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MINUTES
OF THE
PICTURE BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Monday, February 9, 2009 AT 6:28 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor T. Kerkhoff Deputy Mayor R. Sheen Councillor H. Hurkens
Councillor B. Elashuk Councillor W. Jones Councillor B. Nummi
Councillor J. Oosterbroek

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer – A. Mortensen
Recording Secretary – D. Livingstone
Sunny South News – K. Bly

Mayor T. Kerkhoff called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

062.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Hurkens that the Agenda be accepted as amended:

Infrastructure Committee

Delete

d) Porcupine Corral Cleaning

Mayor's Report

Add

d) Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Association

e) Palliser School Division - Students Against Tobacco

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

a) Minutes of the Council Planning Session held Monday, January 19, 2009

063.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Jones that the Minutes of the Council Planning Session held Monday, January 19, 2009 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

b) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, January 26, 2009

064.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Oosterbroek that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, January 26, 2009 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

a) Mayor's Report

Mayor Kerkhoff advised Council of his activities to date:

- January 27th – Attended a meeting with Mayors and CAO's from Towns and Villages in the County of Lethbridge to discuss the County of Lethbridge's Municipal Development Plan
- January 29th – Attended a Green Acres Board Meeting
- February 5th – Attended a Community Development Committee Meeting
- February 6th – Attended an Oldman Watershed Council Meeting
- February 6th – Attended a Southwest Alberta Mayor's & Reeves Meeting

065.02.09 MOVED by Mayor Kerkhoff to accept the Mayor's Report as presented.
CARRIED

b) Previous Business

(i) None

c) Council Planning Session

Mayor Kerkhoff reviewed what was discussed at the January 19th Council Planning Session and the areas Council needs to work on in the coming year.

d) Alberta Sugar Beet Growers

The Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Sugar Beet Growers will be held in Lethbridge on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

e) Palliser School Division – Students Against Tobacco

Students from Picture Butte High School attended a conference held by AADAC and the Alberta Lung Association. They plan to organize a "3 km / 5 km Run or Walk" race on Saturday, May 3rd with a luncheon available to those to participate. CAO Mortensen will contact the organizers to find out what assistance the Town can provide.

f) As Introduced

Nothing Introduced

066.02.09 MOVED by Mayor Kerkhoff to accept the Overall Mayor's Report as presented.
CARRIED

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

a) Co-Chairman's Reports

Councillor Jones advised Council of her activities to date:

- January 29th – Met with CAO Mortensen to discuss the Municipal Sustainability Plan
- January 29th – Attended a Picture Butte Library Board Meeting
- January 31st – Attended a CUPE Negotiation Meeting
- February 3rd – Attended a Picture Butte Library Meeting
- February 5th – Attended a Community Development Committee Meeting

Councillor Elaschuk advised Council of his activities to date:

- February 5th – Attended a Community Development Committee Meeting

067.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Elaschuk that the Community Development Committee Co-Chair Reports be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

b) Previous Business

i) None

c) Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2009

068.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Elaschuk that the Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2009 be received and filed.
CARRIED

d) Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2009

069.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Elaschuk that the Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2009 be received and filed.
CARRIED

070.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Elaschuk that Council accept the new Picture Butte Community / Seniors Centre rental rates as presented by Administration and further that the document be received and filed.
CARRIED

071.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Elaschuk that Council accepts the following goals for the 2009 RCMP Community Plan:

- Increased visibility
- Reduction in traffic violations

- Reduction in thefts/vandalism
- Racism and cultural issues

CARRIED

072.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Jones that Council accept the “Municipal Sustainability Plan” questionnaire as presented, and further that it be included with the next utility billing mail-out scheduled for March 1, 2009.
CARRIED

e) As Introduced

Nothing Introduced

073.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Elaschuk to accept the Overall Community Development Committee Report as presented.
CARRIED

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

a) Co-Chairman’s Reports

Councillor Oosterbroek advised that he has nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Sheen advised Council of his activities to date:

- January 31st – Attended a CUPE Negotiation Meeting
- February 4th – Attended a Barons Eureka Warner FCSS Meeting

074.02.09 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sheen that the Finance and Administration Co-Chair Reports be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

b) Previous Business

(i) None

Councillor Elaschuk left Council Chambers at 7:19 p.m.

c) Memo – Accounts Payable – Payroll – February 5, 2009

075.02.09 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sheen that the Accounts Payable Listing to February 5, 2009 in the amount of \$98,063.37 and the Payroll Listing to February 5, 2009 in the amount of \$11,484.90 be approved for payment.
CARRIED

d) Memo – Chief Administrator’s Report – February 5, 2009

076.02.09 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sheen that the Chief Administrator’s Report of February 5, 2009 be received and filed.
CARRIED

e) Picture Butte Happy Old Timers – Alarm Call-out Fees

077.02.09 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sheen that Council waive the \$75.00 invoice charged to the Happy Old Timers for a security alarm call-out on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 and further that a letter is sent to the organization advising them of this one-time cancellation.
5 – In favour
1 – Against
CARRIED

f) As Introduced

Nothing Introduced

078.02.09 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sheen to accept the Overall Finance and Administration Committee Report as presented.
CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT:

a) Chairman's Reports

Councillor Hurkens advised Council that he had nothing to report for this period.

Councillor Nummi advised Council that he had nothing to report.

079.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Nummi that the Infrastructure Committee Co-Chair Reports be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

b) Previous Business

(i) None

c) Alberta Fire Chief's Association – Ambulance Transition

080.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Nummi that the document received from the Alberta Fire Chief's Association in regard to "Ambulance Transition" be received and filed.
CARRIED

081.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Nummi that Council instruct Mayor Kerkhoff to send a letter to MLA B. McFarland with a copy of the letter forwarded to Premier E. Stelmach regarding the Town's concerns with the proposed ambulance dispatch process and the concerns for the volunteer members of our Emergency Services Department.
CARRIED

- d) Alberta Transportation – Extension of Gas Tax Fund (New Deal for Cities and Communities) Grant

082.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Nummi that the document received from Alberta Transportation in regard to the “Extension of the Gas Tax Fund Grant” be received and filed.
CARRIED

- f) As Introduced

Nothing Introduced

083.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Nummi to accept the Overall Infrastructure Committee Report as presented.
CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

084.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Jones that the following Informational Items be received and filed.

- a) Community Planning Association of Alberta – CPAA 2009 Planning Conference – April 6 – 8, 2009
 - b) Palliser Regional Schools – Board Meeting Highlights – January 20, 2009
 - c) Rural Alberta’s Development Fund – e-bulletin – February 2, 2009
 - d) SouthGrow Regional Initiative – Management Board Meeting – Committee Reports – January 21, 2009
 - e) Recreation for Life – 7th Annual Golf Tournament – June 15, 2009
- CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

085.02.09 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sheen that Council adjourn to “Committee of the Whole” – 7:50
CARRIED

086.02.09 MOVED by Councillor B. Nummi that Council return to “Regular Council Meeting” status – 8:03 p.m.
CARRIED

087.02.09 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sheen to accept the Collective Agreement Negotiating Committee’s recommendation of: a three-year agreement expiring December 31, 2011, the Town paying 85% of health benefit contracts, 5% pay increase in the first year, 3% pay increase in the second year, and a 3% pay increase in the third year, with a “wage re-opener” clause.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

088.02.09 MOVED by Councillor Nummi that the Regular Council Meeting adjourn - 8:03
p.m.
CARRIED

Next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor

CAO