

TOWN OF RIMBEY

TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY MARCH 14TH, 2006 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**

Call to Order the
Regular Council
Meeting

Mayor called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the following in attendance:

Mayor Dale Barr
Councillor Rhonda Rae Stewart Tarney
Councillor Dave Huff
Councillor Wayne Clark
Councillor David Karroll
Town Manager – Russ Wardrope
Municipal Treasurer – Bernice Birtsch
Recreation Director – Rick Kreklewich
Recording Secretary – Melissa Beebe
Rimbey Review – Josh Skapin

Public Attendance:

Public Hearing &
Regular Council
Meeting Minutes

Motion 52/06

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney that the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting Minutes from February 14th, 2006 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 53/06

Moved by Councillor Karroll to accept the agenda as presented with the following additions:

New Business

- 9.3 Bylaw No. 792/06 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw
- 9.4 Kinsmen & Lions Rental Fees
- 9.5 AUMA Rebalancing the Property Tax Equation

Information

- 11.1 Emergency Management Grants (Additional Information)

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Other Minutes –
Rimbey Municipal
Library

Motion 54/06

Moved by Councillor Stewart-Tarney to accept the Rimbey Municipal Library minutes of December 8th, 2005 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Other Minutes –
Rimbey Municipal
Library

Motion 55/06

Moved by Councillor Stewart-Tarney to accept the Rimbey Municipal Library minutes of November 1st, 2005 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Other Minutes –
Rimbey Historical
Society

Motion 56/06

Moved by Councillor Karroll to accept the Annual Historical Society minutes for March 22, 2005 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Other Minutes –
Rimbey Historical
Society

Motion 57/06

Moved by Councillor Karroll to accept the Historical Society minutes for February 21st, 2006 as information as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Report - Municipal
Treasurer's Report

Bernice Birtsch, Municipal Treasurer, presented an overview of the financial statement for the month ending February 2006. There are no budget figures at this time only. Basic operating expenses are shown and no capital expenses have been processed.

Motion 58/06

Moved by Councillor Clark to accept the Municipal Treasurer's Consolidated Financial Statement for the month ending February 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Audited Financial
Statement

Motion 59/06

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to approve the Audited Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Reports – Recreation

Rick Kreklewich, Recreation Director, presented a report for the month of March on the following:

Arena Shutdown

- Ice removal is scheduled for April 3rd and will be trucking the ice out to the landfill, as the paint would stain the asphalt.

Pool Staff

- Advertisement for a variety of pool staff has been posted. A note that while other communities have been experiencing a shortfall in lifeguards, Rimbey has not seen this problem except for afternoons.

Hanging Baskets

- Hanging baskets have been ordered and should be ready to be put up around the first week of June.

Fitness Equipment

- Maintenance on treadmills required replacement of deck, belts and electronic display board.

Community Centre Survey

- An informal survey is currently being circulated throughout Alberta regarding Community Centres to help determine how our facility compares to others.

Motion 60/06

Moved by Councillor Clark to accept Recreation Services report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Bylaw No 791/06
Amending Municipal
Utility Rates.

Town Manager, Russ Wardrope, presented a brief overview of Bylaw No. 791/06 in regards to amending Municipal Utility Rates. This bylaw was duly advertised with no negative concerns brought forward to administration. The increase on basic sewer rates is to cover capital expansion and the recycling fee is to cover recycling costs. Administration is requesting second and third reading of Bylaw 791/06.

Motion 61/06

Moved by Councillor Karroll that Bylaw No. 791/06 amending Municipal Utility Rates be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Motion 62/06

Moved by Councillor Huff that Bylaw 791/06 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Town Flag

Administration, Recreation Director and Executive Assistant presented a variety of new design concepts to Council for review. Council discussed selecting a few of the designs and to seek out public recommendations.

Motion 63/06

Moved by Councillor Clark to refer back to committee to seek public input and comments on a few of the designs that are recommended by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Funding for Recycling Initiatives

Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) is looking to partner with rural municipalities to help fund community electronics round-up activities by providing funding support for advertising and collection activities.

Motion 64/06

Moved by Councillor Stewart-Tarney to have administration look into the funding that is available through ARMA for an EWaste roundup.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Recess

Mayor Barr called a short recess at 7:00 p.m.

Bernice Birtsch, Municipal Treasurer withdrew from meeting.

Reconvene

Mayor Dale Barr called meeting back to order at 7:15 p.m.

Municipal Sponsorship Grant

Municipal Sponsorship Grant applications will be coming up soon and Council will need to address if there are any immediate needs for the community. Applications for funding can be by municipality or joint with the County and Town of Ponoka. A meeting with the County, Town of Ponoka, and Town of Rimbey will need to be set up to see what projects are on the table.

Motion 65/06

Moved by Councillor Stewart-Tarney to set up meeting with other municipalities to discuss the Municipal Sponsorship program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Bylaw 792/06
Amendment of the
Land Use Bylaw
762/04

Bylaw 792/06 amends the Land Use Bylaw 762/04 regarding a reduction of the side yard setback for property flanking a street from 15 to 10 feet. This will relieve the restrictions on the size of house on a corner lot.

Motion 66/06

Moved by Councillor Karroll that Bylaw 792/06 Amendment of the Land Use Bylaw 762/04 reducing the side yard setback on a property flanking a street from 15 to 10 feet, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Kinsmen & Lions
Rental Fees –
Community Centre

The Kinsmen and Lions group of Rimbey have been making an annual donation for the use of the rooms that were built and furnished by the groups. Discussion on the amount of the donation must take into consideration the fundraising contributions and furnishings that were provided by the Lions and the Kinsmen in the creation of these rooms named after them.

Motion 67/06

Moved by Councillor Huff to empower the Recreation Committee to write a no-charge long-term agreement for the Kinsmen and Lions Club for use of the rooms for their non-profit functions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

AUMA Rebalancing
the Property Tax
Equation

AUMA wrote a letter requesting municipalities add their voice for the advocated reduction in the education requisition portion of property tax by 20%. This would leave room for municipalities to address the growth and service delivery challenges that are being faced.

Motion 68/06

Moved by Councillor Karroll to submit a letter to the local MLA in regards to AUMA's request to urge rebalancing of the property tax equation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Council Reports

The following reports were provided by Council:

Councillor David Karroll

- Historical Society Annual General Meeting – President is Don McFadden and Vice President is John Lane
- Citizen is concerned about the increasing fracs in the area and the risks to our aquifer.

Note:

Consultant has been monitoring the drilling activity within the 2km radius of Rimbey. A draft policy setting the parameters of the aquifer and an inter-municipal agreement with Ponoka County in regards to drilling is required.

Councillor Wayne Clark

- Attended a seminar on infectious diseases on the pandemic influenza that was held on March 2nd and 9th.
- March 11th Irish Gala was a huge success for the Blindman Youth Action raising \$5,500 after expenses.

Councillor Dave Huff

- Chamber of Commerce had elections with Mary Rose Barr staying as president but the rest of the members have changed.

Councillor Rhonda Stewart-Tarney

- March 13th Library Board Meeting – Nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Dale Barr

- Drop In Centre grand opening was a huge success
- Met with Minister Doug Horner and received preliminary support on the ethanol project.
- Diligently working on an application for Sustainable Development.

Town Manager

- Nothing to report at this time

Motion 69/06

Moved by Councillor Clark to accept Council and Town Manager reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- Information Items Motion 70/06
- Moved by Councillor Clark that the following items be accepted as information:
- Alberta Municipal Affairs -Emergency Mngt. Training Funding
 - AUMA Encouraged by Focus of Sustainability
 - Emergency Services 911 Activity for Rimbey
 - Persona Community Investment Program
 - Alberta Health & Wellness Smoking Legislation letter
 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15th
 - DTHR Health Symposiums
 - Barb Tarbox Awards of Excellence & Youth Scholarship
 - Increase Capacity thru Supply Chain Partnering Seminar
- CARRIED UNANIMOUS
- Recess Mayor Barr called a short recess at 8:00 p.m.
- Josh Skapin & Rick Kreklewich withdrew from meeting.
- Reconvene Mayor Dale Barr called meeting back to order at 8:20 p.m.
- Into Camera Mayor Barr asked that the meeting go into camera to discuss development and personnel issues.
- Motion 71/06
- Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney that the meeting move into camera at 8:21 pm with all council present.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUS
- Out of Camera Motion 72/06
- Moved by Councillor Clark that the meeting move out of camera at 10:20 p.m.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUS
- Rivercrest Ventures Motion 73/06
- Moved by Councillor Karroll that the Letter of Credit be returned to Rivercrest Ventures.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUS
- Bartko Subdivision Motion 74/06
- Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to approve the West Central Planning recommendations for the subdivision conditions and the lane access permit reference will be located in the land file.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUS
- Adjournment Motion 75/06
- Moved by Councillor Clark that the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 p.m.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MAYOR

TOWN MANAGER