

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
February 25, 2021**

Present: Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor

Recording Secretary: Laurie Beck, Administrator

Call to Order: 10:32 am

Purpose of Meeting: Minutes of Previous Meetings, Joint Election with Palliser Regional School, Monthly Statements/Cheque Register, Grant Program Priority, Planning Dates, Correspondence

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of November 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the Nov 10 regular meeting. Carried

Approval of December 10, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the Dec 10 Special meeting. Carried

Approval of January 11, 2021 Special Council Minutes

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the Jan 11/2021 special meeting. Carried

Financial Reports

Council was presented with the Monthly Financial Statements for October through to December, 2020 for their consideration.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the monthly statements for October, November and December, 2020. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for October, November and December, 2020. Carried

Correspondence:

- AUMA Presidents Summit
- 2021 Municipal Accountability Program
- Elizabeth Biddlecombe Resignation Letter
- Miriam Sigurdson Resignation Letter
- Resignation Letter
- Basic Emergency Management Certificate for Jen Durell
- ICS 100 Certificate for Jen Durell
- Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health - Helicopter Emergency Medical Services Review
- High Level Law – re Barons Hotel
- Alberta Health – EMS Dispatch
- City of Lethbridge – EMS Dispatch
- Scase and Partner – Audit Planning
- AB Online – Businesses
- City of Cold Lake – COVID 19
- Chinook Arch – Levy Reduction
- Glenn Henry, Detachment Commander, RCMP
- Town of Nobleford – Water Conveyance Rates
- FortisAlberta – Distribution Rates
- Premier’s Office – Telephone Town Hall invitation
- Town of High River – 1976 Coal Development Policy
- City of Medicine Hat – Regional Approach to Restrictions

- Carbon Tax Plan
- Lethbridge County – 1976 Coal Policy
- High Level Law – Barons Hotel
- Greg Norman – Barons Hotel
- Alberta Safe Roads – Justice Transformation Initiative
- Alberta Health Services – COVID 19
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Ministerial Order #MSD:018/21, granting request for the extension to fill the vacancy on council until the next general election

New Business:

Palliser Regional School Joint Civic Election

Palliser Regional School wants to enter into an agreement with the Village of Barons to have a joint election on October, 2021. In addition, Barons School wishes to partner with Barons in a Healthy Community Grant for Rural Alberta facing COVID 19 issues. The plan is to use these funds to enhance the outside play areas by purchasing outdoor exercise equipment that Barons residents could use.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to enter and sign the agreement with Palliser Regional Schools. Carried.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to partner with Barons School to apply for the Healthy Community Grant. Carried

Planning Dates

Council is asked to set a time/date for a planning meeting, to go over grant funding and projects for the year. Will set a date in March, 2021 once schedules are consulted.

MPE – project funding \$248,705 Gas Tax Funding

Discussion. Council thought that pumps and electrical at the sewage lagoon plant, would be a good use of the funding available. This was in keeping with the generator at the plant. Administrator Beck will touch base with MPE.

Adjournment: Adjournment was at 11:05 am

Mayor Ed Weistra

Administrator Laurie Beck