

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE
OF BEISEKER HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M. IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT

MAYOR	Dave Fegan
DEPUTY MAYOR	Ray Courtman
COUNCILLOR:	Carol L'Abbee
COUNCILLOR:	Len Priestman
COUNCILLOR	Fred Walters
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR	Ruth Copeland-Brunelle
PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN	Dale Wells
ROCKYVIEW FIVE VILLAGE WEEKLY	Gcoff Taylor
DELEGATIONS	Roland Brunelle & Robert Smiley, Beiseker Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fegan called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Walters moved adoption of the agenda with the following addition, *in camera* item at the request of Councillor L'Abbee regarding Public Works Personnel matter. CARRIED UNAN.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mayor Fegan moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2001 regular Meeting of Council with one typographical correction on page 9 by changing "There were on objections" to "There were no objections". CARRIED UNAN.

DELEGATIONS

Roland Brunelle &
Robert Smiley,
Beiseker Fire Dept.

Fire Chief Roland Brunelle advised Council that the Fire Department was looking to to the future and was pleased to introduce Robert Smiley as the new Assistant Fire Chief for the Beiseker Fire Department and that Mr. Smiley was at Council to give a brief overview of the direction that the Department.

Assistant Fire Chief advised Council that he had over 30 years of experience in the fire service and was the former Fire Chief of the Town of Chestermere. He also advised that Ron Lamoureux, the former Fire Chief from Strathmore Rural Fire Department had also joined the Fire Department in the capacity of Training Officer. The rank structure within the Fire Department was changed to allow for more input from the members. Training standards have now been set at a minimum level. The equipment has been looked at to determine what the needs are going to be for the future.

Volunteer fire departments are now moving to a professional status, which will help to reduce the liability to the municipality. Public Relations is also a big part of the Fire Department in terms of exposure within the community. The Fire Department is currently in the process of interviewing four new recruits. Two of these new recruits are already EMT's. All new recruits are pre-screened with a resume, criminal record check and drivers abstract. New recruits then complete a basic training program and then onto regular on duty service shifts in the hall. By having on duty crews in the hall during the critical daytime hours together with on call crews will provide increased protection to the public with improved services.

The goal of the Fire Department is to have a minimum of 4 Safety Codes Officers on the department by the end of the year. At present the Village's Safety Code Officer is from the M.D. of Rockyview.

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Assistant Fire Chief Bob Smiley advised Council that the Village of Beiseker has a good fire department with dedicated members but they came to the point that they wanted to go that extra step but were in need of help to go forward and that he was pleased and honored that Fire Chief Brunelle had asked him to become a part of the department to accomplish those goals. This year's budget will present the needs only with no extras or wish lists

Deputy Mayor Courtman challenged the Fire Department to work more closely with the M.D. of Rockyview. Deputy Mayor Courtman also inquired that due to the low volume of calls, what duties would the on duty crews be doing. Assistant Fire Chief Smiley advised that the on duty staff would be doing fire prevention, pre-planning, inspections, disaster services planning, equipment checks etc.

Mayor Fegan and Deputy Mayor Courtman indicated that they were proud of our Fire Department and the dedication of the members and were very pleased to hear about the plans for the future of the department.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Benches for Ball Diamonds	Public Works Staff have built and painted four new benches for the ball diamonds.
Population Signs	New numbers have been painted on the Welcome to Beiseker signs to indicate our correct population figures.
Water Meter Repairs	Continuing to complete water meter repairs.
Sewer Dig	Completed a sewer repair at 218 – 8 th Street.
Old Water Breaks	Holes from old water breaks were topped up.
Well #7	A new pressure gauge for well #7 had to be installed.
1 ton truck	A new tailgate was built on the 1 ton for recycling purposes.
Pathway from Beacon Heights	Deputy Mayor Courtman thanked the Public Works Foreman for sanding the pathway from the Beacon Heights subdivision.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Councillor Walters moved to approve the account cheque #1547 to 1577 & #1579 to #1606 excluding cheque #1607 and including cheque #1608 in the amount of \$64,172.04. CARRIED.

1547	Kolorkard	\$400.00
1548	Laser Recharging Systems Inc.	180.83
1549	Mac Tools	887.73
1550	Camrose Regional Exhibition	195.00
1551-1561	PAYROLL cheques	6,703.39
1562	Canada Post	43.34
1563	Acme Farm & Building Centre Inc.	486.79
1564	AUMA Member Services	2,059.61
1565	Beiseker Home Hardware	786.04
1566	D.L.F. Holdings Ltd.	214.48

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1567	Country Graphics	144.45
1568	Drumheller & District Solid Waste	7,727.50
1569	Hi-Way Sales & Service	30.00
1570	Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd.	95.87
1571	Mary Straub	473.52
1573	Grand & Toy	23.95
1574	Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties	446.97
1575	Family and Community Support Services	120.00
1576	Mobilshred	19.07
1577	Regional Assessment Management	503.79
1578	Silver Site Construction Ltd.	26,288.62
1579	Dave Fegan	97.84
1580	Recciver General	3,982.14
1581	Ruth Copeland	1,302.65
1582	Mountainview Credit Union	170.00
1583	Case Credit Corporation	1,043.86
1584	Nemeth Planning Services Inc.	289.68
1585	Eagle Ridge Ventures Inc.	32.10
1586	G.E. Capital Canada	45.99
1587	Cory King	326.53
1588	Terry Martin	82.11
1589	Strongco Supplies	118.56
1590	Wheelco Holdings Ltd.	543.34
1591	Beiseker Automotive	476.95
1592	Marigold Library System	2,782.50
1593	Village of Acme	64.26
1594	Sprouse fire & Safety Corp.	699.40
1595	Irene Hagel	438.00
1596	Provincial Treasurer of Alberta	21.40
1597	Mcintosh Lalani Engineering Ltd.	622.74
1598	AUMA	608.55
1599	Jim Howlett	1,258.96
1600	Jenelle Saskiw	333.51
1601	Dale wells	405.03
1602	Gordon Kesler Chevrolet Oldsmobile	96.78
1603	Brownlee Fryett	60.00
1604	Recreation Association of Big Country	25.00
1605	Kent's Appliances	66.45
1606	Norsemen Inn	221.76
1608	EDA Alberta	125.00

Mayor Fegan abstained from voting or commenting on the above item.

Mayor Fegan moved to approve the account cheque #1607 in the amount of \$164.11
CARRIED.

Councillor Walters abstained from voting or commenting on the following item.

Res. #2001-20

Deputy Mayor Courtman moved to approve the account cheque #1578 in the amount of \$26,288.62 in payment of Progress Estimate #4 for the 9th Street water main replacement and storm sewer project to Silver Site Construction Ltd. and to authorize execution of the Substantial Completion and Construction Completion Certificate.
CARRIED UNAN.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Fegan

Garbage behind
Flower Shop

Mayor Fegan advised Council that he had received a number of complaints regarding the garbage behind the flower shop which is not being put into proper containers and therefore is being strewn throughout the alley. The Administrator was asked to send a letter to the owner of the flower shop advising of the proper procedure for garbage disposal.

Rec/FCSS Board

Mayor Fegan advised Council that he had received a request from Lorne Kosack that Wendy Metzger who is the School Trustee for the Rockyview School Division, be appointed a member of the Beiseker & District Recreation/FCSS Board. Mayor Fegan spoke with Wendy Metzger and she indicated that she would be happy to become a member of the Board.

Res. #2001-21

Mayor Fegan moved to invite Wendy Metzger to the next meeting of the Beiseker & District Recreation/FCSS Board. CARRIED UNAN.

Chain of Command

Mayor Fegan advised Council that he had a concern regarding the breakdown of the chain of command. The Village Office and office staff are under the direction of the Administrator and Public Works is under the direction of the Public Works Foreman. The Public Works Foreman receives his instructions from either the Administrator, the Councilors in charge of Public Works or Council as whole. Any requests for Public Works action must be channeled through the Administrator, in writing.

1st Avenue

Mayor Fegan advised Council that he had an opportunity to review the Fax Memo from Jason Finner dated February 9, 2001 and noted Council's Resolution #2001-09 to spend an additional \$40,000.00 for this project.

Kneehill Regional
Water Committee

Mayor Fegan advised Council that the Kneehill Regional Water Committee was proceeding with all applications for funding in order to proceed with the project regardless of the position of the County of Kneehill

L'Abbee

Unightly Premises
Committee – Les
Spurgeon, Chairperson

Councillor L'Abbee introduced Mr. Les Spurgeon to Council who is the Chairperson for the Unightly Premises Committee and asked if Mr. Spurgeon could address Council.

Mr. Spurgeon advised Council that the committee is looking at clarifying the definition of "unightly premises" as it relates to yards that devalue another person's property, abandoned vehicles etc. The Committee passed a motion to increase the By-Law Officer's hours from 6 hours per week to 10 hours per week. The Committee has invited Corporal Clarence Borden of the R.C.M.P. to their next meeting to discuss the *Highway Traffic Act* and the issue of abandoned vehicles. The Committee is also looking at hiring Kathy Flynn as a Special Constable. Ms. Flynn would need to be recertified. The intention would be to have Ms. Flynn work very closely with the present By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Res. #2001-22

Councillor L'Abbee moved to hire Kathy Flynn as a Special Constable for the Village of Beiseker for a maximum of 10 hours per month on a four (4) month trial basis at an hourly rate to be negotiated to a maximum of \$1,200.00 for the 4 month trial period. CARRIED UNAN.

Res. #2001-23

Councillor L'Abbee moved that the weekly hours for the By-Law Enforcement Officer be increased from 6 hours to 10 hours per week for a four (4) month trial period. CARRIED UNAN.

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- TrailNet Councillor L'Abbee advised Council that he read the Economic Impact Analysis of the Proposed Alignment of the Trans-Canada Trail in East-Central Canada as prepared by Price Waterhouse Coopers and concluded that a lot of the information contained in the study was based solely on speculation and not fact. In the end it will be the municipality who will approve and be responsible for permitting the development of any trails.
- School Meeting Councillor L'Abbee advised Council that he recently attended a School Board Meeting and advised that the school was in position to add an addition and this would not be portables.
- Med Tech Trucks Councillor L'Abbee advised Council that he has been receiving a number of complaints regarding Med Tech trucks being parked on the street.
- Airport Annexation Councillor L'Abbee suggested that the proposed annexation of the airport should go to the intermunicipal committee. Mayor Fegan indicated that this issue had previously been brought up at an earlier meeting and the M.D. of Rockyview was not receptive to the idea. Administration was instructed to write a letter to the M.D. of Rockyview seeking their position on our proposed annexation as well as advising of the current status of the airport and the proposed plans to have the operation of the airport turned over to a non-profit organization.
- Leave of Absence Councillor L'Abbee requested Council to pass a resolution allowing him to take a leave of absence of 28 days to run as a Liberal candidate in the upcoming Provincial Election.
- Res. #2001-24 Mayor Fegan moved that Councillor L'Abbee be given a 28 day leave of absence from Council effective on adjournment of this meeting to run as a Liberal candidate in the 2001 Provincial Election. CARRIED.
- Walters
Med Tech Trucks Councillor Walters advised Council that he is also concerned about the Med Tech vehicles being parked on residential streets as he is concerned that these trucks may still be loaded with bio hazardous waste. He is looking into legislation pertaining to the Transportation of Dangerous Goods. Administration was asked to send a letter to the Calgary Office of Med Tech advising them of the situation.
- North Rockyview
Co-Ordinating Council Councillor Walters advised Council that he had a meeting with the Beiseker Medical Board and they are willing to rent out space to the North Rockyview Co-Ordinating Council for ½ day per week for \$175.00 per month plus their share of the utilities. The Provincial Government provided funding for transportation costs only.
- Res. #2001-25 Councillor Walters moved that FCSS funding pay on behalf of the North Rocky View Co-Ordination Council their rental for space in the Beiseker Medical Building and their share of utilities. CARRIED UNAN.
- Web Site Councillor Walters presented Council with various quotes for the redesign of the Village of Beiseker website.
- Res. #2001-26 Mayor Fegan moved to have Wes Straub redesign the Village of Beiseker web page. CARRIED UNAN.
- Administration was asked to request that Mr. Straub have a presentation available for the next Council meeting on February 26, 2001.
- Economic
Development Councillor Walters advised Council that the next meeting of the Economic will be held on February 21, 2001.

Civic Centre

Councillor Walters advised Council that he and Kathy Flynn had a meeting with an architect on February 9, 2001 regarding design for the proposed civic Centre.

Priestman

Councillor Priestman thanked Mayor Fegan for his comments regarding chain of command and noted that the 4th Avenue re-alignment would be discussed during the Administrator's Report.

Council took a short recess from 9:18 p.m. to 9:26 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Airport Annexation

The Administrator advised Council that she had consulted with Karl Nemeth regarding the process for annexation for the airport. Karl provided a report for Council's consideration. In terms of approximate costs for an annexation application, Karl advised that we would be looking at \$5,000.00 minimum just to start the process. Having regard to the precedent setting Order involving the City of Edmonton, Council may wish to reconsider this proposed annexation.

Contract for
Assessment Services

The Administrator advised Council that our contract with Regional Assessment for the provision of assessment services is now up for renewal. The Administrator provided Council with a copy of Schedule "A" to the contract, which outlined the assessment services and costs. The Administrator advised that there had been no increase in the contract price and that there were no increases over the contract period and recommended that Council pass a resolution to renew the contract with Regional Assessment Management for another 3 year term and to authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute the contract.

Res. #2001-027

Councillor L'Abbee moved to renew our contract with Regional Assessment Services Ltd. for the provision of assessments for a further three (3) year term for the period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003. CARRIED UNAN.

4th Ave/Apartments

The Administrator advised Council that she recently met with Bill Hunter regarding the 4th Avenue re-alignment and the survey for the apartment buildings. Mr. Hunter provided large scale drawings of the area in question which drawings clearly indicate the current road surface, location of the ditch, and the location of the apartment buildings. It would appear that it will be possible to re-align 4th Avenue by straightening out and re-aligning the drainage ditch. Council then reviewed the drawings as provided by Hunter Surveys Ltd.

Res. #2001-028

Mayor Fegan moved that our engineers Urban Systems be consulted on the possibility of the re-alignment of 4th Avenue and the drainage ditch and to provide Urban Systems with a copy of the drawings for their review. CARRIED UNAN.

CORRESPONDENCE

Prime Minister's
Update

A review of national issues.

FILED

AAMD & C

A Newsletter from AAMD&C dated January 17, 2001.

FILED

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Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association	<p>A copy of the memorandum outlining the 2001 Solid Waste Budget. Due to the high fuel and utilities costs, the Solid Waste Management Association adopted the proposal which includes a \$1.03 / capita increase in municipal requisition.</p> <p>Council noted that rates from Drumheller Solid Waste had increased, however, there were no other viable alternatives for the disposal of garbage.</p>
AAMD & C	<p>A Newsletter from AAMD&C dated January 24, 2001. FILED</p>
Marigold Library Systems	<p>A letter from the Marigold Library Board declaring February 25-March 3, 2001 as Freedom to Read Week.</p>
Res. #2001-029	<p>Mayor Fegan moved to proclaim the week of February 25, 2001 to March 3, 2001 as Freedom to Read Week. CARRIED UNAN.</p>
Drumheller Office of the Mayor	<p>A letter addressed to the Honorable Shirley McClellan on behalf of Mayors and Reeves requesting a meeting with the Honorable Ed Stelmach to discuss the delayed reconstruction of Highway 9. FILED</p>
Alberta Justice	<p>A Nomination Form for the 2001 Alberta Crime Prevention Awards. FILED</p>
Pitch In Alberta	<p>A letter inviting the municipality to join the 2001 campaign taking place from May 7-13, 2001.</p> <p>Administration was instructed to forward this information to the school.</p>
AUMA	<p>An e-mail from AUMA re Proceedings of the AUMA Board of Directors Meeting. FILED</p>
Marigold Library Systems	<p>Marigold Library Systems 2000 Statement of Services. FILED</p>
AUMA	<p>A letter from the AUMA re AUMA Protective Services Task Force FILED</p>
AUMA	<p>An e-mail for AUMA re-Natural Gas rebates for municipalities. FILED</p>
Highway 21 Initiatives Group	<p>An e-mail regarding the next meeting date and issues to be discussed. FILED</p>
AUMA	<p>An e-mail from the AUMA re Request for Resolutions for the 2001 AUMA Annual Convention November 14-17, 2001, Shaw Conference Centre FILED</p>
AAMD & C	<p>A Newsletter from AAMD&C dated January 31, 2001. FILED</p>
Nemeth Planning Services Inc.	<p>A report re Herman Witt development-10 suite apartment.</p> <p>The Administrator advised Council that Mr. Witt had been provided with a copy of Karl Nemeth's report. FILED</p>
Marigold Library Systems	<p>A letter re Schedule C and levy for 2001.</p>
Res. #2001-030-	<p>Deputy Mayor Courtman moved to have the Marigold Library System come and make a presentation to Council in November 2001. CARRIED UNAN.</p>

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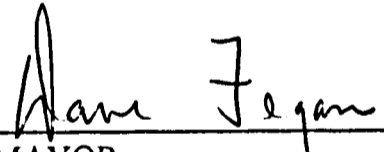
Beiseker RCMP	Beiseker Detachment Community Activity Report for the month of January 2001.	FILED
Highway 21 Initiatives Group	A copy of the Highway 21 Initiatives Report.	FILED
AUMA	An e-mail of the Risk Management Bullet.	FILED
Village of Delburne	An e-mail requesting the Community Futures Proposals.	FILED
The City of Drumheller	A copy of a letter from the Honorable Shirley McClellan re the widening of Highway #9, from Highway 1 to Secondary Highway 836.	FILED

IN CAMERA ITEMS

In Camera	Councillor Walters moved Council go <i>in camera</i> @ 10:15 p.m. to discuss a Public Works personnel matter.	CARRIED UNAN.
Reconvene	Councillor L'Abbee moved that Council come out of <i>in camera</i> @ 10:18 p.m.	CARRIED UNAN.
Res. #2001-031	Councillor L'Abbee moved that Dale Wells be placed on permanent staff at a wage of Foreman II, Step 4 effective retroactive to February 1, 2001.	CARRIED UNAN.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Priestman moved the meeting adjourn at 10:21 p.m. CARRIED UNAN.


MAYOR


MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR