

**TOWN OF RIMBEY**

**TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2007 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**

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Call to Order the  
Public Hearing  
Meeting

Deputy Mayor Dave Huff called the Public Hearing to order for Bylaw No. 812/07 amendment to the Municipal Utility Rates at 6:05 pm with the following in attendance:

Councillor Rhonda Rae Stewart Tarney  
Councillor Dave Huff  
Councillor Wayne Clark  
Councillor Dave Karroll  
Town Manager – Russ Wardrope  
Recording Secretary – Melissa Beebe

Public Attendance:

Don McFadyen  
Ross Arens  
Frank Helm  
Nina Becker  
Roy Hamilton

Mayor Dale Barr joined the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Administration presented an overview of Bylaw No.: 812/07 to amend the municipal utility rates on water and sewer to operate at a full cost recovery that includes capital and operating costs. The new rates will be based on consumption and not on a flat fee which sets rates as fair and equitable for all users

Mr. McFayden wanted to know how you find the end consumption amount.

Mr. Arens asked questions concerning how Council came up with the formula; will the bill ever be estimated; and will it be set daily.

Mayor Barr commented that the water charges are relative to the volume, what ever volume of water you use is what you will be charged for of the amount of water used approximately 80% goes down the sewer and therefore the sewer charges is 80% of the water charge. The meters that have been installed are a remote read and all readings are done once a month by driving by with a handheld that collects the data. There will be no estimated billings.

Ms. Becker asked will the readings ever be wrong if the meters are not a calibrated meter, and how many wells are we operating on.

Administration commented that the meters are positive displacement meters that require no calibrations and are certified by industry Canada. Currently we are operating with three wells and none are out of service. Mayor Barr commented that the water program that is in place for watering lawns is to control the use of water. Rimbey sits on an aquifer that has an ample water supply that is monitored.

Mr. McFayden asked why is there a service charge.

Mayor Barr reiterated that the service charge is to recover the cost for the meter, remote reader, and billing system. The meters were installed at no cost and the larger meters were an additional cost. Council deliberated and this was the best way to equalize and make it fair for the user. The rate is based on consumption and the high end user will see the biggest increase.

Mr. Arens asked are these rates going to change in 6 months.

Mayor Barr explained the goal of Council is to run a break even operation on the utilities and due diligence was done to assess all costs before the final decision was made on the rates. Councillor Clark commented that

provincial and federal grant funds were becoming dependent on communities having water meters installed to qualify.

Mayor Barr thanked all for attending and asked if there are any more concerns.

Note:

All attendees concerns were addressed with no objections noted. Notices were published in the local newspaper and administration has not received any written concerns.

Motion 209/07

Moved by Councillor Clark to adjourn Public Hearing Meeting for Bylaw No.: 812/07 to amend the municipal utility rates on water and sewer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Call to Order the Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Dale Barr called the regular council meeting to order at 6:35 pm with the following in attendance:

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

Public Attendance:  
Mark Vantienhoven

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion 210/07

Moved by Councillor Clark that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 be accepted as presented with no errors or omissions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 211/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to accept the agenda as presented

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Delegation – Mark Vantienhoven - Bullerama

Mark Vantienhoven requested approval to book the arena for another Bullerama for next year. Administration had a meeting with Ag Society and determined that there were no concerns or objections against Mr. Vantienhoven having another Bullerama. Council has no objections to Mr. Vantienhoven holding another Bullerama event next year with the following additional recommendations:

- Pyrotechnics must be kept 10 feet from the ceiling.
- The date for removal of all dirt from community centre premises will be specified.
- Arena floor covering is required.
- A three feet buffer zone will be maintained between the penning and the boards.

Mr. Vantienhoven will work with the Director of Recreation Services on holding next year bullerama when the ice is out. Mayor Barr thanked Mr. Vantienhoven and all Council look forward to seeing another strong event showcased in Rimbey.

Mr. Vantienhoven withdrew from meeting 6:40 pm.

Bylaw No. 812/07 amending Municipal Utility Rates Administration requested second and third reading of Bylaw No.: 812/07 to amend the municipal utility rates on water and sewer to operate at a full cost recovery that includes capital and operating costs. The new rates are on consumption and not on a flat fee. Administration has received no written or vocal submissions. The Bylaw was advertised and a public hearing was held.

Motion 212/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll that Bylaw No.: 812/07 amending Municipal Utility Rates be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Motion 213/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney that Bylaw No.: 812/07 amending Municipal Utility Rates be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Rimbey/Bluffton Minor Ball Association Rimbey/Bluffton Minor Ball Association wrote a letter asking Council for support in building a baseball diamond in Rimbey. The current diamonds that belong to the Slo-Pitch Association do not meet the regulations required in terms of field size or a pitching mound. Administration will address the best solution and talk to key players and see what can be done in the short term.

Motion 214/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to have administration pursue parties involved with baseball and assist in finding a potential location.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Information Items

Motion 215/07

Moved by Councillor Clark that the following items be accepted as information:

- 2005 Municipal Sponsorship Extension

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Into Camera

Mayor Barr asked that the meeting go into camera to discuss development issues.

Motion 216/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll that the meeting move into camera at 6:48 pm with all council present.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Out of Camera

Motion 217/07

Moved by Councillor Clark that the meeting move out of camera at 6:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Adjournment

Motion 218/07

Moved by Councillor Huff that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

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MAYOR

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TOWN MANAGER