

PRESENT: Mayor Walker, Deputy Mayor Gorman, Councillors Brenda Kerr, Eric Schmidt, Vicky Smith, Daryl Presakarchuk, Greg Rycroft

ADMINISTRATION: Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer; Mandy Paulovich, Danica Gummesen, Recorder(s)

CALL TO ORDER Deputy Mayor Gorman called the meeting to order at 5:15pm

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 16-12357 Mayor Walker Moved:
 "To adopt the agenda with one addition:
 Letter from Federation Gas - Carbon Tax to information
 Carried

COUNCILOR OATH OF OFFICE Mayor Walker swore in new Council Members:
 Greg Rycroft & Daryl Presakarchuk

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION 16-12358 Councillor Kerr Moved:
 "To adopt the Minutes of the December 9, 2015 regular meeting as presented"
 Carried

DELEGATIONS

Alberta Health Services (Teleconference)
 Graham Matsalla, Health Promotions Facilitator, made a presentation outlining the goals of the AHS Walkability Grant and how it pertains to the health of residents and communities. Mr. Matsalla stated that he looks forward to working with the Town of Manning in building an active community.

Beverly Lein submitted a petition regarding the sanctioning of Mayor Walker. Mr. Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer received the petition at 5:33 pm.

CAO REPORT

Mr. Egyedy, CAO reported on the 2015 and 2016 snow removal budget, Council will review 2016 budget estimates for street repairs and snow removal in May. Signage was installed at the arena parking lot in accordance with Traffic By-law 824-15, section 5.11.

Aquatera agreed to set up a meeting with Rudy Chan of Associated Engineering, County of Northern Lights and county/town staff to discuss the water treatment plant operations. Meeting travel expenses will not be charged. Mr. Egyedy informed council the 2016 cost of operations for the Aquatera should be dramatically reduced as preventative maintenance programs are being followed.

Contracts for 2016 capital projects are being prepared and anticipated start dates are early May or June.

MOTION 16-12359 Councillor Schmidt Moved:
 "To accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report as presented"
 Carried

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Walker stated that she would like to move forward with the process of amalgamation.

MOTION 16-12360 Mayor Walker Moved:
 "That the Town of Manning initiates negotiations for amalgamation by giving written notice to the County of Northern Lights and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and; furthermore, the Town of Manning Council initiates amalgamation proceedings with the County of Northern Lights to prepare the necessary documentation and research for our submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs."

Reason

- In my years of service on council, I believe that we are unable to secure financial resources to operate and upgrade our infrastructure.
- For coordination of Recreation, Fire Services and Water Delivery including the operation of the Water Treatment Plant, throughout the County and the Town.
- The Town of Manning Tax Payer(s) should not and can no longer afford the lack of services; it will be more effective and efficient to be amalgamated.
- In order for both municipalities to truly become one community, we need one municipality.

Carried

- d) Response from Alberta Health Services - Ambulance Service Enclosed
e) Federation Gas Co-op Carbon Letter Enclosed
- MOTION 16-12365 Councillor Kerr Moved:
"To accept items a-c as information only" Carried
- MOTION 16-12366 Councillor Kerr Moved:
"To request that AHS – Ambulance Service attend the next Council Meeting" Carried
- MOTION 16-12367 Mayor Walker Moved:
"To send a letter to Premier Rachel Notley opposing the carbon tax" Carried

OPEN FORUM

- Deputy Mayor Gorman moved into open forum at 6:27 pm.
- Theresa Bieraugle spoke to council regarding the sanctions on Mayor Walker.
- Beverly Lein spoke to council regarding overspending.
- Rock Russell spoke to council on the development permits for opening his business in Manning.
- MOTION 16-12368 Councillor Presakarchuk Moved:
"To approve Mr. Russell's development application so he may proceed with the opening of his Café excluding the cooler addition to the back of the building." Carried

IN CAMERA

- nothing to discuss

MATTERS RELATING TO PRESENTATIONS

AHS-Walkability Grant

Councillor Kerr stated that she would like to proceed with the Walkability Grant if the funding is available. Kerr added that there should be another workshop on Walkability.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Council discussed the standing on the Strategic Priorities. Mr. Egyedy stated that he is currently looking in to the tax on brownfield lots. Mr. Egyedy stated that the river crossing project has not been completed. The gas line will be connected in the spring.
- MOTION 16-12369 Mayor Walker Moved:
"To reschedule the January 27th Council Meeting date if necessary to attend the symposium on linear taxation" Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Gorman, adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm



Cyril Gorman,
Deputy Mayor



Dennis Egyedy,
Chief Administrative Officer