

TOWN OF RIMBEY

TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY APRIL 10TH, 2007 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

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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

Public Attendance:  
None

Regular Council  
Meeting Minutes

Motion 109/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 110/07

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

Delegation  
6.1 Mark VanTenhoven

New Business  
9.4 Bylaw No. 808/07 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Delegations – Mark  
VanTenhoven

Mark VanTenhoven presented to Council an overview of the Bullerama event and thanked Council for the opportunity. The event sold was sold out at 900 tickets. Mark advised that donations will be made to the following: \$1,000 to Blindman Youth Action Society; \$2,000 to Victim Services; and \$1,000 to Central Alberta Raceways. Mark commented that he would like to hold another one next year.

Mayor Barr congratulated Mark on a job well done and Council agreed that the event was run very well. At this point in time Council could not commit to one person holding this type of event as other applications have been received.

It was noted that there are many community groups that would be interested in working on hosting this type of event.

Mark thanked Council and exited the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Municipal Treasurer's  
Report

Municipal Treasurer, Bernice Birtsch, presented a brief overview of the Financial Statement for the month ending March 2007. Finalization of the 2007 operating budget is the school requisition.

Motion 111/07

Moved by Councillor Huff to accept the Financial Report for the month ending March as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Recreation Services  
Report

Recreation Director, Rick Kreklewich, submitted a written report on the following:

- Arena Plant was shutdown on March 22 after discovering an ammonia leak in the condenser. Removal of the ice began the next day. The condenser is six years old. Cimco will be advising on the cost of fixing or replacing the condenser unit.
- RV Park will be opening soon once we are able to turn on the water without risk of the water lines freezing.
- A Community Centre Custodian was scheduled to start, but now has advised will not be taking the position. Community Centre Attendant was let go due to an incident on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The current Staff have done a really good job getting through all the events that have been held at the community centre.
- The Bullerama event took place on April 7<sup>th</sup> and the Director of Recreation will assess the condition of the arena on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Motion 112/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll to accept recreation report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Development Report

Council reviewed the first quarter 2007 Building Permits Summary. This quarter has shown a strong growth in new residential permits with nine new starts. In total, development is over 2.2 million in just the first quarter.

Motion 113/07

Moved by Councillor Clark to accept Development Report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

CAMRIF Grant  
Application

Council discussed the most appropriate use of the CAMRIF program now that approval was received under the Water/Wastewater Grant funding of approximately 2.2 million which is 62% of the costs to do the Northeast Sewer Lagoon expansion. Administration has withdrawn the initial CAMRIF application and will work with ISL Engineering on a new submission for the construction of a water reservoir.

Motion 114/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to support the CAMRIF grant application for construction of additional treated water reservoir capacity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Ewaste Disposal  
Programs

Administration is in discussion with Alberta Recycling Association on funding and programs available to hold a combined E-waste and household hazardous waste roundup. Administration will consult the Lion's on housing the e-waste in the same building as the paper recycling until a processor can come and pick it up. There may be some additional costs that will have to be paid to the processor, since Alberta Recycling Association only gives them \$50 a ton. Council endorses the program and is requested Administration send out proposals to all four ewaste processors.

Motion 115/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to solicit proposals from the four processor companies and submit the application to Alberta Recycling Association to hold an e-waste roundup in conjunction with the household hazardous waste round up.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

2006 Financial  
Statements

Municipal Treasurer, Bernice Birtsch, requires a resolution from Council approving the 2006 Audited Financial Statements.

Motion 116/07

Moved by Councillor Clark to accept the 2006 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Bernice Birtsch withdrew from meeting at 7:30 pm

Fresh Water Flooding  
of Oil Fields

Councillor Dave Karroll summarized a draft resolution that was prepared for submission to the AUMA Conference. In addition, Councillor Karroll forwarded a letter to MLA Ray Prins searching for information on where the government stands in regards to Fresh Water Flooding of Oilfields. At this time Councillor Karroll has not received a response. Council suggested Administration forward a letter to MLA Ray Prins and carbon copy to Environment Minister informing of our actions to bring a resolution forward to the AUMA in regards to Fresh Water Flooding of Oilfields.

Motion 117/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to accept the Fresh Water Flooding of Oilfields research materials and draft resolution as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Motion 118/07

Moved by Councillor Clark to support the resolution presented from Councillor Karroll and to have Councillor Karroll and Administration work together to forward to AUMA before the deadline of May 31<sup>st</sup>.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Motion 119/07

Moved by Councillor Huff to forward a letter to MLA Ray Prins and carbon copy the Environment Minister informing of our actions to bring a resolution forward to the AUMA in regards to Fresh Water Flooding of Oilfields.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Sewer Lagoon

Alberta Infrastructure under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership approved grant funding for the Northeast Lagoon upgrades in the amount of 2.2 million representing 62% of the estimated eligible costs. Administration was requested to proceed the tender process for the project.

Motion 120/07

Moved by Councillor Huff to move forward with the tender process for the Northeast Lagoon Upgrades project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Bylaw No. 808/07  
Amendment to the  
Land Use Bylaw.

Administration has received an application to rezone property at Lot 3, Block 13, Plan 8343 ET by the new land owner from R2 Low Density Residential to R4 High Density Residential to allow for the building of a new four-plex. Administration recommends that Council give first reading of Bylaw No. 808/07.

Motion 121/07

Moved by Councillor Huff that Bylaw No 808/07 – Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw for rezoning be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Reports - Council

The following reports were provided by Council:

Councillor Clark

- Attended Vern Browne's 25 years of service celebration
- Attended Bullerama
- Attended Fire Meeting

## Councillor Karroll

- Attended Vern Browne's 25 years of service celebration
- Attended Fire Meeting
- Worked on AUMA Resolution for Fresh Water Oil Field drilling.

## Councillor Huff

- Attended DTHR Health Symposium
- Attended Rimoka Meeting

## Councillor Tarney

- Attended Library Meeting
- Attended FCSS meeting
- Attended Parkland Regional Library Meeting

## Mayor Dale Barr

- Presented a PowerPoint Presentation at a Bio-Fuel Meeting in Ponoka and found there is a significant interest in the project.
- Will be presenting on Bio Fuel at the AUMA Municipal Energy Conference in Edmonton on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion 122/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll to accept Mayor and Council reports

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

## Reports – Town Manager

Town Manager, Russ Wardrope, presented a verbal report on the following:

- Street Sweeper demonstration by Murphy Equipment was to happen today, but due to weather is rescheduled for Thursday. They have offered the Town \$20,000 unseen for the old sweeper. Administration will notify council of the demonstration time for a Public Works Meeting.
- Attended the Small Communities conference in Forestburg. They did an exceptional job and provided many different types of workshops. There is a consensus of unhappiness with the Alberta Rural Development Fund and its process. Projects that were submitted with a capital component were turned down; only one project has been approved. Other issues discussed were the difficulties small communities have in hiring skilled staff.
- A Council rep is required for the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Skipping Championship being held at the Rimbey Elementary School on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am.

Motion 123/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll to accept the Town Manager's Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

## Information Items

Motion 124/07

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

- FCM Members Advisory March 30th, 2007
- AAMDC Contact Newsletter – March 30th Bio Fuel Initiatives
- Parades
- Heritage Awards
- Canalta Builds Supportive Living Units in Stettler

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

## Recess

Mayor Barr called a short recess at 8:00 pm.

## Reconvene

Mayor Barr called the meeting back to order at 8:10 pm.

## Into Camera

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

Motion 125/07

Moved by Councillor Huff that the meeting move into camera at 8:02 pm with all council present.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Out of Camera

Motion 126/07

Moved by Councillor Clark that the meeting move out of camera at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Rimoka Housing

Motion 127/07

Moved by Councillor Huff to support the Rimoka Housing plan for assisted living in principle subject to agreement by the other partners.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Bio Fuel Project

Motion 128/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney that the Town will transfer land as set out in the agreement upon confirmation of plant production.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Motion 129/07

Moved by Councillor Clark that the Town will enter into an agreement with Aspen Bio-Energy on the development of a Bio-Fuel project as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Rimbey Hospital  
Storm Sewer Project

Motion 130/07

Moved by Councillor Huff to empower Administration to conduct final negotiations with Lear Construction with the understanding that if an agreement can not be reached Administration may retender project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Adjournment

Motion 131/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

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MAYOR

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TOWN MANAGER