

FEBRUARY 24, 2014

The regular meeting of Council of the Town of Balgonie was held in the Administration Building, Balgonie, Saskatchewan on Monday, February 24, 2014.

PRESENT:

Mayor Thauberger, Councillors Kiel, Lapchuk, Lovelace, Solie, Wagman, Wagner, S.McBain, Town Superintendent, D.Lane, Assistant Administrator, V.Hubbard, Administrator and Tom Williams, Walker Projects Inc.

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present Mayor Thauberger called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

AGENDA:

081/2014 SOLIE/KIEL that the amended agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

MINUTES:

082/2014 LOVELACE/WAGMAN that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2014 be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

083/2014 WAGNER/SOLIE that the Statement of Financial Activities for January, 2014 and forming part of these minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

084/2014 KIEL/LAPCHUK that the Bank Reconciliation Statements for January, 2014 and forming part of these minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

ACCOUNTS:

085/2014 WAGNER/WAGMAN that the List of Accounts for Ratification totaling \$9,200.00 and forming part of these minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

086/2014 WAGMAN/SOLIE that the List of Accounts for Approval totaling \$60,326.76 and forming part of these minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

DELEGATION:

6:15 p.m. – Tom Williams, Walker Projects Inc.

Mr. Williams introduced himself to Council and discussed options to increase lagoon capacity. He also gave suggestions on how our community could decrease the wastewater flowing to the lagoon.

Mr. Williams indicated that Walker Projects completes grant applications for municipalities. He suggested Council consider a truck dump as a regional segment for a grant application. He provided information on other sewage treatment options. If the town put a sewage treatment system on our lagoon cells, it could take our population to 8,000 residents. The grant application could form part of the predesign report.

Mr. Williams also indicated that developers fees paid to the municipality are increasing dramatically and construction costs have done the same.

Mr. Williams left chambers at 6:45 p.m.

6:45 p.m. – Ron Kerr, Planning Consultant

Mr. Kerr met with Council to discuss the process of annexation. He suggested that the first step is for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to meet informally with the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of the rural municipality to discuss annexation for the town's proposed future expansion.

The Town will arrange a meeting with the R.M. of Edenwold for the Reeve and Deputy Reeve and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in April.

Mr. Kerr left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

V.Hubbard, Administrator, discussed:

Engineering options for a lagoon project.

The Building Canada Fund Plan.

Advised the map of Sep.24/13 was provided to the White Butte Committee indicating the highway changes. Council advised that G.Beaton would be able to confirm if it is the most recent map.

Hotel bookings for Council for the 2015 SUMA convention in Saskatoon.

D.Dorn's cell phone replacement.

Initial budget scenarios.

087/2014 **LAPCHUK/LOVELACE** that R.Kerr be hired as consultant for annexation.
CARRIED.

088/2014 **LAPCHUK/WAGMAN** that the regular meeting of Council recess. 7:55 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

089/2014 **WAGMAN/LOVELACE** that the correspondence listed on the agenda that forms part of these minutes having been read and acknowledged now be filed.
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

090/2014 **LOVELACE/KIEL** that the request from Westridge Construction Ltd. to extend their contract for a period of 14 days due to cold weather and wind delays be approved; and,
that a letter be written to Westridge Construction c/o AECOM indicating that if the work continues past March 14, 2014, the \$2,500.00 per day late charge will remain in place as per the project contract.
CARRIED.

091/2014 **SOLIE/LAPCHUK** that the water and sewer line replacement agreement be returned to N.Robertson, Robb & Dowling, indicating section 7 of the agreement be changed to state that additional services requested by the homeowner be billed to the Town directly and the Town will then invoice the homeowner for the additions; and,
that Council approves the agreement after this amendment; and,
that this agreement be signed by the property owner and the Town before any joint water and sewer line replacements take place.
CARRIED.

092/2014 **SOLIE/LAPCHUK** that the grass clipping and tree branch discussion be postponed until the next regular meeting of Council on March 10, 2014.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Lapchuk is willing to instruct a First-aid, CPR and AED course for staff members who do not have the course. The office may have to close for two days.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Councillor Lovelace advised that a resident was interested in purchasing the Town's backhoe should it become available for sale.

Councillor Wagner will attend the Lord Baden-Powell supper on behalf of the Town and the Balgonie Recreation Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

093/2014 **LOVELACE/WAGNER** that the meeting be adjourned. 9:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Administrator