

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday, February 27, 2018, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

PRESENT: Reeve B. Beattie
Councillor A. Aalbers (Deputy Reeve)
Councillor D. Fulton
Councillor G. Harris
Councillor P. Johnson
Councillor A. Kemmere
Councillor D. Milne

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Atchison, Director, Legislative, Community, and Agricultural Services
R. Baker, Director, Operational Services
R. Beaupertuis, Director, Corporate Services
M. Bloem, Director, Planning and Development Services
A. Wild, Communications Coordinator
G. Eyers, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Beattie called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Reeve Beattie confirmed that the Special Meeting was called to deal with the 2018 Operating Budget.

AGENDA Moved by Councillor Kemmere
RC18-100 That Council adopt the agenda of the Special Council Meeting of February 27, 2018.
Carried.

NEW BUSINESS
2018 Operating Budget

COLA Lisa Colby, Manager, Human Resources, provided an overview of the 2018 COLA Report. It was noted that there was no approved Cost of Living Allowance in 2017. Discussion ensued regarding the COLA.

Moved by Councillor Aalbers
RC18-101 That Council approve a 1.5% increase to the 2018 Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) retroactive to January 1, 2018.
Carried.

2018 Tax Forecast and Revenue Rob Beaupertuis discussed the 2018 Property Tax Forecast and stated that with the proposed options a balanced budget could be met.

Rob Beauptuis provided information regarding:

- Revenue overview
- Residential and Non-residential rate comparison

Council agreed that the Community Aggregate Levy Revenue be allocated to the Re-gravelling Program (Option 1); and further, bring back a revised project sheet and Project Matrix for Council approval.

Rob Beauptuis provided information regarding the follow:

- Training costs for Council and staff
- Linear revenue forecast

Council Budget

Council discussed the following Agenda (page 28) items:

- Conferences and Training
- Grants
- Purchased Services

CAO Services

Council discussed the following Agenda items:

- CAO Grant Fund

Corporate Services

Council discussed the following Agenda items:

- Bad debt
- Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) Grant
- Investment income
- Designated Industrial Property Assessment
- Waste Management
- Financial Information Return to the Province

Planning and
Development Services

Margaretha Bloem provided information regarding:

- Vacant GIS Position and plans to amend the Job Description to reflect more emphasis on engineering plan review.

Legislative, Community
And Agricultural Services

Jeff Holmes provided information regarding:

- Cremona Agricultural Society have not provided updated renovations plan to date
- Proposed 2018 Parks and Lands budget is a net gain
- Community Services - AFRRCS Grant

Recess and Reconvene

Reeve Beattie recessed the meeting at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Council agreed that the Command (\$39,000) and Engine (\$158,000) funds be allocated from the Fire Reserve.

Moved by Councillor Kemmere

RC18-102 That the Alberta First Responder Radio Communications System (AFRRCS) (\$110,000) funds be marked with an ** until a general consensus from all Towns is received; and further, that once approved by Council it be allocated from General Revenue.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Harris

RC18-103 That the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) (\$7,500) be allocated from General Revenue.

Carried.

Council discussed the following:

- Enhanced Policing Fund – change name to Crime Prevention Initiative
- Reduce Crime Prevention Initiative Project from \$170,000 to \$150,000
- Bring back 2 options for Council discussion to a future meeting removing the Enhanced Policing Option (RCMP)

Operational Services

Ron Baker provided information regarding:

- 2018 Reclamation plan
- Airport Business Plan

Rob Beaupertuis provided information regarding:

- 2018 MVC Planned Reserve Additions
- Equipment Fleet Disposals

Council directed that staff amend the budget and bring it back to the March 28, 2018 Regular Council Meeting with the following amendments:

- That a 1% contingency across all budget accounts remain in the budget
- The staff proceed with budget amendments based on a proposed 2% Mill Rate increase and provide other summary options

The Director of Corporate Services advised that he will bring back the 2018 Operating budget on March 28, 2018 and will provide Council with mill rate scenarios.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Beattie adjourned the Special Council Meeting of February 27, 2018 at 11:48 a.m.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Chief Administrative Officer