

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
June 14, 2022**

Present: Daniel Doell, Deputy Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Councillor
Brian Passmore, Village Foreman
Laurie Beck, Administrator

Absent: Ed Weistra, Mayor

Recording Secretary: Jen Durell, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: Call to order at 12:55 p.m.

Guests: **Linda Bella – Utility Bills and Dog Bylaw**
Recommends changing the bylaw from dogs to “animals” to encompass cats, snakes, etc. Complaints of dog waste in yard. Feels that a Fanciers license should apply to all who own animals of any kind. Strongly feels that all animals should be licensed so owners are held more accountable for their pets.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to defer discussion of the Dog Bylaw and have Administration gather more information as to what other communities are doing re: licensing other animals, how effective it is, etc.

Carried

Second item she wanted to address to Council is the Utility billing – claims she has only used 60 cubic meters when she has been billed for 110 m³. Explained that the Village has a base amount for everyone regardless of using the water or not. She feels that she’s “paying for water she isn’t using”.

Discussion was held.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to approve the agenda as presented.** **Carried**

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Regular Council meeting. **Carried**

To accept the minutes of the May 26, 2022 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2022 Special Council meeting. Carried

Business Arising:

a) Hotel Site

The contractor has been working on cleaning up the hotel site. Discussion was held.

Village Foreman Report:

Foreman Passmore reports things are going well. The rain has hampered their mowing this week. Reports the curb stop over at the corner of King St will need to be replaced as the valve is just spinning. Road repair on main street has now concluded, though there is some sweeping meant to be done. Will start preparations for Family Fun Day. Received email re: community hall tin. Foreman Passmore received a quote for new tin for the side of the hall where the existing tin has curled up. Will also order insulation for the inside to provide for better protection in that corner.

Administrator Report:

There was one assessment adjustment before the deadline of May 21. Tax notices subsequently went out as of May 31, with the payment deadline of Aug 1. The utility rate increase has now gone into effect and will show up on the bills to be generated and sent out at the end of June. The Village has been having difficulties with Alberta Land Titles and the delay in processing land title changes, so this has impacted not only the utility billing, but also getting the tax notices out to the appropriate people. It's estimated that they are 3-4 months behind at this point. The Village is pleased to report that the recycling bin from Litterbug has finally arrived and is available for residents to use to dispose of cardboard, paper, and aluminum cans. There were two development applications received by the office over the last month, both of which were forwarded to the MPC for their consideration. Administration has started driving around the Village once a week to monitor for unsightly/untidy properties or things which would require the Village's attention. Due to this monitoring, a few properties have been identified and have received notices for things such as items parked/placed on the boulevards, unsightly/offensive graffiti, having too many unregistered vehicles and the like. Administration has been busy identifying and working on updating Bylaws. The Village

applied for a tree grant from Fortis in the amount of \$2,500.00. The Village is pleased that it is one of the recipients of this grant. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer employed by Coalhurst and contracted by Barons for its issues has resigned her position as of June 21, 2022. Administrator Beck spoke to Coalhurst and they will inform the Village as to when Barons can expect to have services again. One of the Barons school classrooms will be painting the trailer fence on Railway as part of doing good deeds.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to donate \$100.00 to the Barons School outdoor fund. Carried

Correspondence:

- Town of Mundare re: Alberta Provincial Police Force
- Bank Reconciliation and Statement for April, 2022
- Alberta Counsel re: United Conservative Party Leadership Review
- Army Cadets Corps Canada – thank you for kind donation of radios
- Town of Coaldale – Coaldale Summer Fest and Candy Parade
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – completion of 2021 Municipal Accountability Program
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Grant Funding
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Potential Legislative Changes
- Town of Tofield re: Alberta Provincial Police Force
- Alberta Bulletin re: delay in processing at Land Titles
- Town of Tofield – Alberta Utility Fees
- Priddle Gibbs – Loss of Trailer letter
- Townhall invitation re: funding from the federal government
- Certification of Statement of Funding and Expenditures for Municipal Stimulus Program
- Bank Reconciliation and Statement for May, 2022
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act
- Nobleford Heritage Day

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for the month of May, 2022.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of May, 2022. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve the monthly statement for May, 2022. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time.
- b) **Green Acres**
Meeting was held near the end of May. A retirement dinner was held for the past committee members.
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
No report at this time.
- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
No report at this time.
- e) **Mayors and Reeves**
No report at this time.
- f) **Chinook Arch Library System**
Next meeting will be held in August.
- g) **AG Society**
Meeting was held to discuss Family Fun day, including the parade.
- h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
No report at this time.
- i) **Carmangay Library**
No report at this time.

New Business:

- a) **Re-Zoning Request**
A request for Re-zoning of a property has been submitted to the Office.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to defer this item until the next regular Council meeting for discussion.

Carried

- b) **Bylaw #740 – Repeal Bylaw**
Council was presented with Bylaw #740 for their consideration.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #740 a first time this 14th day of June, 2022.

Carried

Motion made Councillor Gorzitza Bylaw #740 a second time this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to hold a third and final reading of Bylaw #740, this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #740 a third and final time and finally passed this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

b) Bylaw #741 – Amendment to Traffic Bylaw #705

Council was presented with Bylaw #741 for their consideration.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #741 a first time this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #741 a second time this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to hold a third and final reading of Bylaw #741, this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #741 a third and final time and finally passed this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

d) Bylaw #742 – Business License Bylaw

Council was presented with Bylaw #742 for their consideration.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #742 a first time this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #742 a second time this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to hold a third and final reading of Bylaw #742, this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #742 a third and final time and finally passed this 14th day of June, 2022. Carried

e) Regional Emergency Management

Information has been presented to Council about a concept for a Regional Emergency Management Partnership. There are some pluses to belonging to such a group, but it comes with a cost. For the first year, it would cost the Village \$10,000 if the group was able to obtain a grant. If not, the cost would be \$20,000 and each subsequent year would be \$20,000. The next steps would be to survey all municipalities, creating

an initial plan, plan input and finalizations, Council presentations and letter of intent and then implementation.

Discussion was held.

f) July/August Regular Council Meetings

As in previous years, Council was asked to consider the necessity of having regular Council meetings in the summer. This would also include having no newsletter for these months.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to not have any Council meetings or newsletters in July or August unless some emergent issues arise, then a special meeting of Council will be called. Carried

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 1:55 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck