

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 27, 2010

The meeting of the Council of The Village of Heisler was held in the Council Chambers at the Village of Heisler Office, in Heisler, Alberta on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

PRESENT:	Dave Horner	Mayor
	Dennis Steil	Deputy Mayor
	Sean Maciborski	Councilor
	Brenda Loesch	Interim CAO

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Horner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion 25/10

Moved by Mayor Horner to adopt the agenda with the following additions: Under #7 – Recreation Review, #8 – Janitorial Job Description, #9 – Budget & Priority Planning, #10 – Building Health Hazard, #11 – AUMA – Mayor’s Caucus, #12 – Trees in Village, #13 – Agenda Policy.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

Motion 26/10

Moved by Mayor Horner to accept the minutes from the January 18, 2010 regular council meeting.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Motion 27/10

Moved by Councilor Maciborski to accept the cheque register – cheques #381 - #385 and #1 - #34 for information to Council.

CARRIED

APPOINT AUDITOR FOR 2010:

Motion 28/10

Moved by Mayor Horner that Village Council appoint Brian King Professional Corporation as the auditor for Village of Heisler for 2010.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:**FATHER KLER UPDATE:**

A Council meeting with Father Kler, David Wolbeck, and Sheldon Steil was held on January 24, 2010.

The purpose of the meeting was to clear up matter(s) that would either inhibit or prohibit the completion of the sale of subdivision as originally approved by the previous council.

It was noted that both the Village and someone from the Church had previously signed the contract (indicating that, indeed, the property had been sold to the village) and everyone agreed to accept that contract as the one they would submit to the Church for approval.

Father Kler and David Wolbeck will present the site plan and signed agreement to the Church for approval and adoption, and then report back to the Village. It was noted that an agreement had been reached between the Village and Church that, because the Village gifted the land to the church some time ago, the Village was to pay all legal costs incurred by the church for this sale.

BROWNLEE LLP:

Information for Council.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT:**Motion 29/10**

Moved by Mayor Horner to move the following:

1. *"Be it resolved that Council authorizes Village of Heisler to participate in and submit a Regional Partnerships Initiative Exploration grant application for the **Regional Emergency Management & Fire Services Project** under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Regional Partnerships Initiative; further*
2. *That Village of Heisler agrees that the Town of Killam be designated the managing partner of the **Regional Emergency Management & Fire Services Project** for the purpose of receiving, administering, allocating reporting and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners; and further*
3. *That the Village of Heisler agrees to enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the exploration grant funds if it is the managing partner, or if not agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement signed by the managing partner on behalf of the other partner municipalities and/or approved participants governing the purpose and use of the exploration grant funds"*

CARRIED

LETTER TO FLAGSTAFF INTERMUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP:

RE: FIP Meeting Notes – January 11, 2010

Motion 30/10

Moved by Mayor Horner to accept the letter dated January 19, 2010 he wrote to F.I.P. responding to an item listed in the above captioned, namely a comment regarding (our) lack of participation in the food bank project.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

RAIL PRODUCER GROUP:

Motion 31/10

Moved by Mayor Horner to appoint Deputy Mayor Steil to contact Municipal Councils of Rosalind, Forestburg, Galahad, and Alliance with the idea of creating a short meeting to generate interest in supporting the Battle River Railway on a cooperative bases.

CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT REPORT:

Information only.

REZONING:

Tabled to February council meeting

MUNICIPAL SUSTANTIALITY PLAN:

Council agreed to bring this item forward when budget plans are discussed.

ACTION LIST:

Information only.

ELECTED OFFICIAL AND ADMINISTRATORS NETWORKING EVENING – MARCH 23/10:

An invitation to attend this meeting – for information only.

RECREATION REVIEW:

Council agreed to bring this item forward when reports are discussed.

JANITORIAL JOB DISCRPTION:

Motion 32/10

Moved by Mayor Horner that Village council will not draft a janitorial job description.

CARRIED

Mayor Horner recessed the meeting at 10: 55 a.m.

Mayor Horner reconvened the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

2010 BUDGET & PRIORITY PLANNING:

Motion 33/10

Moved by Mayor Horner to create an Ad-Hoc committee of council for pre budget and planning priorities.

The first meeting will be February 15, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m. Administration to ask Public Works to attend afternoon portion of this meeting with assistance to the budget planning.

CARRIED

BUILDING HEALTH HAZARD:

LOT 2 & PT.3/1/1810BQ

Council had discussed the possibility of having this property condemned. Mayor Horner contacted Wayne Button from Public Health and was advised that it was up to the municipality to use their legislation regarding vacant buildings, and that unfortunately Public Health could not assist as this property has a vacant building on it.

Motion 34/10

Moved by Councilor Maciborski that Mayor Horner research the Municipal Government Act regarding demolishing the building on this property.

CARRIED

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – MAYOR’S CAUCUS:

Motion 35/10

Moved by Councilor Maciborski for Deputy Mayor Steil and Mayor Horner to attend this meeting on February 10, 2010 in St. Albert and provide council with a written report on information obtained at this meeting.

CARRIED

TREES:

Councilor Maciborski approached council with the idea of planting some trees every year to improve the beautification of the Village. Council agreed that an extra \$1500.00 be budgeted each year for this project.

AGENDA POLICY:

Motion 36/10

Moved by Mayor Horner to have administration propose a *meeting agenda policy* which will state that “all agenda items must be presented to CAO , four (4) days prior to the council meeting”.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

Mayor Horner’s written reports

- Flagstaff Regional Housing Group – January 19, 2010
- Flagstaff Regional Housing Group – January 23/20110
- 1) – Council discussed Mayor Horner attending a meeting with Lars Hallstrom PHD, Professor of Political Science, Founding Director, Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities – January 25, 2010, U of A, Camrose, Alberta. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the vision and 5 year plan for research on rural Alberta communities that includes a plan to engage more rural Alberta residents in the political processes.

Councilor Maciborski requested a recorded vote.

Motion 37/10

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steil to support Mayor Horner in principal only as an advisor to Alberta Centre for Sustainability Rural Communities at no cost to the Village.

IN FAVOR:

Mayor Horner

Deputy Mayor Steil

CARRIED

AGAINST:

Councilor Maciborski

- 2) – Council discussed Mayor Horner attending a meeting with Honorable Hector Goudreau, Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs and Honorable Frank Oberle, Solicitor General on Monday February 1, 2010 in Edmonton to provide information regarding rural funding .

Councilor Maciborski requested a recorded vote.

Motion 38/10

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steil to support Mayor Horner in his public relations and communities effect on behalf of the Village of Heisler to Municipal Affairs at all levels for the purpose of promoting Heisler and Rural Alberta’s best interest, subject to each councilor being advised of these meetings. Mayor Horner will do this on his own expense he will provide written reports after each meeting.

IN FAVOR:

Mayor Horner

Deputy Mayor Steil

CARRIED

AGAINST:

Councilor Maciborski

3) – Flagstaff County Recreation Review –there was no discussion on this matter as a meeting date had not yet been set.

4) – Mayor Horner advised council that he invited Doug Griffeths, MLA Battle River – Wainwright to meet with our council on February 26, 2010. The purpose of this meeting is to develop a personal relationship with him, under the auspicious of where he stands on improved rural municipal funding. Mayor Horner advised that in the event Flagstaff Regional Housing Group is unable to secure a meeting with him, he has offered our meeting date to them, but here in Heisler .

Motion 39/10

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steil to extend an invitation to MLA, Doug Griffeths on February 26, 2010, and to exclude the Flagstaff Regional Housing Group as an alternative for this meeting.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Steil written reports – no meetings, no reports.

Councilor Maciborski written reports – no meetings, no reports.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion 40/10

Moved by Mayor Horner that the following correspondence items be accepted as presented:

- AAMDC Newsletter
- Insight Into Local Government
- Trail of the Buffalo Minutes – January 20, 2010.

CARRIED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular council meeting for the Village of Heisler will be held on February 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As all items on the agenda were addressed, Mayor Horner adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

X

Mayor Dave Horner

X

Interim CAO - Brenda Loesch

