WHEATLAND COUNTY

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

June 2, 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 9:00 A.M.

Reeve Link informed that the June 2, 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

Prior to approval of the agenda, Councillor Koester informed Council that he would be absent for a portion of today's Council meeting due to other commitments (ASCHA Annual General Meeting). A brief discussion ensued regarding the scheduling and process for the upcoming Planning & Priorities Session.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-01
Moved by ARMSTRONG

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

Under Agenda Item 2.2 - Unfinished Business or Business Arising
- Ratify Meetings/Events - Councillor Participation

Under Agenda Item 3.7 - Division 7 Councillor Report
- Item for Discussion - Concerns - Re: Duck Lake

Under Agenda Item 6 - Closed Session (In Camera)
- Labour Matter [FOIP Act - Sec. 24(1)(b)] - Re: Councillor Code of Conduct

• Carried

1.3 Adoption of Minutes

1.3.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2020

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-02
Moved by BIGGAR

APPROVAL of the May 19, 2020 Wheatland County Regular Council meeting minutes, as presented.

• Carried

1.3.2 Public Hearing Minutes (May 19, 2020) - Re: Bylaw 2019-36

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-03
Moved by IKERT

APPROVAL of the May 19, 2020 Wheatland County Public Hearing minutes, as presented, for Bylaw 2019-36

• Carried

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND RELATED BUSINESS

2.1 Bylaw Readings and Public Hearings

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-04
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 2020-15 - Land Redesignation Bylaw

Public Hearing - Bylaw 2020-15 (LU2020-08)
A bylaw to redesignate +/- 5 acres from Agricultural General District to Country Residential District to facilitate a future subdivision. A copy of the request for decision and supporting documentation was included in the agenda information package for Council review.

Note: Second reading of Bylaw 2020-15 followed the public hearing. Third Reading of Bylaw 2020-15 took place after agenda item 2.1.2.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-05
Moved by KOESTER

Second Reading of Bylaw 2020-15, this being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to redesignate +/- 5 acres within NE-18-23-26-W4M, from Agricultural General District to Country Residential District as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’ forming part of this Bylaw.

• Carried

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-08
Moved by BIGGAR

Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 2020-15, this being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to redesignate +/- 5 acres within NE-18-23-26-W4M, from Agricultural General District to Country Residential District as shown on the attached Schedule 'A' forming part of this Bylaw.

• Carried

2.1.2 Bylaw 2020-19 - Land Redesignation Bylaw

G. Allison (Planner I) presented information pertaining to Bylaw 2020-19 (note: a copy of the request for decision and supporting documentation was included in the agenda information package).

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-06
Moved by WILSON

First Reading of Bylaw 2020-19, this being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to redesignate 130 acres of NE-7-22-21-W4M from Agricultural General District to Rural Business District as shown on the attached Schedule 'A'.

• Carried

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-07
Moved by WILSON

THAT a public hearing for Bylaw 2020-19 be scheduled for July 7, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Wheatland County Council Chambers. If the office remains closed to the public due to Covid-19, the public hearing will be held by conference call in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199.

• Carried

2.1.3 Bylaw 2020-20 - Land Redesignation Bylaw

M. Williams (Planner II) presented information pertaining to Bylaw 2020-20 (note: a copy of the request for decision and supporting documentation was included in the agenda information package).

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-09
Moved by IKERT

First Reading of Bylaw 2020-20, this being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to redesignate 40 acres of SE-9-24-26-W4M from Agricultural General District to Industrial General District as shown on the attached Schedule 'A'.

• Carried

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-10
Moved by ARMSTRONG

THAT a public hearing for Bylaw 2020-20 be scheduled for July 7, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in Wheatland County Council Chambers. If the office remains closed to the public due to Covid-19, the public

hearing will be held by conference call in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199.

• Carried

2.1.4 Bylaw 2020-21 - Land Redesignation Bylaw

M. Williams (Planner II) presented information pertaining to Bylaw 2020-21 (note: a copy of the request for decision and supporting documentation was included in the agenda information package).

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-11
Moved by BIGGAR

First Reading of Bylaw 2020-21, this being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to redesignate 156.01 acres of NE-4-22-25-W4M from Agricultural General District to Natural Resource Extraction District as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’.

• Carried

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-12
Moved by IKERT

THAT a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-21 be scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 9:00 A.M, in Wheatland County Council Chambers. If the office remains closed to the public due to Covid-19, the Public Hearing will be held by conference call in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199.

• Carried

2.1.5 Bylaw 2020-23 - Land Redesignation Bylaw

G. Allison (Planner I) presented information pertaining to Bylaw 2020-23 (note: a copy of the request for decision and supporting documentation was included in the agenda information package).

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-13
Moved by ARMSTRONG

First Reading of Bylaw 2020-23, this being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to redesignate 62.53 acres of NE-23-25-17-W4M from Agricultural General District to Natural Resource Extraction District as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’.

• Carried

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-14
Moved by KOESTER

THAT a public hearing for Bylaw 2020-23 be scheduled for July 7, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in Wheatland County Council Chambers. If the office remains closed to the public due to Covid-19, the public hearing will be held by conference call in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199.

• Carried

2.1.6 Bylaw 2020-27 - Re: Borrowing Bylaw

M. Kurceba (Manager of Financial Services) presented information pertaining to Bylaw 2020-27 (note: a copy of the request for decision and supporting documentation was included in the agenda information package).

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-15
Moved by ARMSTRONG

FIRST READING of Borrowing Bylaw 2020-27, that allows Administration to proceed with the process of borrowing $267,402.54 from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution for the Transtor Capital Replacement project. The maximum rate of interest is not to exceed 2.3% per annum over the ten (10) year repayment term and that the Waste Reserve will be used to fund the principal and interest owing.

• Carried

2.2 Unfinished Business or Business Arising

Ratify Meetings/Events - Councillor Participation
Councillor Biggar presented a request for ratification of meetings/events. Discussion ensued. Note: Reeve Link requested that 'Councillor attendance/representation' at other meetings/events be a topic of discussion at the upcoming Planning & Priorities Session.

Note: Councillor Koester left the meeting during discussion - time 9:57 A.M.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-16
Moved by BIGGAR

APPROVAL to ratify the participation of Wheatland County Council representation at the following meetings/events during the month of May 2020:
- May 4th & 20th - Townhall Meetings
- May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - WC Infinite Business Teleconference
- May 8th - RMA Virtual Meeting
- May 14th - Alberta Launch

• Carried

3. COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND RELATED BUSINESS

3.1 Reeve's Report

Reeve Link presented highlights from the 'Reeve's Report'. A copy of the report was included in the agenda package; the report highlighted events/meetings for the month of May 2020.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-17
Moved by LINK

ACCEPTANCE of the Reeve's Report, as presented/provided.

• Carried

3.1.1 Addendum to Reeve's Report - Re: Marigold Library System Documents

The Addendum included Marigold Library System correspondence and supporting documents related to per capita levy rates and Schedule C Requisition.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-18
Moved by LINK

THAT Council accept, as information, the Addendum to the Reeve's Report: Re: Marigold Library System Documents.

• Carried

3.2 Deputy Reeve's Report

Deputy Reeve Klassen presented highlights from the 'Deputy Reeve's Report'. A copy of the report was included in the agenda package; the report highlighted events/meetings for the month of May 2020.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-19
Moved by KLASSEN

ACCEPTANCE of the Deputy Reeve's Report, as presented/provided.

• Carried

3.3 Division 1 Councillor Report

A 'Division 1 Councillor Report' for the month of May 2020 was not available.

3.4 Division 3 Councillor Report

Councillor Biggar presented highlights from the 'Division 3 Councillor Report'. A copy of the report was included in the agenda package; the report highlighted events/meetings for the month of May 2020.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-20
Moved by BIGGAR

ACCEPTANCE of the Division 3 Councillor Report, as presented/provided.

• Carried

3.5 Division 4 Councillor Report

Councillor Ikert informed that a copy of the 'Division 4 Councillor Report' was included in the agenda package; the report highlighted events/meetings for the month of May 2020.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-21
Moved by IKERT

ACCEPTANCE of the Division 4 Councillor Report, as presented/provided.

• Carried

3.6 Division 6 Councillor Report

A copy of the 'Division 6 Councillor Report' was included in the agenda package; the report highlighted events/meetings for the month of May 2020. Note: Councillor Koester was unavailable to present the report.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-22
Moved by ARMSTRONG

ACCEPTANCE of the Division 6 Councillor Report, as provided.

• Carried

3.7 Division 7 Councillor Report

Councillor Armstrong presented highlights from the 'Division 7 Councillor Report'. A copy of the report was included in the agenda package; the report highlighted events/meetings for the month of May 2020. In addition, Councillor Armstrong informed Council of a private dam located on Duck Lake and the landowner's concerns regarding overland flooding.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-23
Moved by ARMSTRONG

ACCEPTANCE of the Division 7 Councillor Report, as presented/provided.

• Carried

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND RELATED BUSINESS

4.1 Chief Administrative Officer

4.1.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

B. Henderson presented the Chief Administrative Officer Report for the month of May 2020 (note: a copy of the report was included in the agenda information package for Council review). The report provided updates/highlights on the following departments: Administration; Fire Services; People Services. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-24
Moved by WILSON

That Council accepts the Chief Administrative Officer report as information.

• Carried

4.1.2 2020 Library Funding

CAO B. Henderson presented the request for decision regarding funding for libraries within Wheatland County. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-25
Moved by LINK

APPROVAL that Wheatland County forward contributions totaling $44,670.00 to the Libraries located within Wheatland County as indicated in the request for decision, subject to continual operation as a library in 2020. Further that the contributions be funded from the Library Reserve.

• Carried

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-26
Moved by ARMSTRONG

APPROVAL that 'Library Funding' be reviewed by Council prior to Wheatland County's 2021 Budget process.

• Carried

4.1.3 2020 Community Enhancement Grant Funding

CAO B. Henderson presented the request for decision regarding the Board's recommendation for distribution of the 2020 Community Enhancement Grant funding.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-27
Moved by BIGGAR

THAT Council approve the 2020 Community Enhancement Grant funding for $365,033 as recommended by the Community Enhancement Regional Board and that this amount be funded from the Community Enhancement Reserve.

• Carried

4.2 Corporate and Financial Services

4.2.1 Corporate & Financial Services Report

General Manager T. Buteau presented the Corporate & Financial Services Report (note: a copy of the report was included in the agenda information package for Council review). The report provided updates/highlights on Corporate Services (Assessment, Financial Services, and Information Technology).

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-28
Moved by KLASSEN

That Council accepts the Corporate and Financial Services Report as information.

• Carried

4.3 Community and Development Services

4.3.1 Community & Development Services Report

General Manager M. Boscariol presented the Community and Development Services Report (note: a copy of the report was included in the agenda package for Council review). The report provided updates and stats on the following: Community Services; Economic Development; GIS; Planning, Development & Safety Codes; Protective Services.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-29
Moved by BIGGAR

THAT Council accepts the Community and Development Services Report as information.

• Carried

4.3.2 CMRB South and East Regional Transportation Information

General Manager M. Boscariol presented the request for decision regarding the CMRB - South and East Calgary Regional Transportation Study. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-30
Moved by IKERT

THAT Council accepts the South and East Calgary Regional Transportation Study, as presented to the Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board (CMRB), as information.

• Carried

4.4 Transportation and Agriculture

4.4.1 Transportation & Agriculture Report

General Manager M. Ziehr presented the Transportation & Agriculture Report (note: a copy of the report was included in the agenda package for Council review). The report provided updates on the following topics: Public Works Crews; Hamlet and Utilities / Waste Transfer Sites; Facilities; Gravel/Roads; Land; Wheatland Regional Water; Agriculture & Environment Report. In addition, General Manager Ziehr provided an update on the following topics: Dust Control Program; Blue Sign Project; Public Engagement (water servicing) - Redland; Traffic Counts. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-31
Moved by ARMSTRONG

That Council accepts the General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture May 2020 Report, as information.

• Carried

4.4.2 Encroachment Agreement - Gleichen

General Manager M. Ziehr presented a request for decision regarding an encroachment agreement for a property located within the hamlet of Gleichen.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-32
Moved by LINK

APPROVAL of an Encroachment agreement for the use of the undeveloped road allowance with the owner of Roll #5148493, 2550AJ; 20; 13&14 within Gleichen, based on the information as presented in the request for decision.

• Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-33
Moved by WILSON

APPROVAL that Wheatland County provide a Letter of Support to the Western Irrigation District for shovel ready projects that mutually benefit Wheatland County and the Western Irrigation District; based on the correspondence received from WID.

• Carried

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-34
Moved by IKERT

TO ACCEPT the following items as information, as provided in the request for decision:

- Alberta Municipal Affairs (Office of the Minister) Correspondence (dated May 19, 2020) – Re: Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Allocation
- Western Irrigation District Correspondence (dated May 22, 2020) and Supporting Documents – Re: Request for Letter of Support recognizing benefits of WID Projects.

• Carried

6. CLOSED SESSION (IN CAMERA)

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 (except Councillor Koester), Chief Administrative Officer.

Note: Councillor Koester re-joined the meeting following the closed session - time 12:03 P.M.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-35
Moved by LINK

THAT the meeting go into 'closed session' (in camera) - time 11:17 A.M., pertaining to the following:
Labour Matter [FOIP Act - Sec. 24(1)(b)] - Re: Councillor Code of Conduct

• Carried

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-36
Moved by ARMSTRONG

THAT the meeting come out of 'closed session' - time 12:02 P.M.

• Carried

6.1 Business Arising from Closed Session

J. Wilson (Councillor - Division 1) presented the following statement to Council:

"I would just like to address the complaint surrounding my recent facebook post. I will not apologize for criticizing the RCMP Police Force and its structure. I don't believe it as an organization is serving the needs of my residents or the general public. It is my job as an elected official to make sure the needs of the public are being met. However, I will apologize for using a blanket description on the RCMP members themselves. Knowing many members personally, I know many are of the first-class men and women and through my post I slandered those individuals. But make no mistake, I do not believe the RCMP is an effective organization due to its structure and I will continue to advocate for a better police model that serves the ratepayers of my division and Alberta itself. And I will not apologize for offending anybody".

Following the statement, Reeve Link noted as a reminder that Council has discussed the 'Code of Conduct' and the expectations around Councillor conduct both in public as representatives of Wheatland County and Council, as well as in Council meetings.

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-37
Moved by BIGGAR

TO ACCEPT Councillor Wilson's 'Statement to Council' as information.

• Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION CM-2020-06-38
Moved by ARMSTRONG

THAT the meeting adjourn - time 12:06 A.M.

• Carried

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Recording Secretary