

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 10:01 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, STETTLER, ALBERTA AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

PRESENT: Reeve Larry Clarke
Councillor Ernie Gendre
Councillor Dave Grover (joined at 10:04 a.m.)
Councillor Cheri Neitz
Councillor James Nibourg
Councillor Wayne Nixon
Councillor Les Stulberg
Director of Communications Niki Thorsteinsson
Director of Municipal Services Andrew Brysiuk
Director of Operations Rick Green
Executive Assistant Marlene Hanson

ABSENT: Chief Administrative Officer Yvette Cassidy

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2021 by Reeve Clarke.

Reeve Clarke turned the chair over to Deputy Reeve Stulberg.

AGENDA APPROVAL

01.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the agenda for the January 13, 2021 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting be approved with the following additions:

1. In-camera Items
 - 1.1 Section 25: Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body
RE: Offer to Purchase Two Lots in the Hamlet of Erskine
 - 1.2 Section 27: Privileged Information
RE: Legal Update
 - 1.3 Section 24: Advice from Officials
RE: Staffing
 2. Battle River Research Group Funding
 3. Ag Service Board
 4. Fire Permits.”
- Carried Unanimously

Councillor Grover joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

02.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Gendre

“that the December 9, 2020 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.” Carried Unanimously

DELEGATIONS (None)

COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (None)

NEW BUSINESS

Stettler and District Music Festival Sponsorship:

03.01.13.21

Moved by Councillor Nixon

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 approve sponsoring of the 2021 Stettler and District Music Festival in the amount of \$250.00 with the funds being drawn from Councillor Nixon’s Councillor Grants and Donations account.” Carried Unanimously

Introductions were completed.

SUB2012-01 Approach:

04.01.13.21

Moved by Councillor Grover

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 direct Administration to inform the landowner of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1212174 that they must construct their approach as per the conditions of the subdivision approval by April 30, 2021, failing which the County will undertake the work at the landowner’s expense.” Carried Unanimously

Lot Layout Options – Erskine Subdivision Phase 2 Development:

05.01.13.21

Moved by Councillor Nixon

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 approve an Erskine subdivision concept plan for Lot 6 Block 3 Plan 1623372 based on Option 1 consisting of 14 (0.18 acre) lots with alleys on either or both rows being potential for multi-family development on the north parcel; and apply for subdivision approval.”

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

Opposed: Councillors Neitz and Gendre
Carried

2021 Provincial ASB Conference Resolutions:

Councillor Nibourg questioned Council's authority to make these decisions on behalf of the Agricultural Service Board. It was therefore decided that the meeting would recess in order to hold an Agricultural Service Board Workshop discussing the resolutions.

06.01.13.21

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council meeting recess at 11:03 a.m.”
Carried Unanimously

07.01.13.21

Deputy Reeve Stulberg declared

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council meeting reconvene at 1:00 p.m.”

Andrew Brysiuk joined and Jarrett Kushner did not rejoin the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Call To Order:

~~Larry Clarke~~ Deputy Reeve Stulberg as Chairperson opened the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1643-20 at 1:00 p.m.

Andrew Brysiuk identified the Councillors and Staff Members that were present and those online being Jacinta Donovan, Sharon Larsen, Clint Sime, Lorraine Hankins and Ryan Hallett.

Purpose of Public Hearing:

To hold a Public Hearing for Bylaw 1643-20 – Gadsby Repealing Bylaw.

Notice of Intention:

Bylaw 1643-20's notice of intention was published in the December 23 and 30, 2020 editions of the Stettler Independent.

Andrew Brysiuk read out loud the nature of the proposed amendment as advertised.

Deputy Reeve Stulberg reviewed the meeting agenda and stated the Rules of Conduct to be followed during the Public Hearing.

Written Notice of Intention Responses:

In Support: None

In Opposition: None

Verbal Presentations:

In Support: None

In Opposition: None

Presentations from Resource Person(s):

No clarification was given.

Deputy Reeve Stulberg asked if there were any questions from Council.

08.01.13.21 Deputy Reeve Stulberg declared

"that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1643-20 – Gadsby Repealing Bylaw be adjourned at 1:10 p.m."

NEW BUSINESS continued . . .

Sustainable Provincial ASB Funding Model:

09.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Nixon

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council approve the tiered sustainable Provincial Agricultural Service Board funding model's schedule in the amount of \$375.00, \$500.00, \$600.00 and \$600.00, for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively."

Carried Unanimously

Lease Land Tender on NE 35-38-20 W4M:

Andrew Brysiuk noted that another person has given a verbal interest in this lease land.

10.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Nibourg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council approve entering into a Grazing Lease Land Agreement for land in NE 35-38-20 W4M being approximately 10.46 acres (0728729 1 14MR - ±4.13 acres; 0525691 1 7MR - ±2.45 acres; and 0324233 1 1MR - ±3.88 acres) in the amount of \$500.00 and to expire October 1, 2021, at which time it will fall into the County of Stettler Grazing Lease cycle."

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

Opposed: Councillor Grover

Carried

Appointment of Director of Emergency Management:

11.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Neitz

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council appoint Clinton Sime as Director of Emergency Management and confirm the appointment of Chad Jackson as a Deputy Director of Emergency Management."

Carried Unanimously

Tax Penalty Forgiveness:

12.01.13.21

Moved by Councillor Nixon

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 forgive the November 1, 2020 Penalty in the amount of ~~\$25,832.11~~ \$28,196.54 for the rolls 796866, 797105, 798009 and 843400."

Carried Unanimously

Fire Permits:

Councillor Gendre identified that tax payers have inquired on fire permits by questioning the conditions (attendance when burning). Wondered if certain times and/or conditions would change those conditions.

Andrew Brysiuk noted that the February, 2021 Council Meeting will be addressing some fire issues, therefore, could be discussed at that time with the Fire Chief being present.

13.01.13.21

Moved by Councillor Gendre

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council table the Fire Permit item until the February 10, 2021 County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting."

Carried Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Battle River Research Group Funding:

Councillor Grover announced that support funding has been given in the amount of \$5,000 and that funding contributes of \$10,000 and more come with voting rights. Requested Council's input on the situation.

Andrew Brysiuk noted that committee Review will be held in the near future and that this could be discussed at that time.

Noted that this should be discussed during a Budget Meeting.

14.01.13.21

Moved by Councillor Grover

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council refer the Battle River Research Group item to a Committee of the Whole Meeting."

Carried Unanimously

Ag Service Board:

Councillor Grover indicated he had reconsidered this request and would bring it forward to another meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

Chamber Upgrades:

Andrew Brysiuk updated that:

- Monitors have been ordered for each position in Council Chambers
- Chair upgrade (16 @ \$215/chair) – requested Council input

15.01.13.21

Moved by Councillor Nixon

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council authorize the purchase of chairs for Council Chambers. "

In Favour: Councillors Stulberg, Neitz and Nixon

Opposed: Councillors Nibourg, Grover, Gendre and Reeve Clarke

Motion Defeated

BYLAWS

Bylaw 1643-20 – Gadsby Repealing Bylaw:

16.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Grover
“that Bylaw 1643-20, being the Gadsby Repealing Bylaw, be given second reading.” Carried Unanimously

17.01.13.21 Moved by Reeve Clarke
“that Bylaw 1643-20, being the Gadsby Repealing Bylaw, be given third reading.” Carried Unanimously

Bylaw 1652-21 – Water and Wastewater Bylaw:

18.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Nixon
“that Bylaw 1652-21 – Water and Wastewater Bylaw, be given first reading.” Carried Unanimously

REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer’s Report:

19.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the January 13, 2021 Chief Administrative Officer’s Report be received for information.” Carried Unanimously

Financial Reports:

20.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the Payment Register for payments posted between December 1 and 31, 2020; Bank Reconciliation, Reserves and the Year to Date Budget for the month ended November 30, 2020 (all attached and forming part of these minutes) Reports to be approved as presented.” Carried Unanimously

Councillor Fee Sheet Reports:

21.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Nixon
“that the Councillor Fee Sheet Reports for the month of December, 2020 be received for information.” Carried Unanimously

Councillor Committee Reports:

1. Stettler FCSS (Councillor Stulberg)
2. Stettler Library Board (Councillor Stulberg)

22.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Committee Reports for the January 13, 2021 Council Meeting be received for information.” Carried Unanimously

Councillor Nixon left the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

23.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Grover
“that the following County of Stettler No. 6 Consent Agenda Items for the January 13, 2021 Council Meeting be received for information:

1. City of Cold Lake
RE: COVID-19 Mobile Apps
2. Lacombe County
RE: Buffalo Lake “Take it Off” Program
3. Clearview Public Schools
RE: Mandatory Entry Level Training Requirements
4. Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
RE: Municipal Support for the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

5. Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions
RE: Thank you." Carried Unanimously

IN-CAMERA SESSION

24.01.13.21 Moved by Reeve Clarke

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 enter into an in-camera session at 2:51 p.m. to discuss items exempt from disclosure in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* as:

- Section 25: Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body
RE: Offer to Purchase Two Lots in the Hamlet of Erskine
- Section 27: Privileged Information
RE: Legal Update
- Section 24: Advice from Officials
RE: Staffing."

Carried Unanimously

Niki Thorsteinsson, Rick Green, Rich Fitzgerald and Marlene Hanson left the meeting prior to the Staffing item.

25.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Grover

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council exit out of in-camera at 3:51 p.m." Carried Unanimously

The meeting reconvened with Councillor Nixon rejoining.

Offer to Purchase Two Lots in the Hamlet of Erskine:

26.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Nibourg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council direct Administration to counteroffer, as discussed, the offer to purchase Plan 1623372, Block 16, Lots 2 and 3, subject to conditions:

- a. The purchaser shall be responsible for the land titles transfer costs;
- b. The purchaser shall agree that the property is sold on an "as is where is basis" understanding that the County of Stettler No. 6 makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of service, soil conditions, land use districting, development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, servicing or the develop ability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser; and
- c. The sale shall be advertised for a minimum of two weeks before finalized."

Carried Unanimously

NEXT MEETING

The next regular Meeting of County of Stettler No. 6 Council will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

27.01.13.21 Moved by Councillor Grover

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 3:52 p.m." Carried Unanimously

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer