

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

ADSENT: Councillor Frazer Stone

ADMINISTRATION: Chris Melnyk, Finance Administrator; Amanda Paulovich, Recorder; Danica Gummesen, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 5:19PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 15-12237 Councillor Gorman Moved:
"To adopt the agenda with the addition of Labour to In Camera and Alberta Conservation Project to New Business"

Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION 15-12238 Councillor Pierson Moved:
"To adopt the Minutes of the August 12, 2015 regular meeting"

Carried

DELEGATIONS

CHOOSEWELL – JANINE GRAY

Public Health Promotion Facilitator from Manning Community Health Centre attended the meeting to speak to council regarding a grant that Choose Well is offering that will promote community involvement and healthy living. That grant that is proposed is for \$2500.00 that can be used for benches around town. Council also discussed that there may be other uses that they would like to see for this grant funding. The deadline for the grant is March 1, 2016.

OPEN FORUM

No attendees were present for the open forum

CAO REPORT

Acting CAO Chris Melnyk stated that the Manning RCMP Pool had a successful year with a staff of 13. Three sets of lessons were offered during the summer months.

Sprung Structures made a visit to the pool on August 19, 2015 to review the frame work and the structure of the building which was installed in 1978. Pool Manager; Bryana Smith stated that she had observed rust on the pool liner when she did her opening procedures in the spring. A quote from Sprung Structures will be sent to administration to replace the damaged panels that include the rusty parts.

All handi-cap signs have been installed and curbs have been painted. Also gas and meter changes have been an ongoing project.

The 4th Ave SE curbs and gutter project is expected to be underway on September 21, 2015 with the completion date of September 30, 2015. In regarding the River crossing project there has only been a tentative date of September 8, 2015 when the tendering packages will be available with it remaining to be open for 3 weeks.

The old water treatment plant demolishing tendering has now been closed so far to date the total cost of this project for engineering fees is \$31,257.30. Council stressed concerns that they would like to leave this project until next year.

Mrs. Melnyk stated that each business in the Town that sells fireworks was contacted regarding the propose bylaw and felt that they didn't think that this would be necessary to enforce. Mrs. Melnyk stated that each place has a good process when selling fireworks. Councils overall consensus was to disregard this bylaw as there is no need for it.

MOTION 15-12239 Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:
"To accept the CAO report as presented"

Carried

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Walker

stated that she had attended the Long Lake Regional Waste Management at the meeting they reviewed the previous minutes and the financials. Also there had been talk about signage for primary and secondary highways proceeding for Grimshaw, Warrnesville, Manning and Weberville. Mayor Walker also stated that the residential fall clean-up will be help the September 21 – 26, 2015.

Mayor Walker stated that she also attended the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency executive meeting along with their regular board meeting. At the meeting it was discussed that a letter be received from each municipality that would like to participate in the inter-municipal internship program with no cost to each municipality.

**COUNCILLOR
REPORTS
CON'T**

Mayor Walker stated that she had attended the Chamber of Commerce evening meeting. At the meeting it was stated that the revised Business Awards were presented and accepted. Anyone and everyone are encouraged to vote. The awards will be presented on October 23, 2015.

MOTION 15-12240 Mayor Walker Moved:
"To participate as a Municipal Partner with Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency's Land Use Planning Internship Program.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Kerr stated that she didn't have a report to submit but had some concerns that she would like to be brought forward. One of her concerns was the drilling that is taking place on La Prairie Group lot north of Town and if there were any liabilities to the town. Administration response to this concern is that the drilling is taking place on private property. Deputy Mayor Kerr also stated that she would like to address the Brown lots (vacant lots) within the Town of Manning. There are a number of them that are very unsightly and Deputy Mayor Kerr would like to see a bylaw which may increase their tax rates, in place that would be addressing these lots

Councillor Gorman nothing to report but reminded council of the Table Top Disaster that is planned for September 17, 2015

Councillor Pierson stated that he attended the North Peace Housing meeting and stated that the painting for the Manning seniors centre isn't going as well as it has not been completed yet, neither has the floor as they would like the flooring to go in after the walls have been painted. Mr. Pierson also stated that the Westview project in Peace River has stalled due to a few environmental issues and on site clinic agreement issues.

Councillor Schmidt stated that he had attended the Arena Association meeting. At the meeting their 3 year priority list was presented and includes but not limited to the following items: Furnace upgrades at a cost of \$115,000, Board and Glass replacement at a cost of \$250,000 which an available grant will be submitted to hopefully cover the cost, door upgrades as this will help with safety effectiveness, and upgrades to the lobby and hallway flooring. It was also stated that the roof maintenance be looked into as there are unsure of the state of the roof that was spray foam a few years back as it is still leaking, administration stated that they will look into warranty of this product.

Councillor Smith nothing to report

Councillor Stone nothing to report in his absence

MOTION 15-12241 Councillor Smith Moved:
"To accept the councillor activity reports as presented"

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

No items to be discussed

NEW BUSINESS**ATCO FRANCHISE
FEE**

Atco Electric submitted a letter to Town Council regarding the distribution revenue forecast for the 2016 Franchise fee. In the letter it states that the fee rate of 6% is what is proposed to the Town of Manning for the 2016 year.

MOTION 15-12242 Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:
"To approve the current franchise fee rate of 6% for 2016"

Carried

**MUSCULAR
DYSTROPHY
AWARENESS**

September is Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month across Canada. The purpose of the awareness month is to increase public knowledge of neuromuscular disorder and the impact on families living with these disorders and the communities in which we live

MOTION 15-12243 Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:
"To declare the month of September as Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month in the Town of Manning"

Carried

OLD WTP
DECOMMISSIONING
TENDERS

The tendering for the decommissioning of the old water treatment plant is now closed. Four tender packages have been received. The lowest of the 4 bids was \$172,480.00 which will include demolishing the treatment and only removing up to 1.5 m below the existing ground. Members on Town council stressed concerns regarding the cost of this project as it wasn't in the 2015 budget.

MOTION 15-12244

Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:

"To discontinue the decommissioning and demolition of the old water treatment plant"

Mayor Walker requested a recorded vote

Deputy Mayor Kerr, Councillors Schmidt, Pierson, Gorman and Smith in favor

Mayor Walker opposed

Carried

VETERANS-
REMEMBRANCE
DAY AD

A letter submitted from the Royal Canadian Legion Veterans & Troops Support asking council for a 1/10 of a page ad to include in the Military Service Recognition book in the amount of \$275.00. Some councillors felt that the ad didn't benefit them and the money could be used for something else. Mayor Walker stated that she was in support of the ad and felt that it would show the support from the Town.

MOTION 15-12245

Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:

"To receive the request for the 1/10 page ad in the Military Service Recognition Book as information only"

Mayor Walker requested a recorded vote

Deputy Mayor Kerr and Councillor Smith in favor

Mayor Walker, Councillors Schmidt, Pierson and Gorman opposed

Defeated

MOTION 15-12246

Mayor Walker Moved:

"To approve a 1/10 of a page as in the Military Service Recognition Book in the amount of \$275.00"

Deputy Mayor Kerr requested a recorded vote

Mayor Walker, Councillors Gorman, Schmidt, Pierson in favor

Deputy Mayor Kerr and Councillor Smith opposed

Carried

SHORT TERM
DISABILITY
POLICY

a request has been submitted to council regarding the Towns short term disability policy in the policy it states that 66.66% of the employees wage will be covered by their benefits leaving a gap of 33.33% in wages when they are off work. In the past council has made a motion to provide the 33.33% of the wages to top off the employees' wages to 100% while on short term disability. Councillor Schmidt felt that if they approve the 33.33% it will set precedence for future employees' that will need the short term disability. Mayor Walker stated that she felt that this is a benefit for the employee and would like to show the value of the employee.

MOTION 15-12247

Mayor Walker Moved:

"To approve a 33.33% top up on Short Term Disability benefits for employees"

Mayor Walker requested a recorded vote

Mayor Walker and Councillor Gorman in favor

Deputy Mayor Kerr, Councillors Schmidt, Pierson, Smith opposed

Defeated

MOTION 15-12248

Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:

"To accept the request for the Short Term Disability top up of 33.33% as information only"

Carried

SEWER CHARGE
COMPLAINT

a concerned resident sent a letter to council requesting them to reconsider the 40% of the water consumption sewer charge that is charged to residents. The concerned resident stated that he felt that when he is watering his flowers and his lawn etc. he is being charged for sewer and he isn't even using it.

MOTION 15-12249

Councillor Pierson Moved:

"To accept the letter of concern regarding the sewer charges as information only"

Carried

**RESCHEDULE
COUNCIL
MEETING**

a request to reschedule the September 30, 2015 council meeting to September 28, 2015

MOTION 15-12250

Mayor Walker Moved:

"To reschedule the September 30, 2015 council meeting to Monday September 28, 2015 at 5:15pm at the Town Council Chambers"

Carried

**ALBERTA
CONSERVATION
ASSOCIATION**

The Alberta Conservation Association is investigating lakes that have recreational fisheries potential for future development of their ongoing Enhanced Fish Stocking program. A request to the Town of Manning to grant permission to the Alberta Conservation Association in allowing them to access the old water reservoir located at 5;23;91;28 S and conducted the required test to determine if this location will be suitable waterbody for rainbow trout stocking.

MOTION 15-12251

Councillor Gorman Moved:

"To allow Alberta Conservation Association to access the old water reservoir located at 5;23;91;28 S to conduct the required testing needed at no cost to the Town of Manning and to keep the Town council updated on their program"

Carried

INFORMATION

- a) Action List
- b) Financial Statement and Cheque List
- c) Aging Underground Fuel Storage Tanks
- d) Alberta Recreation and Parks
- e) Federation of Alberta Gas Co-op Fall Meeting
- f) Gas Tax Funding
- g) RCMP Stats

Enclosed
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MOTION 15-12252

Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:

"To accept a-g as information only"

Carried

**MATER RELATING
TO PRESENTATIONS**

**CHOOSEWELL
GRANT**

Council discussed the concerns that they have regarding the ChooseWell grant and using it for benches. Deputy Mayor Kerr stated that it wouldn't look as nice to have different benches around town as the style the town currently has is no longer available. Deputy Mayor Kerr felt that if the Town could get covered garbage cans for locations along the walking trails, old hospital museum grounds and at the bottom of the north east steps. Council directed administration to bring back quotes on covered garbage cans for those locations.

IN CAMERA

Chris Melnyk, Amanda Paulovich, Danica Gummesen departed the meeting at 6:49pm

LABOUR

MOTION 15-12253

Councillor Smith Moved:

"In Camera at 6:50pm"

Carried

MOTION 15-12254

Deputy Mayor Kerr Moved:

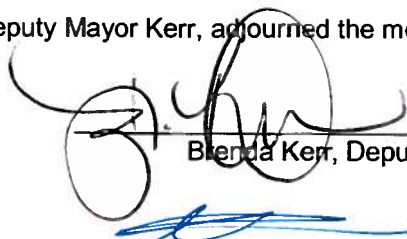
"Out of In Camera at 7:00pm"

Carried

Mayor Walker departed the meeting @ 6:58pm

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Kerr, adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm



Brenda Kerr, Deputy Mayor



Chris Melnyk, Finance Administrator