

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDANCE Mayor Darcy Burke
Councillors Leah Smith
Wm. Goodfellow
April Geeraert
Dalia Cheshire

Administration: Elaine Macdonald
Tara Kathol

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. AGENDA

RES 081-2019 Moved by Councillor Cheshire that the agenda be adopted as presented.

3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The Public Works Department has undergone some staffing changes over the past couple of months and the focus has been on training the new staff. Equipment maintenance and basic outside duties have been the primary goals.

4. DELEGATIONS

5. MINUTES

5A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2019

RES 082-2019 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that the minutes of the June 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

Carried

RES 083-2019 Moved by Councillor Cheshire that the minutes of the June 20, 2019 Special Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

Carried

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

6A. Village of Rockyford May bank statement.

6B. Wheatland Regional Corporation May bank statement.

RES 084-2019 Moved by Councillor Geeraert that both bank statements be approved as presented.

Carried

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7A. Bylaw 02-2007 – Traffic Bylaw

Council directed Administration to make some amendments to the proposed Bylaw changes.

RES 085-2019 Moved by Mayor Burke that the 7A – Bylaw 02-2007 Traffic Bylaw and 8A – Drug & Alcohol Use in Public Buildings Policy be moved to a Special Meeting of Council for further discussion.

Carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A Drug and Alcohol Use in Public Buildings Policy

See RES 085-2019

8B.. 2019-2022 Operating Budget
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

Council reviewed the proposed Operating Budget 2020 – 2022 for information.

8C. Budget Variance
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 086-2019 Moved by Mayor Burke that the budget variance be moved to Unfinished Business at the next Council meeting and be presented in a different format.

Carried

8D. Property Tax Arrears
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

Council was presented information regarding the Property Tax arrears as at the end of July 2019.

8E. Resident Concern
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

Council reviewed correspondence submitted by a resident regarding a noise complaint. Administration was directed to write a response to that correspondence.

RES 087-2019 Moved by Mayor Burke that the topic of a Noise Bylaw be brought back to the next Council Meeting as Unfinished Business.

Carried

8F. ATCO Franchise Fees
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 088-2019 Moved by Councillor Cheshire that the ATCO Franchise Fee percentage remain at 30%.

Carried

8G. Signing Authority
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 089-2019 Moved by Mayor Burke that Tara Kathol be added as a Signing Authority for the Village of Rockyford and that Jessica Clyne be removed as a Signing Authority for the Village of Rockyford.

Carried

8H. Unsightly Premises
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

Council was provided an update on an unsightly premise in the Village. Direction was given to change some wording in Bylaw 2017-001 – Nuisance and Unsightly Premise Bylaw. Bylaw will be contacted for guidance regarding next steps.

8I Prairie Ridge Park Future
Presented by Darcy Burke, Mayor

More revenue generation is required for Prairie Ridge Park building. We have to actively advertise for space to rent. A community member approached Mayor Burke with an idea to have a museum set up in there after seeing how much “stuff” the community has that shows the history of Rockyford. The Lions Club has also been discussing potential uses of the exterior space. This outdoor space could be used to display old equipment and a

gazebo could be constructed to host weddings or family gatherings, etc.
One suggestion is to have community members form a non-profit group to run the building which would provide access to grant funding that isn't now available.

- 8J. Air Exchange Unit – Arena
Presented by Darcy Burke, Mayor

It is important to have the air exchange unit repaired prior to the upcoming hockey season to ensure the safety of arena users.
Direction was given to Administration to contact the Ag Society to see if the work has been done and if not, contact Carbon Plumbing and Heating to have it done.

- 8K. Council Remuneration Policy
Presented by William Goodfellow, Councillor

There has been some confusion with the wording of the Policy and what the practice has been pertaining to the attendance at Annual General Meetings.

- RES 090-2019** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to strike “Annual Meetings” from the Policy as needing permission from Council to attend.

Carried

- 8L. Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee

- RES 091-2019** Moved by Councillor Cheshire that the Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee be established with the following members:
Mayor Darcy Burke and Councillor Geeraert as primary members; and
Deputy Mayor Smith as the alternate.

Carried

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9A. Letter of condolence from Town of Strathmore
- 9B. Information from Municipal Affairs re: AEMA Summit
- 9C. Invitation from Village of Carbon
Council directed Administration to respond to the letter notifying the Village of Carbon that there will be representation from Rockyford at the Skating Rink Grand Opening, Dec. 7, 2019.
- 9D. Letter regarding campground.
- 9E. Letter re: Canada Post
- 9F. Letter from Municipal Affairs re: MSI/FGTF Funding

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ACTION ITEM LIST REVIEW

12. REPORTS

All Council and Administrator Reports attached.

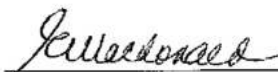
13. CLOSED SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

- RES 092-2019** Councillor Geeraert moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 p.m.



Mayor



Administrator