WHEATLAND COUNTY

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Councillors Present: Reeve A. Link, Division 2
Deputy Reeve S. Klassen, Division 5
J. Wilson, Division 1
D. Biggar, Division 3
T. Ikert, Division 4
G. Koester, Division 6
B. Armstrong, Division 7

B. Henderson, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Boscariol, GM of Community and Development Services
M. Ziehr, GM of Transportation and Agriculture
M. Soltys, Communications Specialist
M. Desaulniers, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

1.1 Call To Order

Note: meetings are recorded and may be posted on the official Wheatland County website and/or via social media.

REEVE LINK called the meeting to order - time 9:01 A.M.

Reeve Link informed that the May 19, 2020 Regular Wheatland County Council meeting will be conducted via conference call in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199. Reeve Link reviewed the process for the meeting. [Note: a 'notice of virtual meeting' was posted on the County website.]

[Note: Wheatland County staff members joined and left at various times during the meeting.]

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-44
Moved by WILSON

APPROVAL of the agenda, as presented, with the following addition(s):

Under Agenda Item 2.2 - Unfinished Business or Business Arising
2.2.1 - Gleichen Lions Club - Re: Donation of Benches (Cemetery)
2.2.2 - Staff Introduction - Re: General Manager of Corporate & Financial Services

Under Agenda Item 4 - Closed Session (In Camera)
- Land Matter (FOIP Act - Sec. 16) - Development Application Process

• Carried

1.3 Adoption of Minutes

1.3.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - May 5, 2020

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-45
Moved by ARMSTRONG

APPROVAL of the May 5, 2020 Wheatland County Regular Council meeting minutes, as presented.

• Carried

1.3.2 Public Hearing Minutes (May 5, 2020) - Re: Bylaw 2020-02 & Bylaw 2020-16

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-46
Moved by BIGGAR

APPROVAL of the May 5, 2020 Wheatland County Public Hearing minutes, as presented, for Bylaws 2020-02 & Bylaw 2020-16.

• Carried

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND RELATED BUSINESS

2.1 Bylaw Readings and Public Hearings

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-47
Moved by LINK

THAT the process for the Wheatland County Council meeting, as it pertains to the scheduled Public Hearing(s), will be as follows: Public Hearing; First Reading (if required); consideration for further readings of bylaw for those Public Hearings that have been closed. Further moved, that the above process will take place with the absence of resolutions to go into and out of Council before and after each public hearing.

• Carried

2.1.1 Bylaw 2019-36 - Re: Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Speargrass

Public Hearing – Bylaw 2019-36 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Speargrass)

A Bylaw for the purpose of amending the Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to update Speargrass Low Density Residential District and Speargrass Medium Density Residential District regarding Dwelling, Secondary Suites, RV Storage, and Fences. Note: if approved, the proposed amendments will impact the Community of Speargrass pertaining to the following: removal of Dwelling, Secondary Suites as a use; limiting the length of time RVs are permitted to be stored on personal property; requirement of development permit for fencing. A copy of the request for decision and supporting documentation was included in the agenda information package for Council review.

Following the public hearing, members of Wheatland County Council and staff continued to discuss the proposed changes to the Speargrass Land Use District (Bylaw 2019-36) and its effect on the community, current and future development, and enforcement. Note: Councillor Biggar's initial motion for second reading of Bylaw 2019-36 was withdrawn based on discussion.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-48
Moved by BIGGAR

APPROVAL that Bylaw 2019-36 be deferred to the County's Community & Development Department for further review and provide clarity to Council regarding the following: secondary suites; architectural controls/guidelines.

• Carried

2.1.2 Bylaw 2019-33 - Re: Wheatland / Kneehill IDP

M. Williams (Planner II) presented the request for decision regarding third reading of Bylaw 2019-33 (Wheatland County & Kneehill County Intermunicipal Development Plan). In follow-up to a previous amendment to the bylaw, correspondence received from Kneehill County (dated April 14/20), and discussion at the May 5th Council meeting; staff proposed that Council consider amending the IDP at third reading. Note: for the IDP to be in force, both Kneehill and Wheatlands version of the IDP must match. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-49
Moved by IKERT

TO ACCEPT the following amendments to the Kneehill/Wheatland IDP Bylaw 2019-33:

- Section 4.2.13 – include wording ‘where no approved ASP or ACP is in place’.
- Revise notation under Section 2 – Natural Landscape (pg. 14 of the IDP) to read as follows:

  The Rosebud River defines part of the border between the two Counties. The river valley area in both Counties is environmentally significant. Some conservation efforts exist in the area.

• Carried

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-50
Moved by KLASSEN

Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 2019-33, as amended, this being the bylaw for the purpose of adopting the Wheatland County and Kneehill County Intermunicipal Development Plan in accordance with Sections 230, 606, 631 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

Note: Amendments to include the following changes to the IDP:

- Section 4.2.13 – include wording ‘where no approved ASP or ACP is in place’.
- Revise notation under Section 2 – Natural Landscape (pg. 14 of the IDP) to read as follows:

  The Rosebud River defines part of the border between the two Counties. The river valley area in both Counties is environmentally significant. Some conservation efforts exist in the area.

• Carried

2.2 Unfinished Business or Business Arising

2.2.1 Gleichen Lions Club - Re: Donation

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-51
Moved by LINK

APPROVAL that Wheatland County send a 'thank you' letter to the Gleichen Lions Club for their monetary donation to have benches installed at the Gleichen Cemetery Columbaria.

• Carried

2.2.2 Staff Introduction - GM of Corporate and Financial Services

CAO B. Henderson introduced Ms. Tracy Buteau; the County's newly hired General Manager of Corporate & Financial Services. Ms. Buteau provided an overview of her experience/qualifications. On behalf of Council, Reeve Link welcomed Tracy to Wheatland County.

2.3 New Business

2.3.1 Appointment of Fire Guardian

On behalf of department, CAO B. Henderson presented a request for decision to appoint a fire guardian for the Hussar area.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-52
Moved by ARMSTRONG

APPROVAL to appoint Mike Hager (Hussar Fire Department) as Fire Guardian for Wheatland County for a term of May 19, 2020 to March 1, 2021; based on the information provided in the request for decision.

• Carried

2.3.2 WC Mercantile Overview

On behalf of Community & Development Services, General Manager M. Boscariol presented an overview of the WC Mercantile (Wheatland County Food Initiative) report. The WC Mercantile is an economic development sector focus on agriculture value-chain development in Wheatland County. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-53
Moved by IKERT

ACCEPTANCE of the WC Mercantile Overview as information, as provided with the request for decision.

• Carried

3. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

3.1 Seniors & Housing Information - Re: Seniors' Week

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-54
Moved by KOESTER

TO ACCEPT the following items as information, as provided in the request for decision: Seniors & Housing Information – Re: Seniors' Week – Community Declaration. Further that Wheatland County declare June 1st - 7th, 2020 to be Seniors' Week.

• Carried

3.2 Wheatland Regional Corporation - Re: Redland

Council reviewed correspondence received from the Wheatland Regional Corporation, dated May 7, 2020, regarding a possibility of providing water services for the residents in Redland from the pipeline going to Rosebud. Discussion ensued regarding the following: community interest; possible servicing options; estimated project cost.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-55
Moved by ARMSTRONG

APPROVAL that Wheatland County Administration work with the Wheatland Regional Corporation (WRC) for the purpose of facilitating a joint meeting with the residents of Redland to discuss water servicing based on the correspondence received from the WRC (dated May 7, 2020); further that County Administration prepare information for the meeting regarding project cost.

• Carried

4. CLOSED SESSION (IN CAMERA)

Note: During the regular Council meeting, a closed session was held. Members of Council declared that they are in a private (secure) location for the purpose of participating in the closed session. Participants in the closed session included the following: all members of Council, Chief Administrative Officer, General Manager of Community & Development Services, General Manager of Transportation & Agriculture, General Manager of Corporate & Financial Services.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-56
Moved by LINK

THAT the meeting go into 'closed session' (in camera) - time 11:01 A.M., pertaining to the following:
Legal Matter (FOIP Act - Sec. 16) - Re: Lakes of Muirfield
Land Matter (FOIP Act - Sec. 16) - Re: Development Application Process

• Carried

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-57
Moved by LINK

THAT the meeting come out of 'closed session' - time 12:11 P.M.

• Carried

4.1 Motions Arising from Closed Session

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-58
Moved by IKERT

APPROVAL that a Wheatland County Planning & Priorities Session be scheduled to take place on June 4th, 2020.

• Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION CM-2020-05-59
Moved by IKERT

THAT the meeting adjourn - time 12:12 P.M.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Recording Secretary