

PRESENT: Mayor Walker, Councillors Taryl Pierson, Eric Schmidt, Vicky Smith

ABSENT Deputy Mayor Kerr, Councillor Gorman

ADMINISTRATION: Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer; Amanda Paulovich, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Egyedy called the meeting to order at 5:50pm.

Due to the absence of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Vicky Smith was appointed as the Chair for the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF
THE AGENDA**

MOTION 15-12295 Councillor Pierson Moved:
"To adopt the agenda with the addition of Peace River School Division-Community Advisory Group, Water Services Agreement to New Business; NAEL – Minister Meeting, AMSC rebate, RCMP annual report to information; and an In Camera session to discuss land"

Carried

**ADOPTION OF
THE MINUTES**

MOTION 15-12296 Councillor Pierson Moved:
"To adopt the minutes of the October 14, 2015"

Mayor Walker stated that she had an issue with the statement in the minutes "Mayor Walker handed out to the public a confidential letter addressed to the Mayor, dated February 3, 2015 from Town Council." That this statement was not true as this issue was brought public in the recent Media Release sanctioning the Mayor.

Council did not support the objection of the Mayor in the Minutes as the letter was handed out to the public.

Mayor Walker requested a recorded vote

In Favour Councillors Pierson, Schmidt, Smith
Opposed Mayor Walker

Carried

Amanda departed the meeting at 5:56pm returning at 6:05pm

DELEGATIONS

Sgt. David Marentette
Introduction To
Council

Sgt. Marentette introduced himself to Council as the new Manning Detachment Commander and gave a brief history on his experience. He introduced Constable Ian Simpson as a new recruit and Manning is his first posting.

Sgt. Marentette explained that the Sherriff tickets are higher than the RCMP as they are focused on traffic violations. The RCMP has worked on drug enforcement where 12 arrests have been made this year.

OPEN FORUM

Councillor Smith moved the meeting into open forum at 6:29pm

Residents from the public attended the council meeting to address the issue around the sanctioning of Mayor Sunni-Jeanne Walker. Among the residents at the meeting who had addressed council were Beverly Lein, Cassie Vandemark, Sherry Dechant, Theresa Bieraugle, Angela Knievel, and Sharon Walton.

Town resident Beverly Lein presented a Petition with 183 signatures, regarding the sanctioning of the Mayor to Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor Vicky Smith closed the open forum at 6:57pm

CAO REPORT

Mr. Egyedy stated that Public Works staff has shut down the Campground, Pool and ball diamonds for the season. They are diligently working on clean-up of the town including street sweeping. The crew is also prepping the equipment for the winter months.

A preconstruction meeting regarding the river crossing project took place on Tuesday October 27, 2015. Project is set to commence on November 2, 2015. Budget deliberations will start in November with a review of the proposed 2016 operating budget.

MOTION 15-12297 Councillor Schmidt Moved:
"To accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report as presented"
Carried

**COUNCILLOR
REPORTS**

Mayor Walker stated that she had no report

Deputy Mayor Kerr nothing to report in her absence

Councillor Gorman nothing to report in his absence

Councillor Pierson stated that due to his work schedule change he cannot commit to the North Peace Housing committee meetings and Deputy Mayor Kerr is willing to switch him for the Mighty Peace Tourism committee. Councillor Pierson also stated that he had attended the Long Lake Regional Waste Management meeting but did not have a written report to present.

MOTION 15-12298 Councillor Schmidt Moved:
"To appoint Councillor Pierson to the Mighty Peace Tourism committee and
Deputy Mayor Kerr to the North Peace Housing committee"
Carried

Councillor Schmidt nothing to report

Councillor Smith stated that she had attended the FCSS meeting on October 26, 2015. At the meeting the director's report was presented. At the meeting they touched base on the different projects and the success of the 2015 projects. FCSS is currently planning the Seniors Christmas supper for December.

MOTION 15-12299 Councillor Pierson Moved:
"To accept the councillor activity reports as presented"
Carried

OLD BUSINESS

BYLAW 828/15
LUB Amendment

MOTION 15-12300 Mayor Walker Moved:
"3rd and final reading of Bylaw 828/15 Land Use Bylaw Amendment"
Carried

BYLAW 829/15
Council Procedural

MOTION 15-12301 Councillor Schmidt Moved:
"3rd and final reading of Bylaw 829/15 Council Procedural Bylaw Amendment"

Mayor Walker requested a recorded vote

In Favor; Councillor Smith, Schmidt, Pierson
Opposed; Mayor Walker
Carried

NEW BUSINESS

MUNCIPAL
BY-ELECTION

Due to the one vacancy on council and according to MGA Section 162 council must hold a by-election to fill this vacancy. Section 165 states that election day for a by-election are 90 days after the vacancy occurs.

MOTION 15-12302 Councillor Pierson Moved:
"To approve Monday December 14, 2015 to conduct a by-election for the one
Councillor vacancy"
Carried

MOTION 15-12303 Councillor Schmidt Moved:
"To appoint Dennis Egyedy as Returning Officer for the purpose of conducting a
by-election on December 14, 2015
Carried

NEW BUSINESS CONT

**GOLF COURSE –
LAND LEASE**

The Town of Manning has a section of land near the golf course that is 35 acres which has been leased to a local farmer. The current 5 year lease will expire on November 1, 2015. Currently the lease between the Town and Local Farmer Terry Ungarian is \$25.00/acre.

MOTION 15-12304

Mayor Walker Moved:

“To renew the 5 year lease agreement between the Town of Manning and Terry Ungarian for 35 acres at \$25.00 per acre (\$875.00 + GST) payable each year before November 1 on the parcel of land located at NW 12-93-23-W5”

Carried

**RCMP MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEE**

The agreement between the County of Northern Lights and the Town of Manning regarding the County's Employee at the RCMP is expiring December 2015. The County has asked if the Town is willing to fund half of the annual salary of \$32,000.00

MOTION 15-12305

Mayor Walker Moved:

“To fund half the cost of the \$32,000 annual salary for a RCMP Municipal employee through the County of Northern Lights from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018”

Carried

**PRSD-COMMUNITY
ADVISORY GROUP**

Mr. Egyedy stated that the Peace River School Division has formed a Community Advisory Group to explore the centralizing of services to increase operational efficiencies and decrease costs.

PRSD has invited either an elected official or a senior staff member from the Town of Manning to serve on the PRSD Centralized Services Community Advisory Group. The Roles of the representative would be to engage in meaningful dialogue with other committee members and provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION 15-12306

Mayor Walker Moved:

“For Councillor Schmidt to attend as the Town of Manning Representative for the PRSD Community Advisory Group”.

Carried

**WATER SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

A Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Manning and the County of Northern Lights allows the town to raise county water rates with 90 days' notice. Presently, the county is charged a rate of \$14.00/1000 gallons; whereas, town residents are charged \$17.00/1000 gallons. The new county rate of \$17.00/1000 gallons will be in effect February 1, 2016.

MOTION 15-12307

Councillor Pierson Moved

“To approve a \$3.00 increase (\$17.00/1000 imperial gallons) on the regional water rates for the County of Northern Lights and provide the county with 90 days' notice of the change effective February 1, 2016.

Carried

Mayor Walker stated that she was not comfortable going “In Camera” at a council meeting as she fears being attacked by her fellow council members and that she would be departing the meeting.

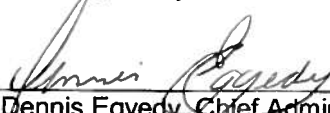
Mayor Walker departed the meeting at 6:58pm
Councillor Smith called a short recess at 6:59pm

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:19pm due to lack of quorum



Vicky Smith, Councillor



Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer