

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020 AT 10:02 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
Councillor Cheri Neitz
Councillor James Nibourg
Councillor Wayne Nixon
Councillor Les Stulberg
Chief Administrative Officer Yvette Cassidy
Director of Communications Niki Thorsteinsson
Director of Municipal Services Andrew Brysiuk
Executive Assistant Marlene Hanson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2020 by Reeve Clarke.

AGENDA APPROVAL

- 64.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg**
“that the agenda for the March 11, 2020 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting be approved with the following additions:
- Nuisance/Unsightly Clean Up – Red Willow
- FCC AgriSpirit Fund
- Big Valley Access Bridge.” Carried Unanimously

MINUTES APPROVAL

- 65.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Gendre**
“that the February 12, 2020 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.” Carried Unanimously

Introductions were completed.

COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 66.03.11.20 Revised Budget Workshop:**
Moved by Councillor Stulberg
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council schedule a Budgeting Workshop for March 23 and 24, 2020.” Carried Unanimously
- 67.03.11.20 Procedural Bylaw and Electoral Ward Bylaw Workshop:**
Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council schedule an Electoral Bylaw Workshop for April 1, 2020 commencing at 10:00 a.m.”
Carried Unanimously

Shotgun/Pepper Ball Gun Policy:

68.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Neitz

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council refer Protective Services Policy 15.0 - Use, Storage and Transportation of Firearms and Protective Services Policy 16.0 - Use, Storage and Transportation of Pepperball Devices to the Policy Committee."

In Favour: Councillors Neitz and Gendre

Opposed: Councillors Nibourg, Stulberg, Nixon, Grover and Reeve Clarke
Motion Defeated

69.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council forward individual letters to Fish and Wildlife, Minister of Parks and Environment Jason Nixon, and the Solicitor General Doug Schwietzer expressing the County's grave concerns that the appropriate organization is unable to dispatch staff to deal with animals in distress situations." Carried Unanimously

70.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nixon

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council refer the Protective Services Policy 16.0 - Use, Storage and Transportation of Pepperball Devices to the Policy Committee."

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

Opposed: Councillors Nibourg and Grover
Carried

New Peace Officer Appointment Options:

71.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nixon

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council direct Administration to prepare a business case to apply for authority to conduct enforcement on primary highways and to be brought back to a County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting for final approval."

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

Opposed: Councillors Nibourg, Grover and Stulberg
Carried

72.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Neitz

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council direct Administration to prepare a business case to apply for authority to enforce minor Criminal Code offences and to be brought back to a County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting for final approval."

In Favour: Councillors Grover, Neitz, Gendre and Reeve Clarke

Opposed: Councillors Nibourg, Stulberg and Nixon
Carried

Award Tender – Patrol Vehicle:

73.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 purchase a 2020 Dodge Durango Enforcer for Protective Services from Stettler Dodge Ltd., Stettler, Alberta for \$37,834.00 plus GST and approve an estimated \$30,000 for aftermarket options for a total purchase price of \$70,000 including the additional options." Carried Unanimously

Paintearth ICF:

74.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Neitz

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council request that the *Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between the County of Paintearth No. 18 and the County of Stettler No. 6* be amended by

adding: " *Other Services - Special Areas Board and Stettler County are each members of the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission (SMRWSC), which supplies water to member municipalities in the region. The SMRWSC is regulated under the Municipal Government Act and is operated by its own staff and governed by a board comprised of members from these participating municipalities. Furthermore, the commission functions under its own legislative and internal policies and procedures, including a separate dispute resolution mechanism.*"

Carried Unanimously

75.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Neitz

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 adopt the draft copy of Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework document submitted by County of Paintearth, with the amendments." Carried Unanimously

Special Areas ICF:

76.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Stulberg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council adopt the *Special Areas Board and County of Stettler No. 6 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement* as presented and that Council agrees, as per section 631(2) of the Municipal Government Act, that an Intermunicipal Development Plan is not required between the Special Areas Board and the County of Stettler No. 6." Carried Unanimously

Flagstaff ICF:

77.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nixon

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council adopt the *Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between the County of Stettler No. 6 and the Flagstaff County*, as presented; and further, that the Council of the County of Stettler agrees, as per section 631(2) of the Municipal Government Act, that an Intermunicipal Development Plan is not required between Flagstaff County and the County of Stettler No. 6." Carried Unanimously

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Nixon left the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

TELUS Ride for Dad Sponsorship:

78.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Gendre

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council sponsor the 2020 lunch for the TELUS Rural Ride for Dad in the amount of \$300 to be drawn from Councillor Gendre's Councillor Donation account, with the Rural Development Fund covering the difference; and that Ernie and Nancy Gendre to personally donate, a matching sum of \$300." Carried Unanimously

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Nixon rejoined the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting Date:

79.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council approve that the April 8, 2020 County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting will be at the call of the Chair." Carried Unanimously

Carried Unanimously

Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

- 80.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council authorize Reeve Clarke, Councillor Nibourg and staff to attend a meeting with the Honourable Kaycee Madu and the Honourable Doug Schwietzer on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at noon in the Alberta Legislature, Edmonton, Alberta.”
Carried Unanimously

CAO Cassidy noted that a Meeting with the County of Starland is to be scheduled prior to the March 31, 2020 meeting.

Nuisance/Unsightly Clean Up – Red Willow:

- 81.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Nixon**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 proceeds with the enforcement of the Nuisance Bylaw to have the property located at #33 Main Street, Red Willow, Alberta brought into compliance.” Carried Unanimously

FCC AgriSpirit Fund:

- 82.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Grover**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council partner with the Stettler District Agricultural Society for their application to the Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund.” Carried Unanimously

Big Valley Access Bridge:

- 83.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council submit a letter from our lawyer to the Provincial Government in regard to responsibility, inspections and ownership of Bridge 07577;
and
carbon copy to all the Urban Access Road’s under the County’s control, the Village of Big Valley and EMCON;
and
if need be Council gives authority to close the bridge.”
Carried Unanimously

SWEAR IN DEPUTY REEVE

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

The meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lacombe Border Rural Addressing:

- 84.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Grover**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council table until the next Regular Council Meeting the Lacombe Border Rural Addressing item.”
Carried Unanimously

DELEGATIONS

Sargent Bruce Holliday, Bashaw RCMP RE: Policing Update:

Sargent Holliday joined the meeting at 1:06 p.m. giving:

- an update on the Bashaw Detachment staffing;
- criminal stats noting that numbers have decreased;

- identified that they do use Rural Crime Watch apps, as they are more controlled; and
- shared a number of good news stories.

They have developed a Community Wellness Team consisting of Bashaw FCSS, Adult Learning, the school and RCMP.

Bruce Holliday left the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS continued . . .

Secondary Highway Maintenance Signage:

85.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council direct Administration and Public Works to purchase signage - “Secondary HWY and signage maintained by Alberta Transportation – Contact 1-800-555-5555” to be installed on Secondary Highways 855, 594, 852 and 601 in the County of Stettler.”

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

Craig Teal and Natasha Wright joined and Yvette Cassidy left the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Natasha Wright, Planner to Parkland Community Planning Services gave a presentation explaining the bylaw.

Bylaw 1631-20 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment:

86.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Gendre

“that Bylaw 1631-20, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment, be given first reading and set Pubic Hearing for Wednesday, April 8, 2020 commencing 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.”

Carried Unanimously

Craig Teal and Natasha Wright left the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Yvette Cassidy rejoined the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS continued . . .

Letters of Support, Rural Broadband Providers:

87.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council direct Administration to, upon request, provide rural broadband providers with a form letter supporting any application for local investment into rural broadband internet.”

Carried Unanimously

Airport Runway Lighting:

88.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council fund up to 50% of the municipal portion of the runway lighting replacement project, up to a maximum contribution of \$16,750, from the Doctor Recruitment reserve; and further that Council agree excess funds from the GPS approach project be applied to the runway lighting replacement.”

Carried Unanimously

Appoint Member to Economic Development Committee:
89.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Nixon
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council appoint Councillor Nibourg to sit on the Town of Stettler Economic Development Committee, to bring back information to the County for information purposes only.”
Carried Unanimously

AGENDA ITEMS

Strychnine and its Associated End-use Products:
90.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council forward a letter to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Agriculture expressing concern with Strychnine and its Associated End-use Products.” Carried Unanimously

REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer’s Report:
91.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Nixon
“that the March 11, 2020 Chief Administrative Officer’s Report be received for information.” Carried Unanimously

Financial Reports:
92.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Grover
“that the Payment Register for payments posted between February 1 and 29, 2020; Bank Reconciliation and the Year to Date Budget for the month ended January 31, 2020 (all attached and forming part of these minutes) Reports to be approved as presented.”
Carried Unanimously

Councillor Fee Sheet Reports:
93.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg
“that the Councillor Fee Sheet Reports for the month of February, 2020 be received for information.” Carried Unanimously

Councillor Committee Reports:

1. Stettler Public Library (Councillor Stulberg)
2. Parkland Regional Library (Councillor Stulberg)
3. Battle River Research Group (Councillor Grover)
4. Buffalo Lake IDP Committee (Councillor Neitz)
5. Bashaw Detachment Community Consultative Group (Councillor Nixon)
6. Stettler Town and Country Museum (Councillor Nixon)
7. Rural Broadband (Councillor Nibourg)
8. Housing Authority (Councillor Nibourg)
9. ASCHA Regional Meeting (Councillor Nibourg)
10. FCSS (Councillor Nibourg)

94.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Grover
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Committee Reports for the March 11, 2020 Council Meeting be received for information.”
Carried Unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Alberta Utilities Commission RE: Rule 007 Changes:

95.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 instruct Administration to prepare a response to Alberta Utilities Commission regarding Rural 007 Changes, noting the need to be informed of activities.” Carried Unanimously

96.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Grover

“that the following County of Stettler No. 6 Consent Agenda Items for the March 11, 2020 Council Meeting be received for information:

1. Stettler Public Library
RE: February and March Newsletters
2. ATCO
RE: Central East Transfer Out Project Update
3. Solicitor General
RE: New Police Funding Model.”

Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shane Milner, Southern Alberta AltaGas Utilities Manager, joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m., giving a short presentation noting that his main reason for attending was to introduce himself.

Shane Milner left the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

COUNCIL INFORMATION

None

IN-CAMERA SESSION

97.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 enter into an in-camera session at 2:50 p.m. to discuss items exempt from disclosure in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* as:

- Section 16: Disclosure Harmful to the Business Interests of a Third Party
RE: Economic Development Opportunities
- Section 27: Privileged Information
RE: Litigation
- Section 25: Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body
RE: Offer to Purchase Land
- Section 27: Privileged Information
RE: Buffalo Lake South Shore IDP Amendment Response.”

Carried Unanimously

98.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council exit out of in-camera at 3:55 p.m.” Carried Unanimously

The meeting reconvened.

Offer to Purchase Land:

99.03.11.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council offer for sale Lot 8 Block 3 Plan 0821859 to Angie Boxma in the amount of \$5,000 on the condition it be amalgamated, at the purchaser's expense, with her existing lot.”

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

Opposed: Councillor Grover
Carried

Buffalo Lake South Shore IDP Amendment Response:

- 100.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council initiate the Dispute Resolution Procedures outlined in the Buffalo Lake South Shore Intermunicipal Development Plan.” Carried Unanimously

NEXT MEETING

The next regular Meeting of County of Stettler No. 6 Council will be at the Call of the Chairperson.

ADJOURNMENT

- 101.03.11.20 Moved by Councillor Grover**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 3:38 p.m.” Carried Unanimously

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer