

**PRESENT:** Mayor Walker, Deputy Mayor Kerr, Councillors Vicky Smith, Eric Schmidt, Cyril Gorman

**ABSENT** Councillor Stone

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 5:15PM

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION 15-12105** Councillor Schmidt Moved:  
"To adopt the agenda with the following addition:  
Proclamation to information."

Carried

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION 15-12106** Councillor Smith Moved:  
"To adopt the Minutes of the March 11, 2015 Public Hearing"

Carried

**MOTION 15-12107** Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:  
"To adopt the Minutes of the March 11, 2015 Regular Meeting"

Carried

**MOTION 15-12108** Councillor Schmidt Moved:  
"To adopt the Minutes of the March 25, 2015 Regular Meeting"

Carried

**MOTION 15-12109** Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:  
"To adopt the Minutes of the March 30, 2015 Special Meeting"

Carried

**COUNCILLOR OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor Walker swore in Mr. Taryl Pierson as a new Councillor.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Manning Regional Child Care Assoc.**

Director, Darlene Frith and Board Member Ashley Nichiporik from the Manning Regional Child Care Association attended the meeting. Mrs. Frith stated that their provincial agreement with Children's Service for the Early Childhood Resource Centre will not be renewed which will result in a loss of \$20,000.00.

Director Frith stated that association has been exploring all possibilities to replace a \$35,000 annual shortfall. Mrs. Frith stated that the Association is requesting \$17,500.00 per year for a three year commitment from the Town of Manning. This funding would help in keeping the doors open at the Manning Regional Child Care Association.

**KPMG 2014 Audit**

KPMG Auditor, Robyn Eeson presented council with the audit findings for the 2014 fiscal year. Mrs. Eeson touched on highlights in the audit findings which referred to 2013 and 2014.

The Auditor presented council with the consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014. In the consolidated statements there was a comparison from the 2013 year to the 2014 year. Mrs. Eeson walked council through sections of the statements to provide clarification on any increase or decrease in funds.

Amanda Paulovich departed the meeting @ 6:02pm

**Fire Chief Quarterly Report**

Assistant Fire Chief Richard Hodgin attended the meeting on behalf of Fire Chief Larry Brolly. Mr. Hodgin presented to council the Fire Chief report. There has been 41 calls since November 1, 2014, 22 in the county and 19 in town.

Mr. Hodgin stated that Safety Codes Officer, Ed Jaeger inspected the Arena and the Library as part of the ongoing fire prevention program. The fire department has been busy training in the last 3 months and an extrication course was started at the beginning of January. Mr. Hodgin stated that the department will be working on hazard reduction and will most likely be working with ESRD in joint training exercises in town and the county.

Amanda returned to the meeting at 6:10pm

**MOTION 15-12110** Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:  
"That the Fire Chief is no longer required to present a quarterly report to council as this information will be reported from the Fire Service Advisory Committee members to council".

Mayor Walker requested a recorded vote

**In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Kerr, Councillors Gorman, Smith, Schmidt, and Pierson  
**Opposed:** Mayor Walker

Carried

Mayor Walker called a supper recess at 6:17pm

Mayor Walker reconvened the meeting at 7:45pm

**OPEN FORUM**

No members of the public attended the open forum

**CAO REPORT**

Mr. Egyedy informed council that the grant funding for the River Crossing project has been approved for \$270,160.00. This amount represents 90% of the actual cost of \$300,177.00 for the project. Other grant funds available for 2015 are Gas Tax Allocation (\$124,278.00), Municipal Sustainability Initiative Allocations for Capital (\$448,732.00) and Operating (\$47,431.00).

Mr. Egyedy presented council with a list of Town operating and capital reserve accounts. As of December 31, 2014 the operating reserves are \$649,936.00 and the capital reserves are \$1,839,957.00.

Mr. Egyedy informed council that our grant application to purchase the fire tanker truck was not approved. Council discussed options to fund the purchase through other sources.

**MOTION 15-12111** Mayor Walker Moved:  
"To approve the purchase the fire tanker truck in the amount of \$143,000 from capital reserves until an application for MSI Capital is approved for the expenditure."  
Carried

Mr. Egyedy stated that CAMA (Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators) is hosting their 2015 conference in Jasper from June 1-3, 2015 and will be receive a 20 year award for service to municipal government.

**MOTION 15-12112** Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:  
"To approve the attendance of the Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy at the CAMA conference held in Jasper, AB from June 1st to 3rd, 2015".  
Carried

Mr. Egyedy informed council that he would be on holidays from August 24, 2015 until September 18, 2015.

**MOTION 15-12113** Deputy Mayor Moved:  
"To accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report as presented"

Carried

**TRAFFIC  
BYLAW 824-15**

Chief Administrative Officer, Egyedy presented council with the proposed Traffic Bylaw for review and first reading.

**MOTION 15-12114** Councillor Pierson Moved:  
"The first reading of Traffic Bylaw # 824-15"

Carried

**COUNCILLOR  
REPORTS**

- Mayor Walker stated that she attended the AUMA Mayor's Caucus on March 10-13, 2015 in Edmonton. Some of the topics that were discussed at the Caucus were the Municipal Viability, Municipal Water and Wastewater Systems, and Senior's issues.
- Mayor Walker stated that in her committee report that she attended the North Peace Housing meeting in Peace River. The PREDA meeting in Falher provided an update on Membership fees and the number of members. Mayor Walker stated that there is an upcoming Mayors Caucus on June 1, 2015 that she would like to attend.
- MOTION 15-12115 Mayor Walker Moved:  
"To approve the Mayor's attendance at the Mayor's Caucus on June 1, 2015"  
"Deputy Mayor Kerr requested a recorded vote"  
Tabled
- Deputy Mayor Kerr stated that the Trade Fair planning for the Town's booth is in progress, and there are still a few shifts that need to be filled. Deputy Mayor Kerr stated that the budgeted amount for promotion items is over budget by \$948.94 for a total of \$2948.94 and would like to ask for an additional \$1000.00 to cover the additional expenses
- Deputy Mayor Kerr attended the Peace Library System meeting where \$3,000,000 was given back to the library system.
- MOTION 15-12116 Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:  
"To provide a letter of gratitude to Honorable Diane McQueen for her support on the Peace Library System"  
Carried
- MOTION 15-12117 Councillor Smith Moved:  
"To approve an increase in the Trade Show budget for \$1000.00"  
"Mayor Walker requested a recorded vote"  
**In Favour** - Deputy Mayor Kerr, Councillors Gorman, Smith, Pierson, Schmidt  
**Opposed** - Mayor Walker  
Carried
- Councillor Schmidt stated that the Manning Sports Centre meeting was cancel and there has been no meeting since February. There is a meeting scheduled for April 13, 2015.
- Councillor Gorman nothing to report
- Councillor Stone nothing to report in his absence
- Councillor Smith nothing to report
- MOTION 15-12118 Councillor Gorman Moved:  
"To accept the councillor activity reports as presented"  
Carried
- OLD BUSINESS**  
No items discussed
- NEW BUSINESS**
- WATER METER  
PURCHASE**  
Chief Administrative Officer Egyedy stated 120 water meters were purchased in the amount of \$46,200.00 plus GST with the addition of spud kits and meter heads at the cost of \$2,448.00 with a grand total of \$51,080.40. Mr. Egyedy stated that there will need to be \$31,460.40 transferred from reserve to cover the budget shortfall.
- MOTION 15-12119 Councillor Smith Moved:  
"To approve the transfer of \$31,460.40 from the water/wastewater reserve account for the purchase of water meters to general goods and supplies account 2-41-00-510-00 pending approval of the Federal Gas Tax grant for funds to cover the entire costs of water meters at \$51,080.40 and the purchase of 100 gas meters at a cost of \$23,940.00"  
Carried

**NEW BUSINESS Con't**

**Water Forgiveness** Mr. Egyedy presented council with a letter from a resident asking for forgiveness on their water consumption for the month of February and the first week in March. It was discovered that a pipe had burst in the basement that went unnoticed. In the letter for request is to forgive a portion of the water/sewer bill of \$6,480.59. Council discussed this matter and in the past council has not forgiven water costs in similar situations.

MOTION 15-12120 Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:  
 "To accept the letter of forgiveness for the high water consumption as information only"

Carried

**INFORMATION**

- a) Action List Enclosed
- b) Financial Statements and Cheque List Enclosed
- c) FCM Annual Conference – Edmonton Enclosed
- d) Peace River School Division Gala Enclosed
- e) Alberta and Sustainable Resource Development Enclosed
- f) Alberta Recreation and Parks – Programs Enclosed
- g) Alberta Recreation and Parks – Training Enclosed
- h) Municipal Affairs – MSI Funding Enclosed
- i) Peace Library Highlights Enclosed
- j) Peace River Regional Pool Upgrade Enclosed
- k) County of Northern Lights Letter Enclosed
- l) STARS Foundation Enclosed
- m) Victim Service Week Proclamation Enclosed

MOTION 15-12121 Mayor Walker Moved:  
 "To Proclaim April 19 to 25, 2015 as National Victims of Crime Awareness Week"

Carried

MOTION 15-12122 Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:  
 "To accept a, b, c, e, f, g, h, l, j, k, l, as information"

Carried

**IN CAMERA**

No items discussed

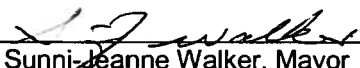
**MATTER RELATING TO PRESENTATION**

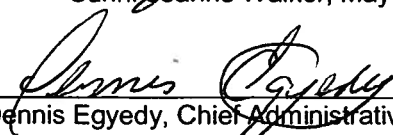
**MANNING CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION**

MOTION 15-12123 Councillor Smith Moved:  
 "To approve the request from Manning Child Care Association for a new 3 year funding agreement of \$17,500 per year from April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2018"

Carried

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm.

  
 Sunni-Jeanne Walker, Mayor

  
 Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer