

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHIPMAN
November 13, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jim Palmer called the regular monthly meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

In attendance were Councillors Stead and Stribling, and Executive Assistant Susan Campbell

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M#99-2006 Stribling: that the agenda be adopted as printed and distributed together with the following addition to Other Business:

8. (h) Purchase of V-MAXX 8500 Truck Sander

Carried Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M#100-2006 Stead: that the Minutes of Organizational Council Meeting held October 10, 2006 be adopted as printed and distributed.

Carried Unanimously

M#101-2006 Stribling: that the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held October 10, 2006 be adopted with the following amendment to 9 b) ii) – Fire Department:

“Reported by Councillor Stead that a training course was held today and that the TDIS and WIMIS courses have been changed to November 18.”

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

4 a) Insurance Renewal – Council reviewed the Options Document prepared by the Administrator, comparing coverage and premiums quoted by AUMA, AAMD&C and Jardines.

M#102-2006 Palmer: that the Village proceed to request insurance coverage from AAMD&C.

Carried Unanimously

4 b) Water Sewer Policy – Council discussed further wording changes to the draft policy, agreed to revisions and asked that the Administrator submit a revised draft at the next Council meeting.

M#103-2006 Palmer: that this item be tabled to the December Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

4 c) Franchise Agreement % Changes – Fortis Alberta
Council reviewed the amendments made by Fortis Alberta.

M#104-Palmer: That Bylaw #515 authorizing the entering into of a Franchise Agreement with Fortis Alberta be given Second Reading.

Carried Unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Operating Revenues/Expenditures to October 31, 2006

A memo summarizing the results of the year to date report noted that in general, the Village is currently operating at a surplus (anticipated that the Village will achieve the 2006 year budgeted surplus), utilities are self sustaining and subdivision costs have been offset by lot sales.

M#105-2006 Palmer: to adopt the Statement as presented.

Carried Unanimously

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

M#106-2006 Stribling: that the accounts covered by cheque numbers 2006-0403 to 2006-0442 inclusive for the total sum of \$33,008.14 be and are hereby approved for payment.

Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE (Information Items):

- a) Lamont County – response to proposed Seniors Foundation special capital levy.
- b) Village of Chipman – question to Lamont County regarding legal fees invoiced outside of ambulance requisition.
- c) Village of Chipman – response to Hickmore Estate solicitors regarding tax recovery properties.
- d) Alberta Municipal Affairs – on line Infrastructure and Transportation Annual Report
- e) Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation – rate for highway fire calls increased from \$300 to \$400/hr. Policy statement and forms were provided.
- f) Alberta Municipal Affairs – announcement – newly created Emergency Management system consolidating existing emergency management framework with the Fire Commissioner's Office.
- g) Alberta Municipal Affairs – change in local government financial reporting requirements for capital assets to be depreciated and included in annual expenses effective for the 2009 fiscal year.

M#107-2006 Stead: that the correspondence items be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Regional Partnership Program Initiatives – Lamont County

(i) Emergency Services / Regional Health & Safety Coordinator

M#108-2006 Palmer: that the Village not participate in this County initiative and focus instead on acquiring the services of a Bylaw Officer.

Carried Unanimously

(ii) Regional Solid Waste

M#109-2006 Palmer: that Council's representative on the Landfill Commission keep Council apprised of further developments but that the Village not participate in this initiative at this time.

b) Tank Site Remediation Program

Council agreed, without the need for a resolution, that the Administrator will identify to Alberta Municipal Affairs that we have a potential site under this Program and report back to Council in due course.

c) Development Agreement

M#110-2006 Palmer: that s. 2.4 of the Development Agreement be amended as follows:

2.4 In the event that this Agreement shall be terminated pursuant to clause 2.3 as a result of the default of the Developer, the Village shall be entitled to deduct from the funds paid to the Village by the Developer, the sum of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars and the balance shall be paid by the Village to the Developer.

Carried Unanimously

d) Draft Rental Agreement – National Hall

M#111-2006 Stead: that Council adopt the Rental Agreement for all future rentals of the National Hall.

Carried Unanimously

e) Revisit Annexation (of Achtem Lands)

M#112-2006 Stead: that this matter be tabled to the next Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

f) AUMA – Draft ‘Discussion Paper on Provincial Land Use Framework’

g) 2007 Equalized Assessment

The report sets out the 2007 equalized assessment for the Village and for each requisitioning body. The current assessment represents an increase of \$89,127 over the 2006 year assessment. A 20 year comparative report of live and equalized assessments was prepared and circulated for council information.

Council reviewed both items without resolution.

h) Purchase of V-MAXX 8500 Sander

M#113-2006 Stribling: that the Village purchase this piece of equipment for \$7500 + GST.

Carried Unanimously

REPORTS:

a) Administrator’s Report

A written report touched on the following:

- establishment of firm meetings dates for Mayors’ and CAO meetings.
- photocopier replacement
- meeting the Lamont County Adult Learning Council coordinator Debbie Holland
- requirements for subdivision road closure

M#114-2006 Palmer: that the Administrator’s Report be accepted for information.

Carried unanimously

b) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

i) Ambulance Report

No meeting

ii) Fire Department

No meeting

iii) Regional Solid Waste Commission

No meeting.

iv) Lamont Seniors' Foundation

Letter from Al Harvey, County Manager, to Harold James (October 26, 2006) reviewed as information item 7(a).

v) Vegreville Corridor Water Services Commission

Consideration is being given to separating the Northeast and Vegreville operating systems and a report is forthcoming from the Commission engineers.

vi) Chipman Agricultural Society

The President has signed the accounting report for the grant under the Agricultural Initiatives Program. The Society is discussing what to do with Fair Days. It will be shortened to 1 day, but the Society has not yet decided what events will be planned for that day. Council discussed the possibility of sharing the cost of a tent with the Society.

vii) FCSS

The next meeting takes place next week.

viii) LEAP

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M#115-2006 Palmer: that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted for information purposes.

Carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Mayor, Jim Palmer

Administrator, Pat Tomkow