

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF ELK POINT HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010 IN THE ELK POINT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tung called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Tung, Deputy Mayor Millar, Councillors Yaremkevich, Capjack and Gormley, Town Manager Myron Goyan, Economic Development Coordinator Bob Bezpalko and Board Chair Don Schultz, Joly McCarthy & Dion Chartered Accountants representative Barb McCarthy, press and public.

APPROVAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Capjack that the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2010 be approved as presented.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No Business

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Yaremkevich that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Economic Development Committee Chairman Don Schultz reported that the committee is refocusing their efforts by promoting Elk Point. Don Schultz made the point that Elk Point has a lot to offer. The committee would like to see where we sit with the availability of commercial and residential lots. The main push is for residential lots and how we would like to market the lots. Suggestion is to work with the realty companies. We also have to clean up our derelict buildings in town. The signage needs to be improved and our Allied Arts Building sign should be looked into, and a compromise reached as people have a hard time finding the building.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Economic Development Coordinator Bob Bezpalko also emphasized the main goal is promoting the town by making lots available through private individuals and investors to purchase the residential land and develop lots. Bob Bezpalko, with Council's authority, would like to proceed with making a list of possible local investors. If no interest is shown locally, he would contract developers. Elk Point offers the incentive of a 2-year property tax break on any new construction. Would Council consider increasing the incentive or adding other incentives? After talking to numerous local individual business owners, they feel development of the commercial area should be towards the south, to the intersection of Highway 41 and 646. Bob attended the Growing Rural Tourism Conference and Camrose Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Twomey gave an overview of what Camrose has done over the last 20 to 25 years by targeting seniors which has paid big dividends. FCSS will be moved in on May 04, 2010 as the building is near completion, the elevator will not be ready for May 4. Bob has talked to Lionel on the south side Entrance sign, and also with Steve Penz at E-can on their sign needs.

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ECONOMIC COORDINATOR	Moved by Councillor Yaremkevich that Economic Development Coordinator Report be approved as presented.	Carried.
2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENT	Joly McCarthy & Dion representative Barbara McCarthy reviewed the 2009 Town of Elk Point audited financial statement with Council, giving praise to administration for the work on Capital Asset Conversion.	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 10-57	Moved by Deputy Mayor Millar that Council approve the 2009 financial statement as prepared by Joly McCarthy & Dion.	Carried.
BYLAW 680/10	Tabled for further review.	
BYLAW 679/10 10-58	Moved by Deputy Mayor Millar that Bylaw 679-10, a bylaw closing a portion of roadway in Plan 2130HW for resale be read a first time.	Carried.
SENIOR'S WEEK 10-59	Moved by Councillor Gormley that Council declare June 07 to June 13, 2010 as Senior's Week.	Carried.
TRANSFER STATION	Councillor Yaremkevich reported that Evergreen Waste Management passed a motion authorizing Elk Point to construct an engineered dry pit meeting Alberta Environment's requirements.	
MEETING IN CAMERA	Moved by Mayor Tung that the meeting go in camera at 9:15 pm.	Carried.
MEETING OUT OF CAMERA	Moved by Deputy Mayor Millar that the meeting come out of camera at 9:40 pm.	Carried.
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH	Councillor Yaremkevich left the room, sighting as having a possible conflict of interest in the dealing with the Christian Community Church.	
OLD FIRE HALL PURCHASE 10-60	Moved by Councillor Capjack that Council accept the Elk Point Christian Community Church's offer of \$75,000.00 and Lot 1, Block 18, Plan 415HW for Lots 1, and 2, Block 6, Plan 6957EO.	Carried.
ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Councillor Gormley that the meeting adjourn at 9:50 pm.	


MAYOR

TOWN MANAGER