

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 AT 10:00 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 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2020 by Reeve Clarke.

AGENDA APPROVAL

178.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg

“that the agenda for the May 27, 2020 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting be approved with the following additions:

- Dr. Deena Hinshaw's Letter RE: Opening of Municipal Offices
- Stettler Town and Country Museum RE: Re-Opening
- In-Camera Item

Section 25: Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body RE: Disposal of Graders.” Carried Unanimously

MINUTES APPROVAL

179.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Grover

“that the May 13, 2020 Regular County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.” Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING (None)

DELEGATIONS (None)

COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (None)

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Revised Budget:

180.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Nixon

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 approve the 2020 Revised Budget, attached and forming part of these minutes.” Carried Unanimously

Council requested to enclose a notification with the tax notices that informs ratepayers to contact the County if they are experiencing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and to explain that Municipal taxes increased by 0%, then identify the areas where increases have occurred. It was noted that the County of Stettler is

working closely with Provincial Government Ministers and the Rural Municipal of Alberta (RMA) regarding the loss of revenue.

Stettler Town and Country Museum RE: Re-Opening:

Councillor Nixon announced that the Museum wishes to re-open around June 1 and inquiring if there is any input from the County Councillors.

Councillor Nibourg inquired whether Garage Sales are allowed if they follow mandated gathering restriction numbers and physical distancing. It was noted that Stettler Regional Emergency Management Agency (SREMA) is re-opening playgrounds on May 29, 2020 and Garage Sales will be addressed in the near future.

- 181.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council send an email to the Stettler Town and Country Museum that Council is in favor of the Museum re-opening on June 1, 2020 noting that mandated gathering restriction numbers, physical distancing, cleaning and all other restrictions will need to be in place prior to opening.” Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

Bylaw 1636-20 - 2020 Tax Rate:

Council noted that a notification identifying that 2020 taxes have a zero percent increase and identify the other areas where increases have occurred, should to go out by a means other than with the tax notices and the social media, as not everyone has access to these.

- 182.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Nixon**
“that Bylaw 1636-20, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Tax Rate Bylaw, be given first reading.” Carried Unanimously

- 183.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg**
“that Bylaw 1636-20, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Tax Rate Bylaw, be given second reading.” Carried Unanimously

- 184.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Neitz**
“that Bylaw 1636-20, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Tax Rate Bylaw, be presented for third reading.” Carried (Unanimously)

- 185.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Gendre**
“that Bylaw 1636-20, being a County of Stettler No. 6 Tax Rate Bylaw, be given third reading.” Carried Unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Minister of Municipal Affairs RE: March 31 Teleconference:

- 186.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Gendre**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 accept for information the Minister of Municipal Affairs Letter RE: March 31, 2020 Teleconference Meeting item.” Carried Unanimously

Dr. Deena Hinshaw Letter RE: Opening of Municipal Offices:

Niki Thorsteinsson distributed and read Dr. Deena Hinshaw's Letter into the record.

- 187.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Grover**
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 receive for information Dr. Deena Hinshaw's Letter RE: Opening of Municipal Offices.” Carried Unanimously

IN-CAMERA SESSION

188.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 enter into an in-camera session at 10:40 a.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: Gravel Purchases and Disposal of Graders.”
Carried Unanimously

189.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council exit out of in-camera at 11:18 a.m.”
Carried Unanimously

The meeting reconvened.

190.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Grover
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council instruct Administration to proceed to move forward with the offer to purchase gravel as discussed.”
Carried Unanimously

191.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Stulberg
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council approve disposing of Graders with JPH Equipment Ltd., Lethbridge, Alberta, providing a guaranteed \$105,000 non refundable deposit.”
In Favour: Councillors Stulberg, Nixon, Grover, Neitz, Gendre and Reeve Clarke
Opposed: Councillor Nibourg
Carried

DELEGATION

It was noted that the County of Stettler No. 6 Administration Office may open June 15 and Public Works Facility is to remain closed due to the shortage of staff.

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

192.05.27.20 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 11:25 a.m.”
Carried Unanimously

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer