

TOWN OF RIMBEY

TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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1. Call to Order Mayor Ibbotson called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm, with the following in attendance:
- Mayor Sheldon Ibbotson  
Councillor Jack Webb  
Councillor Paul Payson  
Councillor Gayle Rondeel  
Councillor Joe Anglin  
Assistant CAO – Ryan Maier  
Director of Finance – Jackie McMullen  
Assistant Director of Finance – Georgia Beebe  
Recording Secretary - Melissa Beebe
- Absent:  
CAO – Tony Goode
- Public:  
Rimbey Review – Trena Mielke  
6 members of the Public attended  
Recreation Director – Rick Kreklewich  
Ambulance Director – Roni Coulthard  
Public Works Foreman – Vern Browne  
Fire Chief – John Weisgerber
2. Public Hearing None
3. Adoption of Agenda Motion 41/11
- Moved by Councillor Webb to adopt the agenda with the following amendments:
- New and Unfinished Business:  
7.6 Meeting Schedule  
7.7 Tax Incentive  
7.8 Ambulance
- Correspondence:  
9.4 Beatty House Restoration Letter
- CARRIED  
(5-0)
4. Minutes 4.1 February 9, 2011, Council Meeting Minutes
- Motion 42/11
- Moved by Councillor Payson to accept the February 9, 2011, Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- CARRIED  
(5-0)
5. Delegation None Noted
6. Bylaws 6.1 Pool Debenture Bylaw 863/11
- Director of Finance presented to council that the Rimbey Aquatic Centre project will cost \$3.066 million. A \$1 million debenture was completed September 15, 2010; Ponoka County committed \$500,000 and RiNC grant funds of \$750,000, leaving a shortfall of \$816,000. Director of Finance is requesting Council consider first reading of Pool Debenture Bylaw 863/11 in the amount of \$1 million dollars to complete the pool project. Council reviewed the deadlines and requested an itemized material list of pool costs prior to second and third reading.

Motion 43/11

Moved by Councillor Webb that Pool Debenture Bylaw 863/11 in the amount of \$1 million for the Rimbey Aquatic Centre project be given first reading.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7. New and  
Unfinished  
Business

7.1 Council Remuneration Policy No. 155 Amendment

Council discussed the remuneration policy in depth with many opposing change variations on the following:

- Health spending account amount be changed from \$200 to \$300
- Cell phone costs to be available to all Council

Motion 44/11 (Mayor Ibbotson requested a recorded vote.)

Moved by Councillor Anglin to change the health spending account amount from \$200 to \$300.

DEFEATED  
(2-3)

(Councillor Payson, Councillor Rondeel, Mayor Ibbotson – Opposed;  
Councillor Anglin, Councillor Webb – In Favour)

Motion 45/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin that Councillors be added with the Mayor for cell phone costs in the amount of \$50.00.

CARRIED  
(3-2)

Motion 46/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin to approve Council Remuneration Policy No. 155 as amended.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

Motion 47/11

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to move up the department reports at 7:06 pm.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

8. Reports

8.1 Department Reports:8.1.1 Ambulance:

Ambulance Director provided a written and verbal report on the following:

- Staffing levels.
- Meeting with Health Sciences on February 25 to discuss the collective bargaining agreement.
- Ambulance Hall contractor has been diligent to review minor building deficiencies.
- Dispatch continues to work with ambulance to accommodate patient and staff needs.
- Updates, changes, correspondence are all posted on the AHS/EMS website and all practitioners in Alberta have access.

Council requested more information on the following:

- Status of the change request from BLS to ALS.
  - Procedures for booking ambulance if there are two events on the same day.
- Ambulance Director advised that would have to check with CAO on the status of the change request order from BLS to ALS. Groups requiring the ambulance to be at there event would book directly with the ambulance hall. There is only one ambulance available for events and two events on one day may create an issue. Ambulance Director will check and report back by email to Administration.

Mayor Ibbotson thanked Roni Coulthard and she withdrew from the meeting at 7:16 pm.

8.1.2 Recreation:

Recreation Director provided a written and verbal report on the following:

- Best Western pool usage report from June to Dec 2010.
- Pool building is very close to being completed, installation of mechanical equipment and some work on spray park. Most outdoor work will be completed in the spring.
- Snow blower replaced at a cost of just over \$1,000.
- Indoor walking program will be offered at the Community Centre during the winter months on weekdays for free and schedules will be posted.
- Staff update was provided
- Proposed a plan for consideration to extend Lions walking trail in the future.
- Discussion on whether to have the Rimbey Rodeo parade on Friday, July 8 or Saturday, July 9. Council discussed and referred to Recreation Committee to review and bring back a parade date recommendation to Council.

Mayor Ibbotson thanked Rick Kreklewich and he withdrew from the meeting at 7:27 pm.

8.1.3 Fire:

Fire Chief provided a written and verbal report on the following:

- Received 11 calls for service to date which are made up of motor vehicle collisions, fire and smoke, and public assist.
- Practices were held twice a month in January and February
- New fire truck specs are ongoing for the replacement of the old unit and hope to have some bid numbers in within the next month.
- Trailer ordered for the Ranger.

Mayor Ibbotson thanked John Weisgerber and he withdrew from the meeting at 7:32 pm.

8.1.4 Public Works:

Public Works Foreman provided a written and verbal report on the following:

- Due to above average snowfall, maintenance of streets is ongoing with plowing, sanding, and snow removal.
- Daily monitoring of the reservoir and three wells.
- Daily monitoring of our two aerated lagoon systems.
- Water samples are taken weekly and water quality is good and only requires the addition of chlorine.
- Daily chlorine residual testing is done in the distribution system.
- Maintenance and repair of equipment for spring with priority regarding the Street Sweeper.
- Ice build up is an ongoing problem by the High school as water from the roof drainage flows onto the street creating heavy icing on 52<sup>nd</sup> street.

Mayor Ibbotson thanked Vern Browne and he withdrew from the meeting at 7:43 pm.

8.1.5 CAO :

CAO provided a written report on the following:

- Pre-budget planning meetings.
- Ethanol Plant issues with Lawyer.
- Remuneration Committee meetings in an Advisory capacity.
- January 20 Pre-Budget meetings with groups that are funded by the Town.
- Prepared budgets with town departments.
- Meeting with potential developer regarding highway access.

Motion 48/11

Moved by Councillor Webb to accept department reports as presented.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

Mayor Ibbotson called a short recess at 7:44 pm.

Mayor Ibbotson reconvened the meeting at 7:52 pm.

7. New and  
Unfinished  
Business

7.2 Expense Reimbursement Policy No 1108 Amendment

The amended Expense Reimbursement Policy No. 1108 will supersede policies 151, 1107, 1109, 1110, and 1111 into one policy for Councils approval.

Motion 49/11

Moved by Councillor Webb to adopt the amended Expense Reimbursement Policy No 1108 as presented.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.3 Utility Service Fee Policy No. 3211 Amendment

Assistant CAO presented the amended Utility Service Fee Policy No. 3211, which has been changed to reflect the option of going to bi-monthly billing for Councils' approval.

Motion 50/11

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to approve the amended Utility Service Fee Policy No. 3211 as presented.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.4 Employee Pension Fund Policy No. 1105 Amendment

This policy is being updated to reflect allowing the employees to join the Local Authorities Pension Plan.

Motion 51/11

Moved by Councillor Webb to approve the amended Employee Pension Fund Policy No. 1105 as presented.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.5 Rescind Credit Card Policy No. 1503

Policy 1503 currently states that payment of amounts owing in excess of \$500 is not authorized without prior approval of the Town Manager or Municipal Treasurer in regards to the use of credit cards for payment on accounts. Administration recommends Council consider rescinding Credit Card Policy No. 1503.

Motion 52/11

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to rescind Credit Card Policy No. 1503.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.6 Meeting Schedule

Councillor Anglin advised that all of council needs to be at the budget meeting and propose a resolution.

Motion 53/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin that whereas the budget meeting is the single most important meeting of the year, all Council members must be present.

DEFEATED  
(2-3)

7.7 Tax Incentive

Councillor Anglin commented on the information that was provided from Brownlee LLP outlining that the tax incentive policy was contrary to the Municipal Government Act and provided three options for Council consideration.

7.8 Ambulance

Councillor Anglin presented that after further review of the Alberta Health Services ambulance contract that the Town of Rimbey will be looking at a total deficit of approximately \$300,000 walking into the budget and the chance of recouping the costs in one year's time is not good.

## 8. Reports

8.2 Council Reports

Councillor Anglin:

- Rimoka CAO replacement is going well and should be in place sometime in March. Still working on bringing in assisted living.

Councillor Rondeel:

- Attended Chamber AGM which is setting out some goals such as increasing local shopping; voice on town Council and involve farming and ranching; Alberta Tourism was guest speaker at the AGM talking about funding and programs that are available to help increase tourism in the community.
- Presentation to be held on March 3 at the Best Western to discuss trails.
- Advised Historical Society to get a committee together and bring their issues to the CAO and Assistant CAO for discussion.

Mayor Ibbotson:

- Attended January 20 Budget meeting
- Attended February 10 Bylaw Committee meeting
- Attended February 16 FCSS meeting and Big Brothers and Sisters has decided to downsize their program and do a mentoring program in the school for six months and postpone the afterschool program.
- Attended Lions rally
- Attended Rimbey Legions AGM
- Attended the Cutter Parade
- Attended Christian School 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Councillor Payson:

- Attended Library meeting.

Councillor Webb

- Attended Rimoka Meeting

Motion 54/11

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to accept the council reports as presented.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

8.3 Finance Reports

Director of Finance presented the following reports:

- Accounts Payable for February 23, 2011;

Motion 55/11

Moved by Councillor Rondeel to approve the Accounts Payable for February 23, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

## 9. Correspondence

9.1 Proclamation Request for Parental Alienation Day

Proclamation request was received requesting Council consider proclaiming April 25, 2011, as Parental Alienation Awareness Day for the Town of Rimbey.

Motion 56/11

Moved by Councillor Webb to proclaim April 25, 2011, as Parental Alienation Day.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

9.2 Wolf Creek Public Schools Networking Evening Invitation

Wolf Creek Public Schools invitation letter to Council members and senior management staff of the Town of Rimbey to attend the fourth Municipal/School Division Networking Evening on March 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Wolf Creek Public School s Office in Ponoka. RSVP is required before March 4.

9.3 Rimbey Municipal Library Minutes for Nov 22/10 and Jan 17/11

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Rimbey Municipal Library board has provided a copy of the November 22, 2010, and January 17, 2011, meeting minutes as information to Council.

9.4 Beatty House Restoration Letter

Beatty Heritage House Society is requesting Council's approval for Beatty House restoration repair of masonry work to be done on the exterior chimney, areas at base of house, pillars, stone fence, birdbath, and barbecue pit to be done by stonemason contractor, Ad Vos, according the consultant preservation officer's recommendations.

Motion 57/11

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to approve the Beatty House restoration repair of the masonry work as requested.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

10. In Camera                      None

11. Adjournment                      Council adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

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MAYOR

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TOWN MANAGER