

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF VILLAGE OF WARNER
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF WARNER ON FEBRUARY 19th, 2014**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jon Hood, Councillors Ian Glendinning, Danny LeCain & Sandi Hedin
Staff CAO Lisa Carroll and residents as observers

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Hood

DELEGATION

**Chinook Arch Regional
Library**

Robin Hepher of the CARLS attended the council meeting to give an update on the regional library systems across Alberta. His presentation informed us of budgets, plans for the future, current library services, etc. It was very informative and he thanked council for listening and left the meeting at 5:55 pm

Warner Lions Club

Colette Glynn & Beth Punga attended the council meeting to discuss plans for the future of the Warner Lions Park. They have some really great ideas for ways to make it more beautiful but want to know if they can count on Village public works to assist with occasional projects (tree trimming, branch removal, etc.). As long as proper notice is given to allow staff to plan their week, this shouldn't be a problem. They thanked council for listening and decided to stay for the duration of the meeting.

AGENDA

011-14

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Hood asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Councillor Hedin moved to adopt the agenda as provided.

Carried

012-14

Approval of Minutes

Councillor Hedin moved to approve the minutes of the January 18th, 2013 regular council meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

013-14

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councillor Hedin moved to approve the consent agenda as provided.

Carried

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

FCSS All Council

Every year around this time, we get invited to the FCSS All Council dinner in Taber. It is very informative and CAO Carroll strongly suggests as many of us attend as possible. The FCSS board for Coutts, Milk River & Warner is on a rotation basis so our turn isn't until October of 2014 but when they hold an all council meeting, we all get invited. It is at the Heritage Inn in Taber at 6 pm on Thursday, March 13th, 2014. Mayor Hood and Councillor Hedin both declined so the yes's are CAO Carroll, Deputy Mayor Tyler Lindsay & Councillors LeCain and Glendinning.

Tax Recovery Auction

CAO Carroll informed council that a VERY tentative auction sale has been set for end of March but she is not very confident at this point that with the strict timelines and requirements for advertisements, it is more than likely going to be April, if not May. It's in the hands of the lawyers though at this point so when we hear from them, we'll proceed.

Councillor's Corner

Another friendly reminder that it's Councillor Hedin's turn for the March 2014 newsletter. She would like to see a survey sent out to residents regarding what they want the Village to spend tax & grant dollars on.

Survey

Councillor Hedin brought forward a copy of a survey that she would like to see go out in the March newsletter. We always hear that people "out there" have better ideas for what our money should be spent on so we'll be reaching out to THEM!! They won't come to the council meetings so we'll bring a council meeting to them.

Business Cards

CAO Carroll will be bringing in some business cards over the next couple of meetings – the photocopier isn't working the best and her color printer doesn't take business card stock.....we are looking at leasing a new color photocopier so maybe she'll wait until then so we can do some high quality ones. The purpose of bringing it up tonight was to ensure that the information on each card was o.k. for printing

- Library Discussion The library board is going through some changes. This is going to be a discussion item for the next couple of meetings for sure. Also Councillor LeCain had his contractor in to do an assessment and he doesn't think it's nearly as desperate a situation as we were previously led to believe. We'll be keeping a close eye on this situation as it evolves for sure.
- SEAWA Discussion Councillor Hedin wanted the group to know some background on SEAWA and whether or not we should continue to be members of this group. After some discussion and options, Mayor Hood suggested that we defer this item until budget deliberations.
- Consent Agenda Review Councillor Hedin felt it prudent to bring forward the original documentation as to why we went forward with using a consent agenda – for the newly elected council members. No questions were asked but all agreed that it does save time and is great to see so many reports written prior to the meeting so that proper research and information is given to council.
- QMP Draft Mayor Hood and CAO Carroll have begun the QMP for the Warner Fire Department. A draft of some of what's required was brought forth tonight. This is another one of this "it's going to take time and effort before being completed" agenda items.
- 2014 Budget CAO Carroll is suggesting rather than find a time when we all can meet, we hold our next budget meeting prior to the next council meeting. Time suggested is 2 pm and she will have supper brought in at 4:30

Mayor Hood called for a short break at 7:10 pm. Council meeting resumed at 7:20 pm

ACTION ITEMS

114-14

Grad Class Request

Council is in receipt of a letter from the Grad Class wanting to use the civic centre for grad. No issues yet so CAO Carroll feels we should approve it. Mayor Hood moved to allow the grads in on May 19th, 2014

115-14
Increase to Utilities

After the budget meeting, discussions came up regarding increasing the water bills by 7.50 (5 dollars for water and 2.50 for garbage as we have been told that both of these will be increasing).

Mayor Hood moved to increase water rates from \$35 to \$40 (\$55 to \$60 for Commercial) and garbage rates from \$12.50 to \$15.00 effective April 1, 2014 (which will be reflected on the May utility bills as our system works backwards). Councillor Glendinning seconded.
Carried

116-14
Increase to mileage

In that same budget meeting, discussions arose about the cost of gas. Although it's a minimal amount in the budget each year, CAO Carroll said that a formal resolution needs to be made.

Councillor LeCain moved to increase the gas mileage paid from \$0.50 a km to \$0.55 cents a km. Councillor Hedin seconded.

Carried

117-14
County Request

The county has requested again to have the Village buy some "prizes" for the Firemen's Appreciation Dinner. This is a small price to pay for our local heroes who volunteer.

Councillor Hedin moved to buy \$300 worth of gift cards for the County of Warner No. 5 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for our Firemen and EMS personnel. Councillor Glendinning seconded.

Carried

BYLAW REVIEW
None

IN CAMERA SESSION

118-14

In camera session

Mayor Hood moved to go to in camera session at 7:30 pm

Carried

119-14

Regular session

Mayor Hood moved to go back to regular session at 7:43 pm

Carried

120-14

Policy Update

Councillor LeCain moved to have CAO Carroll develop a policy regarding the use of municipal owned buildings and vehicles

Carried

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular council meeting will be Wednesday, February 19th, 2014 at 5:30. The budget meeting will be earlier that day at 2:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

121-14

Councillor Hedin moved to adjourn at 7:48 pm

Carried