



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CIVIC CENTRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 – 1:30 PM**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smylie called the Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Charlene Smylie
Deputy Mayor Art Erickson
Councillor Jake Little
Councillor Jocelyn Wiggins

Administrator Shawn Patience

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M#17-267 Moved by Councillor Wiggins to approve the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2017

M#17-268 Moved by Deputy Mayor Erickson to approve the Minutes of the regular Council Meeting of August 15, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

b. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 10, 2017

M#17-269 Moved by Councillor Wiggins to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 10, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Amanda Ironside informed Council of dog attack which took place on August 16, 2017 which involved her dog, who was being walked on a leash by her daughter, being attacked by another dog which was unrestrained. Ms. Ironside requested that Council review the Animal Control Bylaw and consider changes to it, including increasing the Bylaw Officer's ability to quarantine aggressive animals. Mayor Smylie thanked her for her comments.

5. DELEGATIONS

a. Linda McCreath

Ms. McCreath and two additional members of the Light Up Board discussed the background of the Light Up organization, thanked the community for its support and informed Council of their 2017-18 goal of raising \$100,000. Ms. McCreath then presented Mayor Smylie with a certificate of appreciation for the village's contributions to the Light Up campaigns past successes. Mayor Smylie thanked her for her comments.

b. Phil Dirks - 2016 financial Statements

Mr. Dirks presented a slide show displaying the municipality's financial position in relation to other

communities similar in size. He went through the draft 2016 financial statements for Council and answered questions. The village CAO noted that the surplus (deficit) noted on page 4 was somewhat misleading as \$230,879 worth of capital expenses had been added to operating accounts but no revenue had been recorded in those accounts from reserve transfers. The CAO noted that those expenses had been budgeted for in the capital budget and were to be funded from reserve accounts and since the revenue was not shown but the expenses were it presented a misleading view of the operating surplus (deficit) which should show a surplus as opposed to a deficit. Mr. Dirks suggested that the new method of auditing did not allow him to show it in that fashion. Mayor Smylie thanked Mr. Dirks for his presentation

M#17-270 Moved by Councillor Little to accept the 2016 Financial Statements

CARRIED

Mayor Smylie called for a five minute recess at 3:05pm
The meeting resumed at 3:10pm

6. BUSINESS FROM MINUTES

a. Action List

M#17-271 Moved by Councillor Little to accept the action list as information

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Coal Transition

M#17-272 Moved by Deputy Mayor Erickson to approve the Mayor signing the letter to Minister Bilous dated September 1 as attached.

CARRIED

b. CRB – appeal

M#17-273 Moved by Councillor Wiggins to accept the CRB appeal package as information.

CARRIED

c. Domestic Animal Bylaw

M#17-274 Moved by Deputy Mayor Erickson to instruct administration to review the animal control bylaw and recommend amendments

CARRIED

8. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATIONS – N/A

9. COMMUNICATIONS

a. NSWA

M#17-275 Moved by Councillor Wiggins to pay the \$330.50 membership fee to be funded out of Council Grant Funding Account

CARRIED

b. MSI

c. Trans Alta

d. Opportunities North

e. AUMA Financial Statements

Mayor Smylie called for a five minute recess at 4:50pm
The meeting resumed at 4:55pm

f. CARES

M#17-276 Moved by Deputy Mayor Erickson to accept the communications as information
CARRIED

10. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

a. CAO Report

- i. Activity Report
- ii. Verbal report – the CAO reported on WMHA request, cairn in front of school and the RV Park tour for Council,

M#17-277 Moved by Councillor Wiggins to allow the meeting to go past 5:30
CARRIED

M#17-278 Moved by Deputy Mayor Erickson to direct administration to review commercial multi-tenant water rates
CARRIED

- b. Revenue and Expense Summary
- c. Investment Summary
- d. August 17, 2017 Operations Meeting Minutes
- e. Public Works Lead Hand Report

M#17-279 Moved by Deputy Mayor Erickson to accept the administration reports as information
CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Wiggins attended:

- August 28 - GROWTH

Councillor Little attended:

- August 16 – Chamber
- August 27 – CIB
- August 28 – Seniors Minister

Deputy Mayor Erickson attended:

- August 18 – Yellowhead Highway
- August 23 – Meridian
- August 25 – WILD
- August 28 – GROWTH
- August 28 – Seniors Minister
- August 31 – Coal Transition

Mayor Smylie attended:

- August 28 – GROWTH
- August 28 – Seniors Minister
- August 29 – Municipal Affairs Minister
- August 30 – St. Savior Church
- August 31 – Economic Development Minister
- August 31 – Coal Transition

M#17-280 Moved by Councillor Little to accept the committee reports as information
CARRIED

12. IN CAMERA – N/A

13. NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

M#17-281 Moved by Councillor Wiggins to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm

CARRIED

ELECTED OFFICIAL

ADMINISTRATION