

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLE NO. 6 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024, COMMENCING AT 10:09 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLE NO. 6 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, STETTLE, ALBERTA.

PRESENT: Reeve Larry Clarke
Councillor Les Stulberg
Councillor James Nibourg
Councillor Ernie Gendre
Councillor Paul McKay
Councillor Justin Stevens

Chief Administrative Officer Yvette Cassidy
Director of Communications Niki Thorsteinsson
Director of Municipal Services Andrew Brysiuk
Legislative Assistant Michelle Hoover
Manager of Health and Safety Cara McKenzie
Manager of Agricultural Services Quinton Beaumont
Director of Corporate Services Christa Cornelssen
Manager of Recreation and Insurance Lorraine Hankins

ABSENT: Councillor Dave Grover

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am, Thursday, June 27, 2024, by Reeve Clarke.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

48.06.27.24

Moved by Councillor Stulberg

“that the agenda for the June 27, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as amended:

- 4.5 Water on Liberal Road (Councillor Gendre).”

Carried Unanimously

WORKSHOP SET-A-DATE

Cyber Security Awareness/Rural Water Extension Workshop

The County of Stettler No. 6 Council, as a part of the organization, is required to have training in Cyber Security Awareness. Council is also requesting a more in-depth Rural Water workshop. In order to facilitate these requests, Administration requested that the July 25, 2024, Committee of the Whole be set aside for those topics.

Councillor Stevens joined at 10:15 am.

DELEGATION

Health and Safety Program Update

Administration presented an update to the County of Stettler Health and Safety Program to Council. There have been 30 incidents so far in 2024. Council discussed the updates and upgrades to Health and Safety program. This also included a reminder of the external Health and Safety audit in October 2024.

Christa Cornelssen joined the meeting at 10:34 am.

Andrew Brysiuk joined the meeting at 10:44 am.

Lorraine Hankins joined the meeting at 11:03 am.

POLICY REVIEW

Policy AF 6.16 – Tangible Capital Assets

Administration presented an updated draft of Policy AF 6.16 – Tangible Capital Assets. This included updating financial thresholds, categorizing minimum lifespan for an item to be considered capital, and a Schedule pertaining to residual value.

49.06.27.24 Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council directs Administration to bring Policy AF 6.16 – Tangible Capital Assets to a future Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Christa Cornelssen left the meeting at 11:13 am.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Rentals in Botha and Gadsby

Administration discussed current rentals in the Hamlets of Botha and Gadsby. This includes the Botha Post Office, Artsy Fartsy Emporium and future opportunities, as well as the possibility of building sales. Council discussed the financial implications and effects on the communities.

50.06.27.24 Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council directs Administration to explore the sale of the vacant and currently rented buildings within the County Hamlets.”

Carried Unanimously

51.06.27.24 Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council directs Administration to draft a contract for the rental of the old Gadsby Bank Building.”

Carried Unanimously

52.03.27.24 Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council directs Administration to bring back a revised contract for service levels of the Gadsby Ball Diamond including a termination clause to a future Committee of the Whole.”

Carried Unanimously

53.06.27.24 Moved by Councillor Gendre

“that Council directs Administration to bring back information on maintenance contracts to a future Committee of the Whole.”

Carried Unanimously

COUNCIL’S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Cemetery Funding (Councillor Stulberg)

Discussion about the current status of Cemetery maintenance within the County of Stettler, including aging community associations. Currently, these associations are given \$1,000.00 a year.

54.06.27.24 Moved by Councillor Stulberg

“that Council directs Administration to review annual cemetery funding for discussion at a future Council meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:02 pm. Lorraine Hankins and Michelle Hoover left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 1:01 pm. Councillor Nibourg joined the meeting.

COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONT.

Meals on Wheels (Reeve Clarke)

Discussed recent issues with scheduling and availability for Council to participate in scheduled events. Council will consider rescheduling for later in the year to deliver for Meals on Wheels.

QR Contact Codes for Business Cards (Councillor Nibourg)

Council saw business cards with QR Code – Contact Cards, during the trip to FCM in Calgary. Administration discussed options to have them added, or modifying business cards to include them. No further direction was provided.

Boehlke's Pond (Councillor Stulberg)

Administration provided Council with an update on Boehlke's Pond. Council discussed options for possible maintenance, operations or improvements. Administration will continue to research leads, no projects will be completed for the pond in Summer 2024.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES CONT.

Erskine Truck Fill

Council requested an update on mechanical issues with the Erskine Truck Fill. Administration has looked into issues. A lot of the issues are due to improper usage, as customers are not following proper stopping procedures and tripping the breaker. If this continues, the Truck Fill would have to be converted for overhead fills only.

55.06.27.24 Moved by Councillor Gendre

"that Council directs Administration to add Liberal Road to the agenda of the upcoming Rural Waterline Workshop."

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

ASB Resolution Review

Administration reviewed the responses to the last round of Provincial ASB Resolutions. The County of Stettler submitted a resolution regarding confinement standards for wild boar. Council reviewed the response and found it unsatisfactory. Administration presented options for further lobbying efforts.

Wild Boar Bylaw

Issues with provincial lobbying efforts, are there better methods to deal with this in the County of Stettler. Administration presented other municipalities Wild Boar Bylaws.

56.06.27.24 Moved by Councillor Stulberg

"that a draft Wild Boar Bylaw to an upcoming County of Stettler No. 6 ASB Meeting."

Carried Unanimously

Fire Seadoos

The Manager of Regional Fire Services provided additional information that Council requested. This included cost schedules, training information and the possibility of partnering with other regional municipalities.

Council discussed possible locations for Seadoo storage. There was acknowledgement of issues with the procurement decisions. Also, Council discussed the Fire Department volunteer bank accounts and their history.

57.06.27.24

Moved by Councillor Stulberg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council accepts the donation of the two Sea Doos and Trailer from the Stettler Volunteer Fire Department and Stettler Volunteer Firefighters Association, if the Stettler Volunteer Firefighters Association is agreeable to the County’s sole ownership. The County will put them into service including accepting the costs associated with training and maintenance.”

Carried Unanimously

58.06.27.24

Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council directs Administration to release a Press Release regarding the acceptance of the watercraft donations for fire rescue purposes.”

Carried Unanimously

59.06.27.24

Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council directs Administration to enter into discussions with our partners and the Summer Villages.”

Carried Unanimously

Andrew Brysiuk left the meeting at 3:23 pm.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES CONT.

Rural Crime Prevention Committee

A discussion was held regarding the possible dissolution of the Rural Crime Prevention Committee. This included a discussion on issues with filling member positions, meeting quorum, and the relevance of the committee.

60.06.27.24

Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council directs Administration to bring back options regarding possible dissolution of the Rural Crime Prevention Committee to a future Council meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

If the Committee was dissolved, resources would be used to offer seminars, host public engagement events like “Coffee with a Cop” and other community engagement opportunities.

Councillor Stulberg left at 4:05 pm.

Quinton Beaumont left the meeting at 4:20 pm.

Gadsby Draining Project

Administration provided an update on the Gadsby Transition Grants, currently there is \$818,000.00 left to spend. Recently, projects like connecting the Gadsby Truck Fill with hamlet waterlines. To complete the Gadsby Drainage Project, the County would be spending \$95,340.00 in order to begin the project; this includes designing, caveats and land acquisition.

61.06.27.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that Council approves the \$95,340.00 expenditure for the Gadsby Drainage Project.”

Carried Unanimously

Physician Recruitment and Retention

Discussion on the current status of Physician Recruitment and Retention. Reeve Clarke and Councillor Stevens have been giving interviews, as have community members Terry Chesla and Dean Lovell.

Discussion about the changes regarding the new incentive structure, AHS negotiations with Stettler District Ambulance Association and the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee. Continue lobbying AHS for answers and solutions.

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Stettler County Fair

Administration asked Council for direction regarding the upcoming Stettler County Fair. This included direction on possible sponsorship amounts and event participation.

62.06.27.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that Council directs Administration to bring back Sponsorship of the Stettler County Fair to the July Council Meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

NEXT MEETING

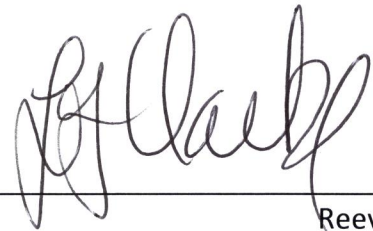
The next County of Stettler Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 10:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

63.06.27.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 5:41 pm.”



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer