-12

Moved by Councillor Dujay that Council go In Camera to discuss the Turner Valley Fire Department with Mr. Ernie Polsen, Assistant Fire Commissioner for Alberta.

Carried

C05D04-08

REGULAR MEETING

2005-04-13

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cress that the Regular Meeting of Council resume at 9:02 p.m.

Carried

2005-04-14

Moved by Councillor Dujay that Councillor Blakeman, as Chairperson for the Liaison Committee, be instructed to advise the Black Diamond Council representations at the next Liaison Committee meeting, that the Turner Valley Council would like to discuss the idea of joining the Turner Valley and Black Diamond Fire Department.

Carried

2005-04-15

Moved by Councillor Blakeman that the Turner Valley Volunteer Fire Department be asked to attend a meeting with Council on April 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

The Administration Manager was instructed to contact Mr. Ken Mullen of the Fire Commissioners' Office to discuss doing exit interviews with the staff that have recently resigned from the fire department.

C05D04-09
CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and provided to Council in a folder for viewing;

- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – Information Bulletin January 5, 2005 – Re: Policing Section Updated – AUMA Provincial Budget Submission
- Notes from Ed Marchak, Senior Director, Strategy & Policy Development - Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – Re: Police Funding
- Letter from Honourable Rob Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Government of Alberta Re: The Federal Gas Tax Transfer and the Province’s \$3 Billion Dollar Commitment toward Municipal Infrastructure.
- Calgary Health Region Letter of March 21, 2005 Re: Region Maintains Commitment to EMS Transition
- Thank you from the Atom “A” Team of the High Country Hockey Association
- The Oilslick – Oilfields High School Newsletter March 23, 2005 Volume 10, Issue 14
- Westend Regional Sewage Services Commission – 2004 Financial Statements are available in the office for viewing
- The 2005 Canada Post Literacy Awards

2005-04-04-16 **Moved** by Councillor Schaffer that the correspondence be accepted as received and filed for information.

Carried

C05D04-10
PROCLAMATIONS

Council was presented with a Proclamation that the Mayor had proclaimed for Seniors Weeks during the week of June 6th to the 12th, 2005.

C05D04-11
ADJOURNMENT

2005-04-04-17 **Moved** by Deputy Mayor Cress that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Administrative Manager

