

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Gene Sobolewski, Councillors Ray Prevost, Rene Van Brabant, Lorna Storoschuk, Brian McEvoy, Elisa Brosseau and Chad Colbourne

STAFF

Bill Rogers – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Mark Power – Advisor to the Chief Administrative Officer, Renee Stoyles – Director of Finance, and Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Jay Melvin – Chief – Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority

PRESS

Robynne Henry – Bonnyville Nouvelle

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Mayor Gene Sobolewski called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – July 23, 2020

242 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the agenda for the July 23, 2020 Special Council meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

Move Business Item '3b) Proposed Emergency Services Property Purchase' to In Camera session.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

Fire Apparatus Replacement 2021

Jay Melvin, Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority Chief, stated that the BRFA sent out a Joint Request for Proposal with the M.D. of Bonnyville for three (3) Fire Apparatus to six (6) vendors and have received three responses for the Fire Apparatus Replacement. The budget amount for the replacement in 2020 was \$477,000.00 and the lowest compliant bidder was Fort Garry Fire Trucks at \$532,129.00. Based on the evaluation, service availability and reference check, the BRFA recommends awarding the purchase of the Fire Apparatus to Fort Garry Fire Trucks from Winnipeg, Manitoba for \$532,129.00 from the 2021 Capital Budget. Chief Melvin explained that the payment does not need to be completed until delivery of the Apparatus in 2021.

Extensive discussion ensued.

**Fire Apparatus Replacement
2021**

- 243 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council award the purchase of one (1) fire apparatus and that it be approved from the Fire Apparatus Replacement Program in the 2021 Capital Budget, to Fort Garry Fire Trucks for an amount not to exceed \$532,129.00 including contingency.

CARRIED

**Letter – Bonnyville Regional
Water Services Commission –
re: Water Commission
Administration Proposal**

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that Administration received a letter from the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission proposing that the Town carry out under contract the Administration and Management Services for the Commission. This was an arrangement first made in 2017 and accepted by Council when the Commissions Business Plan was first adopted, and it was also accepted by the Minister. As part of that Plan the Town of Bonnyville would provide Administration and Management services for the Commission and the M.D. of Bonnyville would provide the Operation and Maintenance of the water line.

Discussion ensued.

- 244 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council approve the Town of Bonnyville providing the ongoing Administration and Management for the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission, under contract, and for the CAO to proceed with negotiations for filling the position of the Commissions CAO.

CARRIED

**Letter – Bonnyville Regional
Water Services Commission
re: Waterline Expense
Recommendations**

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that the waterline project has come in over budget and over the approved Grant amount by the Provincial Government. Unfortunately, the Provincial Government has just informed us that they are not willing to provide the Bonnyville Commission with any additional funding to cover the cost overruns. The Province has paid up to the amount originally forecasted but have not agreed to pay any cost overruns.

He also noted that by putting off Capital works projects this year in the 2020 Capital Budget, and using the additional ID349 funds, the additional cost to the Town can be covered off in the Town's budget for this year, without having to borrow funds. Should the Province follow through with the original agreement of 90/10 funding the Town will be able to complete the differed 2020 Capital works projects.

Extensive discussion ensued.

Letter – Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission re: Waterline Expense Recommendations

- 245 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council accept the letter from the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission for information, and direct Administration and the Mayor to lobby the Minister to honor their funding commitment.

CARRIED

Highway 41 Noise Structure

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that Administration has been corresponding with residents on Highway 41 and they have some issues with the constant traffic noise. They have forwarded a petition requesting some type of noise attenuation structure to be placed on the boarder of that highway. A request was put forward for construction of a sound barrier to Alberta Transportation, however, the response resulted in no promise of completion unless the Town would like to do it themselves at the Town's expense.

- 246 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council add the Highway 41 Noise Structure to the lobbying efforts of the Mayor and Administration for the Minister to compel them to undertake a study in that area.

CARRIED

Virtual AUMA Meeting

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that this year the AUMA Conference will be held virtually, and should restrictions ease before then they may allow for one Delegate per Municipality to attend in person.

Discussion ensued.

- 247 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council does not attend the 2020 AUMA Conference in person and explore options on what can be done from Council Chambers virtually.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

In addition to all of Council present, Bill Rogers, CAO and Mark Power, Advisor to the CAO, attended the In-Camera session to provide Administrative and Procedural support.

IN CAMERA

- 248 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council close the meeting to the public for Agenda items 4a) Land as per Section 27, FOIP.

Time: 7:05 p.m.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

249 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council adjourn In Camera and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Ray Prevost requested a recorded vote.

250 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council support the Proposed Emergency Services Property purchase.

CARRIED

For

Mayor Sobolewski
Councillor Colbourne
Councillor Storoschuk
Councillor McEvoy
Councillor Brosseau
Councillor Van Brabant

Against

Councillor Prevost

ADJOURNMENT

251 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 7:47 p.m.

CARRIED

Minutes read and adopted this 26th day of AUGUST, 2020.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer