

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
March 13, 2018**

**Present:** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor  
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief

**Absent:** Dan Coulter, Village Foreman

**Recording Secretary:** Laurie Beck, Administrator

**Call to Order:** Call to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Guests:** **Sgt. Tom Howell, RCMP Picture Butte Detachment**  
Some issues have come up regarding rural crime. Picture Butte RCMP has seen a reduction in crime in their patrol area comparing the years 2017 and 2018. Increases in auto thefts, break in's and rural crime seem to be the trend. In addition, issues surrounding dealing with drug addiction in some of the crimes has been a challenge. Additional funding has been announced by the Province for extra resources in dealing with rural crimes. It appears that repeat offenders seem to be doing the crimes. The Picture Butte Detachment does not seem to have a lot of rural crime problems – more traffic and mental health issues. After the Rural Crime open house at Nobleford, it was suggested that people want to start up a rural crime watch association – asking for two to three volunteers from the municipalities in the Picture Butte and Southern Alberta area.

**Eric Konynenbelt, Proposed Development**

Mr. Konynenbelt provided a proposal to Council regarding a self-storage business at 211 Railway Avenue. There is a 25'x25' lot that the Village owns which he would be interested in purchasing. In addition, the lot is currently zoned residential and has requested that Council consider re-zoning this property to commercial.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to provide for re-zoning of the property known as** **Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to have Mr. Konynenbelt submit an offer to purchase the Village owned land for Council's consideration.** **Carried**

**Mark Murphy, CPO Open House**

Provided Council with an overview of what this program does. Mr. Murphy put together a power point presentation. The objective of the Community Peace Officer Program is to "Enhance livability through Public Safety". Discussion was held regarding communication between the Village, the CPO's and its Citizens.

***Approval of Agenda:***

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**

***Minutes:***

To accept the minutes of the February 20, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2018 Regular Council meeting.**

**Carried**

***Business Arising:***

- a. Tank Remediation Program**  
No information at this time.
- b. Nobleford Water Treatment Plant Reservoir**  
Rates for 2018 will not change from the 2017 rates. They will remain at \$1.40 per m3 for 2018.
- c. Planning/Budget Dates**  
March 27, 2018 at 10:00

***Village Foreman Report:***

Lots of snow removal. Foreman Coulter had someone help him with the removal. Fixing equipment. Some plugged sewers were also done.

***Administrator Report:***

Assessments went out February 27<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Beck continues with year-end reporting. The tarp that was reported to be on the Village fence has since been removed. Administrator Beck transferred from the general account to a Village savings account in the amount of \$4,018.42 which reflects the balance from the recent tax sale. The Village received a response from Mr. Nodwell, UCANU regarding his recent letters of unsightly and tax arrears. Administrator Beck contacted the Village lawyer and was advised to reply back stating that the Village will follow the procedures set out in the MGA but he is welcome to pay the tax arrears at any time. A letter was emailed to Maya Bilbao, Researcher from “Still Standing” highlighting Barons.

***Correspondence:***

- Town of Coalhurst re CPO Budget
- AHS – Municipalities and Cannabis Regulation
- AUMA – Rules for Cannabis Retailers
- Letter of Appreciation for Snow Removal
- Bylaw Enforcement Report – February 12 – 25, 2018
- Hon. Doug Black – Bill C-45, Cannabis Act
- AUMA – Offsetting Costs to Transition to the New Cannabis Legislative and Regulatory Framework
- RCMP Media Release – Two Offenders in Custody for stolen truck and flight from police
- Nobleford – 100 Birthday Party February 28, 2018
- RCMP Picture Butte – Crime Stats
- Bylaw Enforcement Report – February 26 to March 11, 2018

- Alberta Emergency Management Agency South Region Newsletter
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency Emergency Alert System – Wireless Public Alerting

**Financial Reports:** Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for February, 2018.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of February, 2018.** **Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the monthly statements for February, 2018.** **Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **ORRSC**  
First quarterly meeting had a speaker re: trouble with new subdivision.
- b) **Fire Department**  
Chief Fraser has received his accreditation with Safety Codes Council in the Fire Discipline. The plan for the Fire Department will be to start this spring with inspections, site plans, etc. The recent Joint Chief's committee has made positive changes. They are responsible for looking at common service standards and common response standards. Fire Chief Fraser is looking at Safety Codes training to deal with occupancies. A pump operating course will be put on this spring. The Fire Department received AFRRSC radio, which was jointly purchased by Lethbridge County and Barons. Chief Fraser anticipates hosting an open house in the future.
- c) **Green Acres**  
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Regular business meeting – ratified loans.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
All Council will be attending the All Councils Meeting.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
A lot of discussion was held regarding twinning of Highway 3.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**  
No report at this time.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
No report at this time.
- i) **AG Society**  
No report at this time.

- j) Emergency Advisory Committee**  
No report at this time.
- k) CPO Regionalization Committee**  
No report at this time.
- l) Carmangay Library**  
The Library will be hosting something after the Carmangay St. Patrick's Day Parade.

***New Business:***

- a. April Council Meeting**  
Council is asked to consider not having a regular Council meeting for April.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to not have a regular Council meeting in April and that if any business requires attention, a special meeting will be called. Carried**

***Executive Session:***

None

***Adjournment:***

Adjournment of the meeting was at 9:02 p.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**