

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2011**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday December 13, 2011.

PRESENT:

*TIM STONE
KEN TITFORD
CINDY CLARKE
BRUCE JACK
JOHN MOEN
BARBARA BUCK
ALVIN HUBERT*

*REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
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COUNCILLOR*

DIANNE NELLIS

*CHIEFADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER*

FAYE KARY

RECORDING SECRETARY

BILL MILLS

*DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING
AND PUBLIC WORKS*

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

Bill Mills, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:23 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

7.6 Working Deputy Fire Chief Appointment

**MOTION
01.12.13.11**

Moved by Councillor Titford that County Council adopt the agenda for the December 13, 2011 regular meeting with one addition.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Council Meeting Minutes – November 29, 2011

The minutes from the November 29, 2011 regular Council meeting were presented for Council's review.

MOTION

02.12.13.11

Moved by Councillor Jack that the minutes from the November 29, 2011 Regular Council meeting be adopted, as presented.

Carried

5.1 CAO Report

The Chief Administrative Officer's written report was presented to Council. The following items were discussed:

- Village of Rycroft Assessment Hearing to be held at the County Office, December 16, 2011
- Renewal Agreement with the County of Grande Prairie for Dog Control
- County of Grande Prairie Interest Group for a Webster Disposal Well

MOTION

03.12.13.11

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer report for information purposes only.

Carried

Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services, Cheryl Dwernychuk, Assistant Development Officer along with Les Enyedy entered the Council Chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Council recessed the regularly scheduled meeting at 10:31 a.m. to hold a public hearing.

4.1 Public Hearing – Rezoning Application 04-AM-11

Present:

Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services
Cheryl Dwernychuk, Assistant Development Officer
Les Enyedy, Landowner

Reeve Stone opened the public hearing at 10:31 a.m.

Cheryl Dwernychuk, Assistant Development Officer presented the background information regarding the application to rezone 35.85 acres more or less from Agriculture (A) District to Rural Industrial (R) District on the NE 2-79-13-W6M. The applicant is proposing to rezone this property to increase saleability of the land and has no plans to develop the property himself.

Rezoning Bylaw 205-2011 was given first reading on November 8, 2011. The public hearing was advertised in the November 29th and December 6, 2011 issues of the local newspaper and copies of the notice were mailed to adjacent landowners and referral agencies.

Written comments from Alberta Transportation indicate that they had no particular concerns with the rezoning of the parcel however wished to make the landowner aware that direct access to Highway 49 from the parcel would not be considered.

Written concerns from Saddle Hills County Public Works Department indicate that not knowing what industry this proposed industrial lot would bring raises concerns as the lots surrounding the parcel are residential. They also noted concerns with access to the proposed lot from Township Road 791 and further noted that a Road Maintenance Agreement would be required from the future developer.

There were no written or verbal submissions from adjacent landowners.

Reeve Stone asked if there was any input from the landowner. Mr. Enyedy had no specific comments to make.

With no further comments or input Reeve Stone closed this hearing at 10:46 a.m. and thanked the delegate for attending

Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services, Cheryl Dwernychuk, Assistant Development Officer along with Les Enyedy departed the Council Chambers at 10:47 a.m.

Council reconvened the regularly scheduled meeting at 10:47 a.m.

5.2 Director of Engineering and Public Works' Report

The Director of Engineering and Public Works' written report was presented to Council. The following items were discussed:

- RR 80

- Stockpiling of gravel (for the County Complex) will be starting December 14th, 2011
- Power and Gas Services for the New County Complex
- Source of water for fire protection for the New County Complex
- Grader Operator coverage due to employee illness

MOTION

04.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council accept the Director of Engineering and Public Works' report for information purposes only.

Carried

6.1 Working Infrastructure Upgrade

Council was provided with two quotes for scoping of the Working sewer system; one for summer work and one for winter work, as well as the pros and cons for doing the work in each season.

MOTION

05.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct Administration to enter into an agreement to award Winter Camera Operation to IVIS Inc. for their bid price of \$39,013.45 plus CCTV and Flusher storage fees of approximately \$1,000.00, plus GST.

Carried

6.2 Central Peace Aquatic Center Request for Funds

The Central Peace Aquatic Center has requested the release of funds which Saddle Hills County has committed to for the construction of a swimming pool in Spirit River.

MOTION

06.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council authorizes Administration to forward the County's commitment of \$500,000 for the Central Peace Aquatic Center to the Spirit River Agricultural Society.

Carried

6.3 Central Peace Early Childhood Development Mapping Initiative

The Central Peace Early Childhood Coalition has requested a letter of support in principal only from Saddle Hills County for their early Childhood Development Mapping Project.

MOTION

07.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Clarke that Saddle Hills County issue a letter of support in principal to the Central Peace Early Childhood Coalition for their Early Childhood Initiative project.

Carried

6.4 City of Grande Prairie Request for Funding Support

The City of Grande Prairie has requested a financial contribution to the City's Multi-Plex.

MOTION

08.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council receive for information the letter of request from the City of Grande Prairie for a financial contribution to the City's Multi-Plex and that Administration respond appropriately to the city's letter.

Councillor Jack requested a recorded vote on the motion.

In Favour: Councillors Titford, Jack, Moen

Opposed: Councillors Hubert, Buck, Stone, Clarke

Motion Defeated

MOTION

09.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Hubert that the City of Grande Prairie Request for Funding Support be brought forward to the next regular meeting.

Carried

7.1 Application to Amend Land Use Bylaw-2012 Preliminary Budget

Discussion on the public hearing held earlier in the day regarding the proposed rezoning of part of NE 2-79-13-W6M from an Agriculture (A) District to a Rural Industrial (RI) District ensued.

MOTION

10.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Titford that Bylaw 205-2011 for the re-designation of part of NE 2-79-13-W6 (containing 35.85 acres more or less) from an Agricultural (A) District to a Rural Industrial (RI) District be given second reading.

Carried

MOTION

11.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Clarke that Bylaw 205-2011 be given third and final reading and finally be passed.

Carried

7.2 2012 Preliminary Budget

Presented to Council was the draft 2012 Interim Budget and support documentation.

Directive was given to Administration to provide Council with an evaluation report on the Bonanza and Savanna fire hall roof and overhead door repairs prior to proceeding with the work.

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

Further discussion on the 2012 Interim Budget ensued.

MOTION

12.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council adopt the 2012 Interim Operating Budget in the amount of \$47,013,304 and the 2012 Interim Capital Budget in the amount of \$38,120,179; that County Council approve the 2012 Capital Purchase Schedule; that County Council adopt the 2012 Mobile Equipment Replacement Plan; that County Council adopt the 2012 Computer & Office Equipment Replacement Plan AND that County Council adopt the 2012 Building Replacement Schedule.

Carried

7.3 STARS Multi-Years Funding Request

Council was advised that at a previous meeting STARS had presented a verbal request for Saddle Hills County Council to consider committing to multiyear contributions to their organization. Included in the 2012 budget was an amount recommended for 2012, however, future years was not identified.

MOTION

13.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council make a three year financial commitment to STARS, commencing in 2012, in the amount of \$150,000.00 per annum.

Carried

7.4 2011 Unexpended Funds Transfer

Presented to County Council was a list of projects budgeted to be completed in 2011 which were not completed and which have been included in the 2012 interim operating budget. The request was to direct funds not expended in 2011 to an identified reserve so that the projects can be completed in 2012.

MOTION
14.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Titford that County Council authorize the transfer of \$386,000 from the 2011 Operating Budget to the General Operating Reserve to fund the identified projects in 2012.

Carried

7.5 V.S.I. Services Inc. 2012 Agreement Renewal

Saddle Hills County has received the 2012 VSI agreement for renewal. The VSI program provides financial assistance to livestock producers within the County, for veterinarian services. Council was advised that the timeframe of renewing the contract did not provide for the renewal to be reviewed by the Agricultural Service Board and have a recommendation from them. Members of Council who represent the ASB spoke to the issue.

MOTION
15.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council authorize the renewal of the agreement with V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. for 2012 for veterinary services for Saddle Hills County ratepayers.

Carried

7.6 Woking Deputy Fire Chief Appointment

Council was presented with a request from the Woking Fire Department to appoint Larry Schuett as Woking Fire Chief and Joe Rickman as Deputy Fire Chief.

MOTION
16.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Titford that County Council appoint Larry Schuett as Woking Fire Chief and Joe Rickman as Deputy Fire Chief.

Carried

8.1 Councillor Round Table

County Councillors provided verbal reporting on various topics for information purposes only.

MOTION
17.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accept the Council verbal reports for information purposes only.

Carried

9. Information Items

- 1 PERMA Newsletter**
- 2 FCM Communique**
- 3 Peace Library System**

MOTION
17.13.12.11

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the information items for information purposes only.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

REEVE

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