

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

ABSENT Councillor Frazer Stone,

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM

**ADOPTION OF
THE AGENDA**

MOTION 15-12076 Councillor Schmidt Moved:
"To adopt the agenda as presented."

Carried

**ADOPTION OF
THE MINUTES**

MOTION 15-12077 Councillor Gorman Moved:
"To adopt the Minutes of the February 10, 2015 regular meeting"

Carried

DELEGATIONS

No delegations in attendance

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Walker opened the meeting to Open Forum @ 5:22pm

Les Kessler
Bulk Water Rate

Resident, Les Kessler attended the Council meeting to discuss the bulk water rate increase. Mr. Kessler lives on Highway 691 an area where water services are unavailable. He stated that since 2009 he has been paying \$1.55 per gallon of water through the Town of Manning truck fill. In the 2015 Operating Budget, the bulk water rate was increased to \$3.40 per gallon. Council explained the cost of water for all town residents in comparison to Mr. Kessler who pays half the cost of piped water.

CAO REPORT

Mr. Egyedy attended the Municipal Law workshop in Edmonton which included boosting your budget through cost recovery, employment law relating to drug and alcohol testing, and employee probationary periods. The workshop was hosted by Brownlee Law.

In reviewing a request made to council regarding the Cowboy Mounted Shooters Association, Bylaw 603 prohibits the discharge of firearms within town limits. Egyedy stated that the by-law is superseded by federal legislation for firearms. Council asked the CAO to draft a new bylaw to repeal Bylaw 603.

Mayor Walker declared conflict of interest in the matter of the office rental agreements.

Mr. Egyedy stated that he requested our lawyers to prepare new lease documents for all municipal tenants at town hall and the old hospital. KPMG, the Town of Manning Auditors will be starting the 2014 audit from March 9 to 13, 2015 and will be occupying the council chambers during this period.

Mr. Egyedy stated that he received an estimate for the 2015 infrastructure projects which are within our budget expectations. A walkable workshop grant for \$5000.00 will be used to purchase a map sign estimated at \$2500.00, designed by Mossy Ridge. Egyedy requested time-off for vacation and council approval to attend an AUMA CAO Meeting.

MOTION 15-12078 Councillor Howell Moved:
"To approve CAO Egyedy request for time off on March 13, 19 & 20, 2015 and approve his attendance at the AUMA CAO meeting in Edmonton on March 12th, 2015.

Carried

MOTION 15-12079 Councillor Gorman Moved:
"To accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report as presented"

Carried

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- Mayor Walker reported that she had attended the North Peace Housing meeting which discussed Supportive Living Level 3 & 4 and the possibility of offering it at the Del Air Lodge. Mayor Walker reported on the Mayors meeting in Edmonton and the Minister of Municipal Affairs speech on the provincial budget. The Town of High Prairie and St. Paul gave a presentation of their communities. Mayor Walker stated that she had attended the RCMP Regimental Ball and had an enjoyable time.
- Deputy Mayor Kerr nothing to report
- Councillor Schmidt nothing to report
- Councillor Howell stated that this is her last meeting with the Town Council and would like to thank the council members for her amazing journey on council.
- Councillor Gorman stated that there is an upcoming library orientation meeting which will outline duties and responsibilities as the Library Board Members.
- Councillor Stone nothing to report in his absence
- Councillor Smith stated that she attended two meetings with FCSS; the first meeting was the Annual General Meeting where the following topics were discussed; the 2014 financial report, the FCSS yearly report, 2015 Budget and the Election of Board members. Councillor Smith stated that the second meeting was the regular board meeting where the following items were discussed; 2014 Program Grant Evaluations, Board Development and Mounted Shooters 2nd Annual Blazing Pistols Shootout.
- MOTION 15-12080 Councillor Howell Moved:
"To accept the councillor activity reports as presented"
- Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

KCL Consulting Inc. Contract Renewal

The Town of Manning Contract between KCL Consulting Inc. for Assessment Services will be expiring on March 31, 2015. A new 5 year contract from July 1, 2015 to June 30th 2020 was presented for council review. The cost for services is \$17.75 per parcel for the first year and an inflation factor of 1.025 for year 2 to 5.

- MOTION 15-12081 Councillor Smith Moved:
"To approve a 5 (five) year contract for Assessment Services with KCL Consulting Inc. from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020 at a cost of \$17.75 per parcel in the first year and to be adjusted at the end of each contract year by an inflation factor of 1.025"
- Carried

Municipal By-Election

Due to the resignation of Councillor Howell, the Town of Manning is required to hold a Municipal By-Election. CAO Egyedy presented council with a timeline of activities that must take place for the by-election. He stated that a date must be set to hold the election and the appointment of a returning officer.

- MOTION 15-12082 Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:
"To appoint Dennis Egyedy as Returning Officer for the purpose of conducting a Municipal By-election."
- Carried

- MOTION 15-12083 Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:
"To approve Saturday April 25, 2015 as election day for the one Councillor vacancy."
- Carried

INFORMATION

- a) Action List Enclosed
- b) Peace River School Division Enclosed
- c) Town of Grimshaw – Housing Requisition Enclosed
- d) Starr Bulmer – North Peace Housing Foundation Enclosed
- e) Regional Collaboration Program Enclosed
- f) AUMA Annual Membership Enclosed
- g) Minister Human Services - Community Resource Centre Enclosed
- h) Minister Municipal Affairs – MSI Funding Enclosed
- i) Financial Statements and Cheque list Enclosed
- j) Romance Scam Awareness Day Proclamation Enclosed

MOTION 15-12084 Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:
 "To accept a to i as information"
 Carried

MOTION 15-12085 Councillor Howell Moved:
 "To proclaim March 2, 2015 as Romance Scam Awareness Day"
 Carried

IN CAMERA

No items to be discussed in camera

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.



 Sunni-Jeanne Walker, Mayor



 Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer