

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHIPMAN
October 10, 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, Administrator Pat Tomkow and Executive Assistant Susan Campbell

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M#89-2006 Stead: that the agenda be adopted as printed and distributed together with the following amendments:

That Items 5a) Draft Policy – Water Sewer Services and
5b) Insurance Renewal – quotes
be tabled to the next Council meeting

Carried Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M#90-2006 Stribling: that the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held September 10, 2006 be adopted as printed and distributed.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

5c) Alberta Municipal Sponsorship Program – Grant Application
Council discussed the draft grant application and suggested amendments to cost figures for windows to account for price increases.

M#91-2006 Stead: that the Alberta Municipal Sponsorship Program Grant Application be submitted as amended.

Carried unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Operating Revenues/Expenditures to September 30, 2006

M#92-2006 Stribling: to adopt the Statement as presented.

Carried Unanimously

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

M#93-2006 Stribling: that the accounts covered by cheque numbers 2006-0369 to 2006-0402 inclusive for the total sum of \$46,350.31 be and are hereby approved for payment.

Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE (Information Items):

a) FCM Members' Advisory – September 11, 2006 – calling for long-term federal plan to fix municipal infrastructure

- b) County of Lamont Foundation – proposal to establish a capital reserve fund, by way of special levy (2%),
- c) Alberta Solicitor General – Ferr, Shane (Court Ordered Restitution - \$1236.33)
- d) Alberta Environment – Change to the Notification Procedure for Water, Sanitary and Storm Sewer Extensions

M#94-2006 Stribling: that the correspondence items be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Fortis – Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement Procedure
Mayor Palmer and Administrator Tomkow reported on their meeting with Dave Finlay, Stakeholder Relations Manager with Fortis, on September 29 to discuss the Agreement. Clause 5 (Calculation of Franchise Fee) does not reflect the Village's request that there be no increase in franchise fees over the course of the Agreement. Council agreed to proceed to First Reading of the required By-Law but to request that Fortis amend Clause 5 a) and b) of the Franchise Agreement.

M#95-2006 Stead: That Bylaw # 515 authorizing the entering into of a Franchise Agreement with Fortis Alberta be given First Reading.

Carried Unanimously

- b) Alberta Municipal Affairs JEPP (Joint Emergency Preparedness Program) Application
Council reviewed the draft Application, made amendments and instructed the Administrator to submit the Application as amended.

- c) Lamont County Ambulance Invoice – legal fees for Ambulance Agreement
Council agreed that such an expense should be covered by the County budget and not be the subject of a separate requisition.

M#96-2006 Palmer: that the Administrator request clarification before paying this invoice.

Carried Unanimously

REPORTS:

- a) Administrator's Report

The Administrator advised that the Toshiba photocopier might need to be replaced. Toshiba has agreed to provide the Village with prices of new and used machines equivalent to the one currently in use.

Lamont County has organized an evening with MLA Doug Griffiths, who will provide an update on the Rural Development Strategy. The event will take place in the Village of Chipman downstairs meeting room from 7-9 p.m.

Mayor Palmer asked that the Administrator inform local community groups that the meeting room is now available for use.

The Administrator advised that the Village Foreman will winterize the Curling Rink within the next few weeks.

The Administrator asked if Council wished to have a Remembrance Day ad placed in The Sentinel as in previous years.

M#97-2006 – Stead: that Village of Chipman place an ad in The Sentinel and that the Administrator's Report be accepted for information.

Carried unanimously

b) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

i) Ambulance Report

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.

iii) Regional Solid Waste Commission Report

A community garbage truck is still being discussed. Although Chipman is not interested in taking part, the Village won't stand in the way of this initiative if it proceeds.

Chipman's portion of the total garbage tonnage in the County has increased to 2.6%. A contract to build a lagoon at the landfill site will be put up for tender in January; if the cost proves too high, the County will ask the Government for permission to use its own forces.

iv) Lamont Seniors' Foundation

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 is to come in to sign the accounting report for the grant under the Agricultural Initiatives Program.

vii) FCSS

Toni Nygren will attend the next meeting. Although there are some good programs, Chipman is still considering whether the Village should continue to participate. If a decision is taken to withdraw, the necessary papers will have to be drawn up before year-end.

viii) LEAP

The next meeting is on November 19.

M#98-2006 Palmer: that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted for information purposes.

Carried unanimously

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION

After discussing the Village's contribution of postage to the Chipman Newsletter and whether more content about Village news could be included, Council agreed that Susan Campbell would prepare and submit such information to Ms. Lindemann.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mayor, Jim Palmer

Administrator, Pat Tomkow