

**TOWN OF RIMBEY**

**TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2007 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**

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Call to Order the Public Hearing Meeting

Mayor Dale Barr called the Public Hearing to order for Bylaw No.: 814/07 proposal to rezone Lot 41, Block 22, Plan 062 5710 from UX to R1 and Bylaw No.: 815/07 proposal to rezone part of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 792 1693 and part of the SE ¼ Sec. of 33-42-2-W5 all within the NE ¼ Sec. 28-42-2-W5 and the SE ¼ Sec. 33-42-2-W5 at 6:15 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  
Recording Secretary – Melissa Beebe

Public Attendance:  
Bernard Bast  
Louis Goofers

Bylaw 814/07-rezoning

Mr. Bast presented to Council a petition with 18 signatures in regards to the water pressure and dirt in water, weeds and contractor's garbage from Lot 41, Block 22, Plan 062 5710, taxes, road repair, and sidewalk repairs on 57 Avenue. Mr. Bast commented that dirt deposits have been showing up in the residential water since they started doing the subdivision. It takes forever to flush the system after a heavy piece of equipment goes by his property. The Alley that was built for the subdivision is much higher than his property and during the spring and thaw he has run off that goes into his garage. Another concern is the new subdivision is not taking care of the weeds and the garbage is being left at the site and blowing into residential property. Mr. Bast commented that the residents are not against the subdivision; just want to have things dealt with.

Mayor Barr commented that Council was unaware that there was problem with the water and the water line that feeds the area is from 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is in the front of the street. No other reports have been of any concern with the water have been filed. Mr. Bast was asked when this problem first occurred.

Mr. Bast commented that when a packer goes by mud gets in the water line and others have complained of a smell in their water. The deposits began after the water meters were installed in February.

Mayor Barr explained Administration and Public Works will take a look at the intersection and see what could be causing the deposits in the water line. This will be put as a priority and administration will look into the concerns that were brought up. Mr. Bast thanked council and withdrew from meeting at 6:30 pm.

Note:

Letters were written to adjacent land owners. The subdivision has been duly advertised and Administration has not received any written or verbal opposition to the rezoning of Lot 41, Block 22, Plan 062 5710.

Bylaw No.: 815/07 - rezoning

Motion 243/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to extend public hearing for Bylaw No.: 815/07 proposal to rezone part of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 792 1693 and part of the SE ¼ Sec. of 33-42-2-W5 all within the NE ¼ Sec. 28-42-2-W5 and the SE ¼ Sec. 33-42-2-W5 to the next Council meeting date.

Adjournment	<u>Motion 244/07</u>	CARRIED UNANIMOUS
	Moved by Councillor Clark to adjourn Public Hearing Meeting for Bylaw No.: 814/07 and Bylaw No.: 815/07 proposal for rezoning at 6:35 pm.	
		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 Wayne Clark Councillor Rhonda Rae Stewart Tarney Councillor David Karroll Councillor Dave Huff Town Manager – Russ Wardrope Municipal Treasurer – Bernice Birtsch Recording Secretary – Melissa Beebe	
	<u>Public</u> Louis Goofers	
Public Hearing Minutes	<u>Motion 245/07</u>	
	Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney that the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of July 14th, 2007 be accepted as presented.	
		CARRIED UNANIMOUS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes	<u>Motion 246/07</u>	
	Moved by Councillor Karroll that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 be accepted as presented.	
		CARRIED UNANIMOUS
Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion 247/07</u>	
	Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to accept the agenda as presented with additions as follows:	
	Delegation 8.1 Louis Goofers	
	Reports 12.2 Town Manager's Report	
		CARRIED UNANIMOUS
Other Minutes – Rimbey Historical Society	<u>Motion 248/07</u>	
	Moved by Councillor Karroll to accept Rimbey Historical Society Minutes for June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 as information.	
		CARRIED UNANIMOUS
Delegation – Louis Hooper	Mr. Goofers advised Council that on August 2 <sup>nd</sup> it was discovered and diagnosed by a plumber that the flapper valve was leaking. This was discovered due to receiving a utility bill of \$136.00. The sewer rate is based on 80% of the water used, but the water that was leaking out of the toilet was clean water that was going in the sewer and because it was clean water Mr. Goofers does not think he should have to pay for it. Public works came out and told him that his water consumption was high and it was suggested that a plumber evaluate his system. Mr. Goofers is requesting Council forgive the \$51 dollars of sewer charge because it was clean water.	

Mayor Barr commented that notices were sent out in June to people with high consumption rates that there may be problem and should be assessing their homes for possible leaks. These notices were sent out prior to the change in billing. There were many residents who were experiencing the same problems. Water that is seeping through a faulty valve in the toilet still went into the sewer and as such is treated the same way. It is impossible to measure what is clean water that goes down the sewer and once in the system all is considered the same. Council and Administration are monitoring the records all the time and letters are being sent out to high end users and there has been a very good response. Notifications will continue to be sent out to inform those people with high consumption that is above the normal range of consumption.

Mayor Barr commented that Council will be deliberating this and this is the first invoices that are based on consumption rates and there have been many repairs similar to yours that have been done and the consumption rate has already gone down.

Mr. Goofers thanked Council and exited the meeting at 6:50 pm

Recess

Mayor Barr called a short recess at 6:52 pm.

Reconvene

Mayor Barr reconvened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Municipal Treasurer's Report

Municipal Treasurer, Bernice Birtsch, presented a brief overview of the Financial Statement for the month ending July 2007. Financial statement is looking good. Ambulance is a bit off for July but they will be billed out in August. Economic development is showing a deficit but that is because we have not set up the accounts receivable.

Motion 249/07

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Recreation Services Report

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

- Arena Concession, Foyer, Washrooms, and island corners in parking lot have been painted.
- Replaced the auditorium sound system with a new mixer.
- Air handling unit above the offices has been repaired but seems a problem in the control panel box still need attention.
- Pool Manager resigned as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Replacement has been found for the remainder of the season. Last day of swimming is August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Arena scheduling meeting will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Kinsmen Room for all groups that are wishing to rent ice for the 07/08 season.
- Fall/Winter mass registration will be held on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Community Centre.
- Condenser unit has been ordered and submission has been made for a CFEP grant. County has been approached for support.

Motion 250/07

Moved by Councillor Clark to accept recreation report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw No. 814/07 proposal to rezone

Bylaw No.: 814/07 amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 762/04 for rezoning of Lot 41, Block 22, Plan 062 5710 from UX (Urban Expansion) to R1 (Low Density Residential District). Concerns with drainage in the area have been dealt with. A tentative agreement has been reached with the land owner adjacent to the subdivision. Surface drainage plans and access to Watts property will be addressed with the developer. Administration recommends doing second and third reading at this time.

Motion 251/07

Moved by Councillor Clark that Bylaw No. 814/07 proposal to rezone Lot 41, Block 22, Plan 062 5710 from UX to R1 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Motion 252/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll that Bylaw No. 814/07 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Waste Transfer Site  
Management Policy

Motion 253/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to post pone review of Waste Transfer Site Management Policy to next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Tax Rebate under the  
CIC Policy #6701

Municipal Treasurer is requesting a resolution to approve the tax rebate for Daniel Dudenhoeffer in the amount of \$3,276.24 under the CIP Policy #6701. Council noted that the sidewalk that was replaced has some elevation concerns.

Motion 254/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to approve the tax rebate in the amount of \$3,276.24 for Daniel Dudenhoeffer with Administration addressing the elevation concerns across the front of the property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Weed Control

Alberta Agriculture has discontinued the Urban Weed Control Grant that Rimbey gave to Ponoka County for weed control services. Council has the option to appoint by resolution Shayne Steffen as the Weed Control Officer or appoint a Public Works Member, as the County no longer does spraying for Rimbey. Council may also choose to go it alone and hire a Weed Inspector and licensed applicators as required.

Motion 255/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll to apply to the County to enter into an agreement to access and use there Weed Control Officer and Applicators.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Municipal  
Sustainability Initiative  
(MSI)

The Municipal Sustainability Initiative has created a lot of discontent about the allocation of the 400 million. The principle concerns were the allocation formula and conditions placed on the funding and how municipalities will have to set up to be able to receive the funding. Half of the money will be restricted to inter municipal adventures. As a community we need to have a plan in place by the end of the year to be able to access the funds.

Motion 256/07

Moved by Councillor Clark to fill in the MSI discussion paper and submit to Administration prior to deadline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Bylaw No.: 815/07  
proposal to rezone

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Motion 257/07

Moved by Clark to post pone Bylaw No.: 815/07 to the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Satellite High Speed  
Internet

Mr. Phil Swanson, owner of Rimbey TV, provides satellite internet to the surrounding area and is currently broadcasting off a tower that is located behind his store. Currently the location does not allow for sufficient coverage for much of the surrounding area. Mr. Swanson is asking Council to consider allowing him access to the water tower to place two antennas and two blackhaul units that are the size of a star choice satellite dish on the tower. Mr. Swanson would like to know what the town would like for use of the tower or possibly trade internet access for various locations around the town. Council would like Administration to look into Mr. Swanson's proposal and bring back a recommendation to Council.

Motion 258/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney for Administration to pursue Mr. Swanson's proposal and bring back recommendations to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Water Meters

Council has received a number of complaints about their utility bills. Mayor Barr commented that the numbers are correct and the high end users that have not fixed their problems may be feeling the financial impact. However, since the lagoon project is not going ahead until next year, there is an opportunity to do a five month reduction to ease the impact on the tax payer. Administration and Public Works have been logging the calls and assisting those home owners in finding the problems. Council recommends putting in a temporary short term phase in rate of \$1.10 per cubic meter and a sewer rate of 70% of water charge for the months of August, September, October, November, and December. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 the established rates of \$1.37 per cubic meter and sewer at 80% of water charge will come into effect. Administration and Public Works will continue to monitor the high end users and help them work in reducing the consumption.

Motion 259/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll to have a phase in rate for the period from August to December, 2007 at \$1.10 per cubic meter and sewer at 70% of the water charge.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Bernice Birtsch withdrew from meeting at 8:00 pm

Reports - Council

The following reports were provided by Council:

Councillor Clark

- Attended Municipal Sustainability Initiative Session in Red Deer

Councillor Karroll

- Nothing to report

Councillor Huff

- Attended MLA Gene Zwozdesky Fundraiser

Councillor Tarney

- Nothing to report

Mayor Dale Barr

- Nothing to report

Motion 260/07

Moved by Councillor Huff to accept Mayor and Council reports

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Reports – Town  
Manager

The Town Manager provided a written report on the following:

- A second Council Meeting is required for the month and proposing Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Electronic mapping of the Town's infrastructure has begun.
- Sidewalk repair by ReNew Surface Systems is nearly complete.
- Asphalt repair has begun by Allied Paving and are currently working on completion of the 2007 repair program.
- Election materials can be found at [www.albertaleaders.ca](http://www.albertaleaders.ca) on the internet.

Motion 261/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney to accept Town Manager's report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Information Items

Motion 262/07

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

- AMSC Green Power or Renewable Energy Certificate
- AAMDC Contact Newsletter – July 20th , 2007
- AAMDC Contact Newsletter – July 27th, 2007
- Alberta Infrastructure Letter regarding AMIP Funding
- CAEP Press Release Annual Report – July 24, 2007
- DTHR Health Symposium – Rimbey
- AUMA Notices – Tangible Capital Assets Accounting
- AUMA Notices – 2009 Aggregation Program
- AAMDC Contact Newsletters – August 3, 2007
- Green Municipal Fund – Brownsfield and Water Projects
- Alberta Municipal Affairs –Municipality Property Assessment Info
- Alberta Sports, Recreation and Parks Grant

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Recess

Mayor Barr called a short recess at 8:20 pm.

Reconvene

Mayor Barr called meeting back to order at 8:32 pm.

Into Camera

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

Motion 263/07

Moved by Councillor Clark that the meeting move into camera at 8:35 pm with all council present.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Out of Camera

Motion 264/07

Moved by Councillor Stewart Tarney that the meeting move out of camera at 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

TR 07/04 Subdivision-  
SE 28-42-2-5, Lot 4

Motion 265/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll that subdivision approval is conditional on resolving road construction, storm sewer conditions, and surface drainage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

TR 07/05 Subdivision-  
NW 28-42-2-5, Lot 41,  
Block 22, Plan 0625  
710

Motion 266/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll that approval of the subdivision be conditional on a Development Agreement that addresses access to Watt's property and storm drainage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Into Camera

Deputy Mayor Dave Huff asked that the meeting go into camera to discuss development issues.

Motion 267/07

Moved by Councillor Clark that the meeting move into camera at 8:35 pm with exception of Councillor Stewart Tarney and Mayor Dale Barr due to pecuniary interests.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Out of Camera

Motion 268/07

Moved by Councillor Karroll that the meeting move out of camera at 9:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

TR 07/03 Subdivision-  
NE 29-42-2-5

Motion 269/07

Moved by Councillor Huff to provide conditional approval subject to amendment to Article 3 stating that a requirement of traffic study on both intersections for the subdivision agreement may be required by Alberta Transportation.

CARRIED

Councillor Stewart Tarney and Mayor Dale Barr abstained due to pecuniary interests.

Adjournment

Motion 270/07

Moved by Councillor Clark that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

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MAYOR

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TOWN MANAGER