

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
March 10, 2020**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor via Teleconference
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief
- Absent:*** Brian Passmore, Village Foreman
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 5:58 p.m.
- Guests:*** None
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting as presented.
- Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:*** **Recycling**
Administrator Beck had a meeting with the Administrator of Coalhurst re: a proposed joint recycling project. The meeting went well – Coalhurst was to present this to their Committee for discussion. Mayor Weistra had spoke with the Mayor of Coalhurst and it was a positive discussion.
- Village Foreman Report:*** Village Foreman is attending the Alberta Water/Wastewater Annual Convention this week. No water or sewer issues – everything has been operating well. On Monday, March 9th, Alberta Environment came to do the annual inspection. Has started to go through equipment in preparation for spring grass cutting. New blades were installed on mowers last summer, so tire repairs and oil changes are all that is required. Village Foreman plans to look at the Dutch Elm trees before the no cut season begins which is April 1 – September 30th each year. An offer to purchase an old propane tank in the water plant yard for \$150.00 has been received. Also received an offer to purchase the old 10-foot aluminum boat the Village has for \$300.00. The Village used to use the boat when it still had the water reservoirs.
- Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the bid of \$150.00 for the old propane tank in the Village yard and sold as is/where is. Carried**
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the bid of \$300.00 for the old 10-foot aluminum boat owned by the Village of Barons and sold as it/where is. Carried**

Administrator Report: Both Deputy Mayor Gorzitza and Administrator Beck took the online training for Disaster Services. The 2020 Assessment notices were sent in the mail on March 26th with the last day to appeal the assessment being set for May 6th. Alberta Emergency Management Agency Bob Ford, Regional Field Officer Manager and Regional Field Officer Garry Dzioba with Administrator Beck and Director of Emergency Management Biddlecombe on March 3rd. The purpose of this meeting was to meet with the Village to address the letter that the Mayor had sent regarding a Field Officer's conduct. The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) realizes that communities are finding it difficult to independently issue and manage their own community emergency alerts. Therefore, AEMA will issue an emergency alert on the community's behalf. There will be a training component in the switch over – what information the community will need to provide in order to have the alert generated and issued. There will be no change to the treated water rate being charged by Nobleford for the 2020 year. Administrator Beck attended a meeting with ORRSC to get additional training on the GIS and registration at land titles so that the Village can save money when ordering Titles. A meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020 with Garry Dzioba, Field Officer, Alberta Emergency Management Agency to meet with Administrator Beck, Director of Emergency Management Biddlecombe and Deputy Director of Emergency Management Sigurdson to go provide a review of the Village's emergency plan. Letters have gone out in the mail for notifications on tax arrears listing and warning of public sale to those owners that are in tax arrears.

Correspondence:

- FortisAlberta – Approved 2020 Distribution Rates
- Bank Reconciliation for January, 2020
- Journal Entry for February, 2020
- AUMA – Supplies via Railway
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Intermunicipal Collaborative Frameworks Notification Process
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Key Budget Items
- Green Acres – 2020 Requisition
- Bylaw Enforcement Monthly Report – January/February 2020
- RCMP – Calls for Services
- AHS – Review of AHS

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for the month of February, 2020.

Motion made Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of February, 2020. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the monthly statement for February, 2020. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC (Oldman River Regional Services Commission)**
General meeting. Speaker from the Oldman Watershed made a presentation. Some municipalities have pulled out of ORRSC. The executive will sit down with the municipalities so iron out some things.

- b) **Fire Department**
Lots of training planned for this year. Applied as a region for a fire training grant. Have a couple of new members. Will be doing a new recruit program. Fire Chief Fraser is now officially a C2 fire investigator.
- c) **Green Acres**
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Certificate for a legal responsibilities of Boards training. Regular meeting. Ratified a few loans. Going through our processes so changes will be made.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Presentation made to the board about the numbers that use the FCSS services. Will be using a new database that will correctly provide the correct data collection.

All Councils Meeting will be held April 15th in Taber. Need to RSVP by April 3rd who will be attending.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to have Mayor Weistra and Deputy Mayor Gorzitza attend the All Councils Meeting in Taber on April 15, 2020. Carried

- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
Discussion regarding what the government is doing with some campgrounds. Spoke about the increase in education taxes. Waterton won an award for tourism. Highway 3 committee is still looking for additional money. Discussion held regarding emergency dispatch. Mayor Weistra will attend a SouthGrow Economic meeting that will be held in Champion.
- g) **Chinook Arch Library System**
No report at this time.
- h) **AG Society**
No report at this time.
- i) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
No report at this time.
- j) **Carmangay Library**
No report at this time.

New Business:

- a) **Bylaw #719 – Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)**
Council was presented with Bylaw #719, the Lethbridge County and Village of Barons Intermunicipal Development Plan for first reading. On April 14th, a Public Meeting will be held before reading the bylaw a second and third time.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #719 a first time this 10th day of March, 2020. Carried

- b) Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF)**
Council was presented with the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement for their consideration. Mayor Weistra to send a letter supporting Council and the County regarding ICF. A joint signing celebration will take place at Lethbridge County Office on Thursday, March 19th at 11:30 a.m.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Agreement as presented. Carried

- c) LGAA Annual Convention (LGAA)**
The Local Government Administrator's Association Annual Convention will be held in Red Deer April 21 – 24, 2020.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to send Administrator Beck to the LGAA Annual Conference, held in Red Deer. Carried

- d) Memorandum of Agreement – Recreation Funding**
Council was presented with the Memorandum of Agreement between Lethbridge County and the Village of Barons for Recreation funding for their consideration.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for Recreation Funding between Lethbridge County and the Village of Barons. Carried

- e) Planning Meeting Date(s)**
Council is requested to decide on a date for planning/budget for the 2020 year. It was determined that it will be April 9th at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck