

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020 AT 10:10 A.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE

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
Director of Finance Christa Cornelssen
Director of Operations Rick Green
Executive Assistant Marlene Hanson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2020 by Reeve Clarke.

Andrew Brysiuk informed of and asked Councillors to identify the voting procedure method to be implemented.

113.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the County of Stettler Council use *5, with the Reeve confirming vote results, as the voting procedure.” Carried Unanimously

AGENDA APPROVAL

114.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg
“that the agenda for the January 14, 2020 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting be approved with the following additions:
1. Scollard Road
2. Approve Village of Gadsby Audited Financial Statements
3. Discussion on Tower in Erskine.” Carried Unanimously

MINUTES APPROVAL

From the March 11, 2020 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting Minutes, Council indicated the desire to table New Peace Officer Appointment Options and Secondary Highway Maintenance Signage items until the May 13, 2020 County of Stettler Council Meeting.

115.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Neitz
“that the March 11, 2020 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.” Carried Unanimously

116.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Grover
“that the March 20, 2020 Special County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.” Carried Unanimously

DELEGATIONS

Gitzel and Company Chartered Professional Accountants RE: Audited Financial Statements:

Peggy Weinzierl joined the meeting at 10:28 a.m. and presented the County of Stettler Council with the audited financial statements for the 2019 year.

Yvette Cassidy left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Audited Financial Statements:

117.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nixon

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 approve the 2019 Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 as prepared and presented by Gitzel and Company Chartered Professional Accountants."
Carried Unanimously

Yvette Cassidy rejoined the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Appoint 2020 Auditor:

118.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 appoint Gitzel and Company Chartered Accountants as the County of Stettler No. 6 2020 Auditor."
Carried Unanimously

Peggy Weinzierl left the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Scollard Road:

Councillor Grover noted that when frost was coming out a few vehicles got stuck on the Scollard Road, therefore, requested that the road be fixed to construction standards to remain as a haul road.

Through conversation the following was identified:

- Rick Green responded that the work is underway and the road will be repaired up to Provincial Highway 589. Structure of the road is fine, however, there will be softness as frost comes out of the ground. A cost estimate has not been completed as this is a maintenance item.
- CAO Cassidy responded that there was a specific Road Use Agreement in place, however, had not realized that damage had occurred until after the security deposit was released.
- Mr. Green noted that lack of maintenance while hauling created the damage.
- Councillor Nibourg requested that Protective Services monitor the weight of the vehicles that are using the roads, and requested that patrol information be supplied.

Discussion on Tower in Erskine:

Councillor Neitz asked that in the absence of a Bylaw, if Planning and Development would develop one to deal with the Erskine Tower?

- Andrew Brysiuk noted that there are Land Use Districts that permit towers. The designated Land Use of this property does not allow towers, therefore, an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw would need to occur prior to the Development Permit being processed.

- CAO Cassidy noted that an MPC Meeting will be scheduled in order to address the issue.

NEW BUSINESS continued . . .

Donalda and Botha Emergency Recreation Funding:

119.04.22.20

Moved by Councillor Stulberg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council approve 80% of the requested funding being:

- Donalda Recreation Emergency Funding for repairs on the Donalda Equestrian Centre in the amount of \$2,352.00;

and

- Botha Recreation Emergency Funding for repairs on the Botha Community Hall in the amount of \$1,172.26,

to be drawn, for both, from the 2020 Emergency Reserve."

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

Opposed: Councillors Grover and Gendre

Carried

Policy PW 2.26 – Road Clean-Up Program:

120.04.22.20

Moved by Councillor Nixon

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 rescind Council Policy Manual's Public Works Policy 2.26 - Road Clean-Up Program and send the policy back to the Policy Committee for consideration for the 2021 year."

Carried Unanimously

Battle River Research Group Funding:

121.04.22.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 approve the recommendation of the County of Stettler Agricultural Service Board to fund the Battle River Research Group in the amount of \$10,002.00 as per the following ASB motion:

13.02.26.20 Moved by James Nibourg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board fund Battle River Research Group to assist with operational expenses for 2020, in the altered amount of \$10,002.00".

Carried Unanimously."

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

Opposed: Councillors Nixon and Stulberg

Carried

Approve Village of Gadsby Audited Financial Statements:

Director of Finance, Christa Cornelssen presented the County of Stettler Council with the Village of Gadsby Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 and 2020 for the year ended January 31, 2020.

122.04.22.20

Moved by Councillor Nixon

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 approve the 2019 Village of Gadsby Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 and 2020 for the year ended January 31, 2020 as prepared and presented by Chapman and Co. Professional Accountants."

Carried Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rural Addressing on the Border of Lacombe County:

123.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg

"that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council authorize the purchase and placement of a 'County of Stettler' sign to be placed under the County of Stettler Rural Municipal Addressing signs located between the Lacombe County and County of Stettler's border, at an approximate cost of \$150.00 plus labour, to be drawn from the pw-sign account."

Carried Unanimously

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with Jacinta Donovan, Natasha Wright and Craig Teal joining and Christa Cornelssen not rejoining the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Call To Order:

Larry Clarke as Chairperson opened the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1631-20 at 1:03 p.m.

Andrew Brysiuk identified all Councillor Members, staff and members of the Gallery that were in attendance.

Purpose of Public Hearing:

To hold a Public Hearing for Bylaw 1631-20 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

Notice of Intention:

1631-20's notice of intention was published in the April 9 and 16, 2020 editions of the Stettler Independent and mailed to adjacent landowners on April 6, 2020.

Jacinta Donovan read out loud the nature of the proposed amendment as advertised.

Reeve Clarke reviewed 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 Support - Email comments: None

In Opposition: None

In Opposition – Email comments: None

Presentations from Resource Person(s):

No additional comments to read into the record.

Reeve Clarke asked if there were any questions from Council.

124.04.22.20 Reeve Clarke declared

"that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1631-20 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment be adjourned at 1:19 p.m."

BYLAWS

Bylaw 1631-20 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment:

- 125.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg**
“that Bylaw 1631-20 being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment, be given second reading.” Carried Unanimously
- 126.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg**
“that Bylaw 1631-20 being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment, be given third reading.”
In Favour: Councillors Nixon, Gendre, Neitz, Stulberg, Nibourg and Reeve Clarke
Opposed: Councillor Grover
Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

Confined Feeding Operation Application, SW 19-42-17 W4M:

- 127.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council accept the Confined Feeding Operation Application, SW 19-42-17 W4M item for information.”
In Favour: Councillors Nixon, Gendre, Neitz, Stulberg, Nibourg and Reeve Clarke
Opposed: Councillor Grover
Carried

Jacinta Donovan left the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

BYLAWS continued . . .

Bylaw 1633-20 – Fee Bylaw:

- 128.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Gendre**
“that Bylaw 1633-20, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Fee Bylaw, be given first reading.” Carried Unanimously
- 129.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg**
“that Bylaw 1633-20, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Fee Bylaw, be given second reading.” Carried Unanimously
- 130.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nixon**
“that Bylaw 1633-20, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Fee Bylaw, be presented for third reading.” Carried (Unanimously)
- 131.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg**
“that Bylaw 1633-20, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Fee Bylaw, be given third reading.” Carried Unanimously

REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer’s Report:

- 132.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nixon**
“that the April 22, 2020 Chief Administrative Officer’s Report be received for information.” Carried Unanimously

Financial Reports:

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

Councillor Fee Sheet Reports:

134.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Gendre

“that the Councillor Fee Sheet Reports for the month of March, 2020 be received for information.” Carried Unanimously

Councillor Committee Reports:

1. Stettler Public Library Board: (Councillor Stulberg)
 - Received letter that Provincial Library funding will be received in full.
2. Stettler and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS): (Councillor Stulberg)

Councillor Neitz disconnected at 2:13 p.m.

Rural Crime Prevention Committee: (Councillor Nixon)

- Firearms stole from a residence on Highway 601.

Councillor Neitz rejoined the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

135.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nixon

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Committee Reports for the April 22, 2020 Council Meeting be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

136.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the following County of Stettler No. 6 Consent Agenda Items for the April 22, 2020 Council Meeting be received for information:

1. ATCO
RE: Report to Communities – Botha
2. Minister of Municipal Affairs
RE: Hamlet of Gadsby Municipal Restructuring Grant
3. Stettler Music Festival
RE: 2020 Music Festival.”

Carried Unanimously

COUNCIL INFORMATION

None

IN-CAMERA SESSION

137.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 enter into an in-camera session at 2:21 p.m. to discuss items exempt from disclosure in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* as:

Section 27: Privileged Information

RE: Legal Opinion on Conservation Easements.”

Carried Unanimously

138.04.22.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council exit out of in-camera at 2:40 p.m.”

Carried Unanimously

The meeting reconvened.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular Meeting of County of Stettler No. 6 Council will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

139.04.22.20

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.”

Carried Unanimously

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer