

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024, COMMENCING AT 10:06 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, STETTLER, ALBERTA.

PRESENT: Reeve Larry Clarke
Councillor Les Stulberg
Councillor James Nibourg
Councillor Ernie Gendre
Councillor Paul McKay
Councillor Justin Stevens
Councillor Dave Grover, via Zoom

Chief Administrative Officer Yvette Cassidy
Director of Communications Niki Thorsteinsson
Director of Municipal Services Andrew Brysiuk
Legislative Assistant Michelle Hoover
Tax and Assessment Clerk Sharon Larsen
Manager of Health & Safety Cara McKenzie
Director of Operations Joe McCulloch
Director of Planning and Development Craig Teal

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am, Thursday, April 4, 2024, by Reeve Clarke.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

13.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that the agenda for the April 4, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as amended with the following:

- 4.3. iQubed Conference
- 9.1. Seniors Week Events
- 4.4 Clearview Municipal Meeting (Stulberg).”

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATION

None

COUNCIL’S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Assessment Review Model (Nibourg)

Council reviewed the updates to the Assessment Review Model and its effect on municipalities. The new model is in early stages, and there is still a lot of process before it is put into use. Some notable pieces include:

1. Changes to oil and gas taxation. Including abandoned well sites.
2. Other linear industrial tax changes, including powerlines and railways.
3. Discussion of changes to the assessment of agricultural outbuildings.

14.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the Assessment Review Model agenda item be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

Joe McCulloch and Cara McKenzie joined the meeting at 10:20 am.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Fire Update

Discussion about the purchase of some equipment, specifically for water rescue, for the Stettler Regional Fire Department. However, before the purchase was made there was no purchase approvals from the County of Stettler, Summer Village of White Sands, or the Summer Village of Rochon Sands. The equipment was still purchased using donation funds.

Administration shared concerns with Council about the purchasing of this equipment, and the further financial implications that the County of Stettler would be undertaking by accepting the equipment.

15.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor McKay

“that the Fire Update be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Water Hook-Up Requests

Administration asked for clarification on Council’s direction for Water Hook-Ups to be brought formally to a Council meeting. Discussed the cost of a water hook-up versus the increasing need for water access for County residents.

Yvette Cassidy joined the meeting at 11:20 am.

Councillor Grover joined the meeting at 11:29 am.

Councillor Grover left the meeting at 11:51 am.

16.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council delegates the authority to Councillor Stulberg to collect interest in the western expansion of the Byemoor-Endiang waterline.”

Carried Unanimously

17.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council delegates the authority to Councillor Gendre and Reeve Clarke to collect interest in the Phase 2 of the Gadsby waterline prior to a possible retendering.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Grover rejoined the meeting at 12:06 pm.

18.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council directs Administration to look into the average cost of drilling and installation of a 200-foot water well.”

Carried Unanimously

19.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Stulberg

“that Council directs Administration to bring back an engineering estimate for the western expansion of the Byemoor-Endiang waterline.”

Carried Unanimously

20.04.04.24 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that Council directs Administration to design a general project plan, including possible routes, for waterline expansion at Buffalo Sands through Rochon Sands Estates.”
Carried Unanimously

LUNCH

The meeting recessed at 12:18 pm for lunch. Councillor Grover and Sharon Larsen left the meeting.

Reeve Clarke reconvened the meeting at 1:00 pm. Craig Teal joined the meeting.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Development Agreement

21.04.04.24 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Committee of the Whole Meeting enter into an in-camera session at 1:00 pm to discuss the following agenda item:
5.1. Development Agreement
FOIP Section 25: Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body.”
Carried Unanimously

22.04.04.24 Moved by Councillor Stevens
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Committee of the Whole meeting exit the in-camera session at 2:55 pm.”
Carried Unanimously

Craig Teal left the meeting at 2:57 pm.

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Request for Meeting – Big Valley Council

The Chief Administrative Officer and new Council of the Village of Big Valley have requested a meeting. This meeting would discuss service agreements, water and sewer monitoring, 2023 bridge replacement. Two dates were selected to send back to the Big Valley Council.

Sharon Larsen rejoined the meeting at 3:08 pm.

COUNCIL’S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONT.

Red Willow Sewer Lagoon (Gendre)

Discussion of current status at the Red Willow Sewer Lagoon. High costs associated with trucking and hauling. Stantec is currently working on alternatives. Alternative solutions are being explored.

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Botha Bell

In November 2023, Administration was brought a proposal from a member of the Botha Community, suggesting that the Botha Bell be moved. During the County in Your Community event, ratepayers were encouraged to share their opinions. Operations is working with the Botha School to create possible designs for a park with the Botha Bell.

23.04.04.24 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
“that the Botha Bell agenda item is received for information.”
Carried Unanimously

Joe McCulloch and Cara McKenzie left the meeting at 3:45 pm.

COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONT.

IQubed Conference (Nibourg)

24.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Stulberg

“that Council approves the Councillor Nibourg’s attendance of the IQubed Conference in Brooks, AB on April 18-19, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

Clearview Municipal Meeting (Stulberg)

Councillor Stulberg presented an update following the annual Clearview Local Governance Meeting. This included discussions about Youth Agriculture programming, discussions about the County of Stettler work experience opportunities, and other local news.

25.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that the Clearview Municipal Meeting agenda item be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Code of Conduct Review Date

Administration requested Council to share a few possible dates for a Councillor Code of Conduct review.

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Land Values & Sales

26.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that Council directs Administration to bring back Land Values & Sales item to an upcoming Council meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

Buffalo Lake Community Associations – Proposals

Due to time requests, this was moved to an upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting.

POLICY REVIEW

Due to time constraints, the policies were moved to an upcoming Committee of the Whole.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seniors Week 2024

27.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 collaborate with the Town of Stettler for Seniors Week 2024 to the amount of \$500.00.”

Carried Unanimously

NEXT MEETING

The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 10:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

28.04.04.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 4:27 pm.”

Carried Unanimously



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer