

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019 AT 10:05 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, STETTLER, ALBERTA

PRESENT: Reeve Larry Clarke
Councillor Ernie Gendre
Councillor Dave Grover (Joined at 10:28 a.m. by a teleconference call)
Councillor Cheri Neitz
Councillor James Nibourg
Councillor Wayne Nixon
Councillor Les Stulberg
Chief Administrative Officer Yvette Cassidy
Director of Communications Niki Thorsteinsson
Legislative Services Advisor Shawna Benson
Director of Technology Services Andrew Brysiuk
Executive Assistant Marlene Hanson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., Wednesday, June 12, 2019 by Reeve Clarke.

SWEARING IN OF DEPUTY REEVE

Councillor Neitz swore and signed the Oath of Office for Deputy Reeve.

AGENDA APPROVAL

- 186.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Gendre**
“that the agenda for the June 12, 2019 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting be approved with the following additions:
1. U19 Softball Sponsorship
 2. Delegations:
Shaylyn McNeil, Agriculture Services Board Bursary Recipient
RE: Bursary Presentation and Photo
 3. Bylaw 1611-19 – Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw - Addendum to Bylaw Report
 4. Consent Agenda Items:
 - Penoksy Farms
RE: Concerns: Lone Pine Colony Water Act Application
 - Lindsay and Donna Penosky
RE: Concerns: Central East Transfer Out Transmission Project
 5. Review Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw and Procedural Bylaw.”
Carried Unanimously

MINUTES APPROVAL

- 187.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Nibourg**
“that the May 8, 2019 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.” Carried Unanimously
- 188.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Nixon**
“that the May 22, 2019 Special County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.” Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Strategic Plan:

Shawna Benson made a presentation on the 2019 Strategic Plan.

189.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Nixon

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 approve the 2019 Strategic Plan.”

Carried Unanimously

2019 Revised Budget:

Christa Cornelssen joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m. presenting the 2019 Revised Budget.

190.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Stulberg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 approve the 2019 Revised Budget, attached and forming part of these minutes.”

Carried Unanimously

Christa Cornelssen left the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

BYLAWS

Sharon Larsen joined the meeting at 10:24 a.m. presenting on the Tax Rate Bylaw and PERC.

Bylaw 1614-19 - Tax Rate Bylaw:

191.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Stulberg

“that Bylaw 1614-19, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Tax Rate Bylaw, be given first reading.”

Carried Unanimously

192.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Gendre

“that Bylaw 1614-19, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Tax Rate Bylaw, be given second reading.”

Carried Unanimously

193.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Nixon

“that Bylaw 1614-19, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Tax Rate Bylaw, be presented for third reading.”

Carried (Unanimously)

194.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Neitz

“that Bylaw 1614-19, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Tax Rate Bylaw, be given third reading.”

In Favour: Councillors Stulberg, Nixon, Neitz, Gendre and Reeve Clarke
Opposed: Councillor Nibourg

Carried

NEW BUSINESS continued . . .

Provincial Education Requisitions Credits (PERC) for Uncollectable Education Property Taxes on Oil and Gas Properties:

195.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 hereby gives

NOTICE OF MOTION

June 12, 2019

RE: CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES

WHEREAS the property taxes for certain oil and gas properties have remained unpaid for the 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 tax years.

Pursuant to section 347(1)(a) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of the County of Stettler No. 6 may cancel or reduce tax arrears.

AND WHEREAS Council makes a motion to cancel the taxes for properties identified on the attached appendix.

Further a motion to cancel or reduce tax arrears does not have any effect on the requirement to remit education property taxes to the Province of Alberta.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council cancel the 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 property taxes for properties identified on the attached appendix and direct administration to apply to the Province of Alberta for the Provincial Education Requisition Credit for Uncollected Education Property Taxes on Oil and Gas Properties identified for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 on the attached appendix.

Moved by Councillor Nibourg that the 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 property taxes in arrears in the amount of \$25,846.72 be cancelled from Roll 796310 on Oil & Gas Properties in the attached appendix and an application be made for 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 years for these properties to the Provincial Education Refund Credit for Uncollected Education Property Taxes on Oil and Gas Properties program. Thereby allowing Administration to proceed with the Provincial Education Requisitions Credits (PERC) application process in order to recover a portion of the Provincial Requisition retroactive to 2015."

Carried Unanimously

Dave Grover joined the meeting by teleconference.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

196.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Neitz

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 enter into an in-camera session at 10:28 a.m. to discuss items exempt from disclosure in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* as:

Section 27: Privileged Information – Development Processing and Compliance."

Carried Unanimously

Marlene Hanson left the meeting.

197.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Nibourg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council exit out of in-camera at 11:56 a.m."

Carried Unanimously

The meeting reconvened with Marlene Hanson rejoining the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS continued . . .

Rick Green joined the meeting at 11:58 a.m. to discuss the Gravel Crushing Tender.

Award Gravel Crushing Tender:

198.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Nibourg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 award the Gravel Crushing Tender 2019 to Brockhoff Enterprises Ltd., Camrose, Alberta for \$182,160 plus GST as per their submission as low bidder, being fully compliant with the tender requirements."

In Favour: Councillors Stulberg, Nixon, Grover, Nibourg, Neitz
and Reeve Clarke

Opposed: Councillor Gendre

Carried

Councillor Nibourg left the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:01 p.m. with Jacinta Donovan, Cara McKenzie and Councillor Grover (by teleconference) joining the meeting.

Bylaw 1611-19 – Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw – Public Hearing Postponement:

Reeve Clarke identified that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1611-19 - Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw has received a request from an affected party for an adjournment of this Public Hearing, in order to allow more time for review and comment on the Land Use Bylaw Amendments; and that a Council Member, who voted on 1st reading, is absent for the hearing. For those reasons, Council discussed the merits of an adjournment and noted that if the Hearing is adjourned, the Public Hearing would be postponed until a later date. Any submissions already received, would be carried over to that date and would not require resubmission. Second and third reading will not be given until the Public Hearing is concluded. This will also give anyone who missed the notice, additional time to make a submission.

Reeve Clarke asked and no one in the gallery commented on the postponement of the Public Hearing.

As there are no objections, Reeve Clarke asked for a motion from Council for a postponement.

199.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Nixon

"that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1611-19 - Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw be postponed until July 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the County of Stettler No. 6 Administration Building and all written submissions provided for today shall be considered on July 10, 2019 and need not be provided." Carried Unanimously

Reeve Clarke identified that the public may attend or can provide a written submission, which would be read out during the July 10, 2019 Public Hearing.

Jacinta Donovan and Cara McKenzie left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS continued . . .

Award 2019 Agricultural Service Board Bursary:

200.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Stulberg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 accepts the Agricultural Services Board Bursary Committee's recommendation that the 2019 Agricultural Service Board Bursary in the amount of \$1,000.00 be awarded to Shaylyn McNeil of Erskine, Alberta." Carried Unanimously

Village of Gadsby Administration Contract:

201.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Stulberg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council accept the Administration Services Agreement with the Village of Gadsby, as presented." Carried Unanimously

National Drowning Prevention Week Proclamation:

202.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Gendre

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 proclaim July 21–27, 2019 National Drowning Prevention Week.” Carried Unanimously

U19 Softball Sponsorship:

Niki Thorsteinsson identified that Stettler is hosting the fastball tournament August 2-5, 2019 and they have requested funding.

203.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Gendre

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 sponsor the U19 Softball Tournament being held in Stettler, Alberta, August 2-5, 2019 at the Gold sponsorship level in the amount of \$1,000, with the funds being drawn from the Rural Development Fund.” Carried Unanimously

COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Review Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw and Procedural Bylaw:

Reeve Clarke requested that the Chief Administrative Officer and Procedural Bylaws be reviewed and brought back to Council.

204.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Neitz

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 start the process to review the Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw and Procedural Bylaw.”

Carried Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer's Report:

205.06.12.19 Declared by Reeve Clarke

“that the June 12, 2019 Chief Administrative Officer's Report be received for information.” Carried Unanimously

Financial Reports:

206.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Stulberg

“that the Accounts Payable Cheque Register (cheque 24890 to 24981); Accounts Electronic Funds Transfer for the period ending May 31, 2019; Accounts Visa for the period ended of May 31, 2019; the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending April 30, 2019; Reserves for the period ending April 30, 2019; and the Year To Date Budget for the month ending April 30, 2019 (all attached and forming part of these minutes) Reports to be approved as presented.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Fee Sheet Reports:

207.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Neitz

“that the Councillor Fee Sheet Reports for the month of May, 2019 be amended to delete one the April 30 Policy Committee Meetings claimed by Councillor Nibourg, then accepted for information.”

Carried Unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

208.06.12.19 Moved by Councillor Gendre

“that the following County of Stettler No. 6 Consent Agenda Items for the June 12, 2019 Council Meeting be received for information:

1. Alberta Municipal Affairs
RE: Gadsby Viability Study
2. Alberta Plastics Recycling Group
RE: Pilot Project Program Operator

3. Penoksy Farms
RE: Concerns re: Lone Pine Colony Water Act Application
4. Lindsay and Donna Penosky
RE: Concerns re: Central East Transfer Out Transmission Project."
Carried Unanimously

COUNCILLOR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillors verbally gave Committee Reports for:

Shared Use Recreation Fields Committee (Ernie Gendre):

- Have been applying for funding, however, still a \$30-40,000 shortfall, therefore considering other funding possibilities.
- Looking at removing rubber and to prepare in order to put two layers of rubber down.
- To discuss further during the next meeting.

Rural Crime Prevention Committee (Cheri Neitz):

- Attended the May 6-9, 2019 Alberta Community Crime Prevention Conference hosted in Canmore, Alberta with Lee Hardman and Tom Fisher. Excellent Conference consisting of: Perth, Australia Police doing a session that addressed crime in their city; discussing best ways to inform people and to make the communities safer - Olds hosts a Crime Prevention Trade Show (Stettler could do as part of the Stettler Trade Show - will consider for next year); and Doug Griffith reported on how people think re: crime (poverty, violence, alcohol, boredom, social pressure, etc.) and why they turn to crime.

FCM Conference (Councillor Gendre):

Councillor Gendre attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference held on May 30 until June 2 in Quebec City. Through conversation it was identified that people do not realize that Alberta is land-locked, no pipelines, and unable to share products. Questioned how we could inform them.

Stettler and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS): (Les Stulberg):

FCSS has received a report on the recession and how it affected FCSS. The volume of services needed have increased. Crisis Aid applied for funding from 100 Women and was successful. FCSS Director is on short term medical leave.

Parkland Regional Library Board (Les Stulberg):

- New building is a go, however, have not chosen the exact location.
- Another Board with other reserves may be better suited to support Maskwacis, Alberta.
- Funds – looking to increase.

DELEGATONS

Shaylyn McNeil, Agriculture Services Board Bursary Recipient RE: Bursary Presentation and Photo:

The bursary presentation was made after Council Meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular Meeting of County of Stettler No. 6 Council will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

209.06.12.19

Moved by Councillor Gendre

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Regular Meeting of Council be
adjourned at 1:52 p.m.”

Carried Unanimously

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer