

Approved Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, AB, on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
M. Allen, Councillor
D. Blair, Councillor
L. Flett, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
R. Rebus, Councillor (via teleconferencing)
J. Vyboh, Councillor

Absent: M. Byron, Councillor
S. Clarkson, Councillor
G. Janvier, Councillor

Administration: K. Kloss, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
D. Elliott, Deputy CAO
B. Broomfield-Andrews, Legislative Assistant
A. Wojtkiewicz, Recorder/Legislative Assistant

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Opening Prayer

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

Agenda

10-029 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

1. Council Meeting – January 26, 2010

10-030 Moved by Councillor Allen:

- THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 26, 2010 be amended by deleting Councillor Meagher's name and inserting Councillor Germain's in resolution 10-022; and

- THAT the Minutes be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Ms. Tina Tetreault, Wood Buffalo Educare Society re: 2009 Educare Funding

Ms. Tina Tetreault came forward to thank and present Mayor and Council with a plaque as a thank you for the 2009 Community Development Funding allocated to Educare.

10-031 Moved by Councillor Allen that the presentation made by Ms. Tina Tetreault regarding 2009 Educare Funding be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Mr. Jim Rogers, Waterways resident re: Commercial and Industrial Land Use Study (CILUS)

Ms. Janet Doherty, resident of Waterways, provided an overview of the Waterways historical, commercial and industrial background. Ms. Doherty requested that Council consider Waterways as part of the Lower Town Site Area Redevelopment Plan, as it would allow the Waterways community to become what it once was.

Mr. Andrew Laidlaw, resident of Waterways, asked Council to look at the potential of Waterways as a solution to some of the business and commercial space shortages and to be included in the CILUS report.

Mr. Frank Cortes, resident, addressed Council on parking space issues for large company trucks around town. Mr. Cortes proposed the Waterways area for development of a parking lot to resolve parking issues.

Mr. Jim Rogers, resident of Waterways, communicated to Council the need for redevelopment of Waterways community and inclusion of Waterways in the CILUS report.

10-032 Moved by Councillor Allen that the presentation made by the Waterways delegation on Business Commercial Industrial Land, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

4. Mr. Mark Kay, Manager, Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Branch re: 2009 Resident Survey Results

Mr. Mark Kay, Manager, Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Branch, presented information on the 2009 Resident Survey Results. The topics brought forward were; satisfaction and importance of 30 municipal services; neighbourhood issues; value for taxes; and municipal leadership. Comparisons were done based on the 2006 Citizen Survey and other Alberta municipalities.

10-033 Moved by Councillor Germain that the 2009 Resident Survey results, and 2009 Resident Survey of Municipal Services and Facilities Report presentation, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearings

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

Bylaws

5. Bylaw No. 10/001 – Utility Rates Bylaw

Councillor Meagher put forward the following recommendation; “THAT Bylaw No. 10/001, being the Utility Rates Bylaw, be read a second time”.

10-034 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/001, being the Utility Rates Bylaw, be amended by deleting the existing Schedule “A” and replacing it with the amended Schedule “A” – Solid Waste Disposal Rates (February 9, 2010).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-035 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/001, being the Utility Rates Bylaw, as amended be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-036 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/001 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

Notice of Motion re: Revenue, Reserve and Debt Management Policy

Councillor Vyboh served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“THAT administration be directed to bring forward a revenue, reserve and debt management policy to help guide deliberations for a strategic, timely and pro-active budget planning process”.

Notice of Motion re: Minister of Health Meeting Request

Councillor Vyboh served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“THAT administration be directed to draft a letter to the Minister of Health requesting a meeting to discuss the status and go forward plan of the Long Term Health Care facility”.

Notice of Motion re: Inclusion of a Performance/Convention Centre in the 2010 Capital Budget

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“THAT administration be directed to include a major performance and convention centre in the 2010 capital budget for pre-design, partnership development, and site assessment.

Updates**Mayor’s Update**

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Community Development Advisory Board
- ATCO Gas building grand opening
- Roots of Empathy Program
- *Maclean’s* broadcast live debate on CPAC
- Saprae Creek Civic Awards
- Donations to the Nicaragua Fire Department of surplus vehicles from our rural areas
- Literacy Days celebration
- Fort Chipewyan Civic Awards
- Oil Sands Trade Show & Conference
- AJHL All-Star Game in Fort McMurray
- South Asian express news letter celebration
- Keyano College Visual and Performing Arts tour

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- Keyano College Visual and Performing Arts tour
- Clearwater Heritage Society meeting update

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- South Asian express news letter celebration

Councillor Germain reported on the following:

- Represented Mayor Blake at the “Join Together Alberta”
- MacDonald Island Park Corporation

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Finished Deputy Mayor Duties January 31, 2010
- Leadership Wood Buffalo
- Fort Chipewyan Civic Awards
- Communities in Bloom
- Oil Sands Discovery Centre
- AJHL All-Star Game in Fort McMurray
- Haiti relief fundraiser

Councillor Blair reported on the following:

- Update on Fort Chipewyan development projects
- First hockey tournament at Archie Simpson Arena

Councillor Flett reported on the following:

- Athabasca Watershed Committee
- Fort Chipewyan Civic Awards
- First hockey tournament at Archie Simpson Arena

Administrative Update

Acting CAO, Kelly Kloss, reported on the following:

- Launch of BizPal Program for permits and licensing.

Adjournment

10-037 Moved by Councillor Blair that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer