

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
JANUARY 27, 2004 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Deputy Mayor Thelma Milne in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

Cou. Gerry Selk, Cou. Mike De Vuyst, Cou. Delbert Beazer
Cou. Duane Barrus, Cou. Ron Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT

Gregory D. Burt	Municipal Administrator
Noell Smith	Office Clerk
Jonathon Williams	Temple City Star
Bob Bagozzi	Citizen
Mitchell Schneider (8:17 p.m.)	Municipal Finance Clerk

Opening Time: 6:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Cou. Gerry Selk

DELEGATIONS

Oath of Office Deputy Mayor Milne administered the Oath of Office to Bob Bagozzi as a new member of the Community Services Board.

Sgt. Zaugg met with Council to give the 4th Quarter 2003 Policing Report.
RCMP

Bob Bagozzi was excused at 6:20 p.m.

IN CAMERA Cou. DeVuyst moved Council go In Camera UNAN.
6:20 P.M.

Reconvene Cou. Beazer moved to Reconvene UNAN.
6:53 P.M.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Business Arising - c. Library

Request for Decisions- h. By-law 1469A

i. Approval of Member for Economic Development Board

Cou. Selk moved to adopt the agenda. UNAN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cou. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 9, 2003, the minutes of the Operations Committee held January 13, 2004 and the minutes of the Administration Committee held January 14, 2004.
UNAN.

BUSINESS ARISING

Town Council Motions List

Councillors report to the newspaper

February '04 - Cou. Milne

March '04 - Cou. Selk

Jonathon Williams returned at 6:59 p.m.

Library Cou. Barrus reported that the library has reported that sufficient funds have been committed and that as planning is almost complete, the library board would like to start construction by May 1, 2004 with completion by December, 2004. Cou. Barrus explained that the Town's funding to the library is presently committed over 2 years; however the library has asked if the total amount could be forwarded in 2004.

Cou. Barrus suggested that the library fundraising committee meet with Council to present their request.

REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

Fees & Charges Council reviewed the Fees and Charges Schedule presented and asked that it be refined and brought back to Council.

Ag Society Agreement The agreement with Cardston Agricultural Society to turn financial and operational management to the Ag Society was discussed.

Cou. Selk was excused at 7:28 p.m.

Cou. Selk returned at 7:29 p.m.

Recommended changes to the agreement were discussed.

Table Ag Society Discussion 04-01 Cou. Johnson moved to table the discussion on the Ag Society till later in the meeting.

Cou. DeVuyst excused at 7:34 p.m.

Jonathon Williams excused at 7:34 p.m.

Retirement Policy Retirement Policy #R/20 was discussed. Administrator is to make recommended changes to the policy and bring back to Council for approval.

Automobile Expense Rate 04-02 Cou. Beazer moved that the Town of Cardston follow the C.R.A. automobile operating expense prescribed rates for the Administrator's and Development Officer's mileage. UNAN.

Halloween Celebration 04-03 Cou. Beazer moved to recommend that Halloween celebrations be observed on Saturday, October 30, 2004. UNAN.

Cou. DeVuyst returned at 7:48 p.m.

Jonathon Williams returned at 7:55 p.m.

Elevator The town-owned elevator was discussed. Liability concerns were brought forward.

Administration is contact Weston Excavation for a quote to demolish the elevator.

Annexation Annexation was discussed.

Annexation 04-04 Cou. Beazer moved to approve the proposal for annexation with the amendments to item #5 in the wording and that a listing of special arrangements between the County and the landowners within the area (Item 3) be attached. CARRIED

Jonathan Williams excused at 8:36 p.m.

Capital Spending Plan	Mitchell Schneider presented the 2004 Capital Spending Plan The Capital Spending Plan was reviewed.	
Meeting Extension	Cou. DeVuyst moved to extend meeting to 10:00 p.m.	UNAN.
Garbage Rates	Increase in garbage rates was presented by Mitchell Schneider.	
Increase Garbage Rates 04-05	Cou. Johnson moved to increase the monthly garbage rates to \$9.50 per month.	UNAN.
Recycling Fee Added to Garbage Rates 04-06	Cou. Selk moved to increase the garbage rates by \$.50 for a recycling fee, for a total monthly garbage rate of \$10.00.	UNAN.
	Mitchell Schneider presented the General Surplus Trends graph.	
Meeting Extension	Cou. DeVuyst moved to extend meeting to 10:30 p.m.	UNAN.
By-Law #1441C	A By-law to amend By-Law #1441 the Community Services Board to accommodate those facilities that are self sufficient that wish to operate on Sunday. Cou. Selk moved First Reading of By-law #1441C Cou. Beazer moved Second Reading of By-law #1441C	CARRIED CARRIED
Meeting Extension	Cou. Barrus moved to extend meeting to 11:00 p.m.	UNAN.
Standby Policy 04-37	Cou. Selk moved to change the standby policy from \$1,900 to \$3,500 per annum and update Policy #S/50 for Council approval.	DEFEATED
Hiring Public Works Employee 04-08	Cou. DeVuyst moved to accept the recommendation as outlined to begin the process of hiring a public works employee.	UNAN.
Shop Use Policy 04-09	Cou. Barrus moved to have the Shop Use Policy (#S30) amended to include shop use on Statutory Holidays.	UNAN.
Participation with Southgrow 04-10	Cou. Selk moved to sign the declaration form for Cardston's participation with Southgrow.	CARRIED
Letter to Blood Tribe to Relocate Filling Stations 04-11	Cou. DeVuyst moved to direct Administration to send a letter to the Blood Tribe indicating that the Town is considering relocating the filling station on the reserve and the in-town filling station to a more secure and efficient location.	UNAN.
Letter to Minister of Energy 04-12	Cou. Selk moved to write a letter to the Minister of Energy regarding two load settlement agents in the Province and the regulations pertaining to winter disconnects.	UNAN.

Tourism& Economic Development Board 04-13	Cou. Selk moved to approve Eric Brooks as a member on the Tourism and Economic Development Board.	UNAN.
Distribution Access Tariff & Regulated Rate Tariff Update 04-14	Cou. DeVuyst moved to update the Town's Distribution Access Tariff and the Regulated Rate Tariff to provide for unmetered customers to have their Distributon Access Charge - Service and Facilities Charge reduced by \$0.05 per KW/day	UNAN.
Letter to City of Lethbridge Mayor 04-15	Cou. DeVuyst moved to send a letter, as written by the Economic Development Officer, to Mayor Bob Tarleck City of Lethbridge, regarding the proposed takeover of the visitor information services presently under contract with the Chinook Country Tourist Association.	UNAN.
Mike Smith Proposal 04-16	Cou. Beazer moved to have Mike Smith's proposal taken to the next employee negotiations.	UNAN.
Tom Harnos Contract 04-17	Cou. Selk moved to approve the contract with Tom Harnos for animal control.	UNAN.
Municipal Finance Officer Job Description 04-18	Cou. DeVuyst moved to approve the Municipal Finance Officer Job Description.	UNAN.

CORRESPONDENCE

AUMA Notes	AUMA Notes to Council enclosing Highlights from the Board.
AUMA	Letter from AUMA requesting resolutions for the 2004 AUMA Annual Convention.
Perry Wenner Citizen	Letter from Perry Wenner, citizen, expressing concern over the condition of the road in front of his property and asking that it be repaved. Turned to Operations Committee
Doreen Silvius Citizen	Letter from Doreen Silvius, citizen, regarding complaints with ice and snow removal in front of her property. Turned to Operations Committee
Cardston County	Letter from the Cardston County advising that the County has agreed with the annexation proposal as presented and will await Town Council's decision, and then meet with affected landowners.
Alberta Learning	Letter from Alberta Learning thanking the Town for its recent letter expressing comments on Alberta's Commission on Learning Final Report and Recommendations and advised that they are moving forward on some of the Commission's funding recommendations.
Letter to Darren Beazer	Administrator advised that he had met with Darren Beazer and completed his six month performance review and reported that Darren's work has been very

satisfactory and that his wage had been adjusted to the new level according to the contract for hiring.

Alberta Environment A letter from Alberta Environment thanking the Town for its contribution during the Water for Life consultation process, outlining a new water management approach for Alberta, including specific strategies and actions to address the province's water issues.

Oldman River Intermunicipal Service Agency Letter from Oldman River Intermunicipal Service Agency regarding the change in the organization's name to the Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC) for the purpose of providing municipal planning services.

Alberta Solicitor General A letter from the Honourable Heather Forsyth, Solicitor General, thanking the Town for its letter about consultations concerning provincial planning for policing and advising that they are in the process of finalizing the provincial policing strategy in response to the MLA Policing Review Committee Report and that this plan is currently in the government approval process.

Building Permits 2003 A listing of 2003 Building Permits.

Alberta Minister of Municipal Affairs A letter from Guy Boutilier, Minister, thanking the Town for its recent letter requesting assistance under Municipal Affairs' Intermunicipal Dispute Resolution Initiative and advised that they are in the process of working with the Town and Cardston County to set up the mediation process.

Macleod Pioneer Lodge A copy of a letter from the Macleod Pioneer Lodge to Jack Ady, Chairperson, Board of Directors, Chinook Health Region concerning the recent Alberta Senior Citizens' Housing Association convention, expressing their disappointment that Mr. Ady did not attend.

Meeting Extension Cou. Selk moved to extend to 11:15 p.m. UNAN.

ADJOURNMENT Cou. Beazer moved to adjourn. UNAN.

Closing Time 11:15 p.m.

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MAYOR

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR