

**Village of Alliance**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, December 21, 2011  
9 AM

Mayor Fankhanel called the regular meeting of Council to order at 9 AM on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 in the Village Council chambers. Those in attendance were Councilors Dell Wickstrom, Sue Thomas, the Administrator, and assistant.

12-139-11

Adopt agenda Councilor Thomas moved the adoption of the agenda with the addition of :  
Business Arising - Seed Plant  
New Business- # 7b. Bylaw Officer contract change in fees  
# 13. Eastlink Contract CARRIED

12-140 -11

Minutes

Nov 15/11 Mayor Fankhanel moved that the minutes of Nov. 15, 2011 be adopted as presented. CARRIED

12-141-11

Special Meeting

Nov 21, 2011 Councilor Wickstrom moved the adoption of the minutes of the special meeting held on Nov. 21, 2011. CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Viterra - A message was left with Reg Hinz in Regina, but no response, so a letter will be sent requesting a meeting.
2. Seed Plant – has responded to our request to update their dust control, that they feel it is due to increased traffic and invited Council to visit them. Councilor Wickstrom expressed dissatisfaction. Administration will arrange a visit for council to the Seed Plant, preferably after the January council meeting.

Foreman's Report

- Foreman was not in attendance.
- We had a surprise waterplant inspection by AB Environment on October 31. Several minor items were noted for changes to be made, thus a failing grade was assigned. We have instituted all of the changes required and filed a report with AB Environment, as required. We are required to send one water sample every week for bacteriological testing. Previous we were sending 2 every two weeks. This will double our mailing costs. Also, if we wish to have the "R" removed from Wayne's water operator's license he must take a two day course which will cost over \$600. He has now started keeping the water records on computer which is a good thing.
- The payloader has arrived and is getting new rear tires. MSI Capital Funding from 2010 will cover the cost of the updated equipment.

Administrator's Report

- AMWWP Grant application has been filed for an amount of \$631,250 which is 75% grantable. However, since wastewater is a priority 2 project, it is unlikely to be approved for funding in the upcoming year. It will remain in their system until it is approved. If we choose to start the project before receiving approval, we must proceed by awarding tender to the lowest bidder, just as we do when we have approval.

Bylaw Officer's Report - November and December reports were presented.

Dog attack complaint went to court. Resident pled guilty, was fined \$600, and was served notice that her dog is now under the Vicious Dog bylaw.

Financial Statement

12-142-11

Cash Statement Councilor Thomas moved the adoption of the cash statement for November. CARRIED

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Cheque listing Mayor Fankhanel moved the adoption of the cheque listing as presented. CARRIED

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New Business

12-144-11

Fire Agreement Councilor Thomas moved that the Village of Alliance approve to extend, as is, the current Fire Agreement with Flagstaff County, until December 31, 2012 (one year) with any amendments to be retroactive to January 1, 2012. CARRIED

12-145-11

Bylaw 2011-04

Utility rates Councilor Thomas moved first reading be given to Bylaw 2011-04 with a change to schedule A as discussed, which sets utility rates for 2012. CARRIED

12-146-11

Council fees

Councilor Wickstrom moved that council fees be set at \$400/month, \$0.50/km for mileage and other expenses be reimbursed as per receipts submitted. In addition, that if a Councilor has to take time off work to attend a full day meeting, that reimbursement be an additional \$125/day, upon submittal of expense account. CARRIED

12-147-11

In camera

Councilor Wickstrom moved that we go in camera at 10:45 am. CARRIED

The Administrator and Assistant left the room.

12-148-11

Out of camera

Mayor Fankhanel moved that we come out of camera at 10:55 am.

CARRIED

The Administrator and Assistant re-entered the meeting.

12-149-11

2<sup>ND</sup> Reading

Councilor Wickstrom moved that the Utility rate bylaw 2011-04 be given second reading. CARRIED

12-150-11

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Mayor Fankhanel moved that Utility rate Bylaw 2011-04 be given third and final reading. CARRIED

12-151-11

Volunteer Insurance

Councilor Wickstrom moved that we purchase the Enhanced Plan insurance for our Firemen and Councilors under VFIS Plan C. CARRIED

12-152-11

Red Light

Councilor Thomas moved that we send a letter to Denny Nielsen instructing him to either remove the red flashing light from his vehicle, or else remove all Alliance Fire Department identification from the vehicle. The red light is illegal, and Council does not support our volunteers in illegal actions. This must be done by December 31, 2011, or he may face suspension from the Fire Department. CARRIED

12-153-11

Bylaw contract

Councilor Thomas moved that we accept the change in rates to the Bylaw Officer's contract. CARRIED

12-154-11

Sick Leave

Mayor Fankhanel moved that the Administrator be granted 4 weeks of sick leave with full wages. CARRIED

12-155-11

Xmas bonuses

Councilor Wickstrom moved that Xmas bonuses be paid to staff at the same rate as in 2011. CARRIED

12-156-11

McPherson sewer

Councilor Thomas moved that the sewer repairs on Roll # ----- be charged at the full cost of the repair. CARRIED

12-157-11

Parents for Fun in Flagstaff

Councilor Thomas moved that we send a letter of support to parents for Fun in Flagstaff. CARRIED

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12-158-11  
Eastlink Mayor Fankhanel moved that Eastlink be required to remove all their equipment including all lines within the Village that are associated with their services. After they are removed we will reconsider ending the lease. CARRIED

12-159-11  
Interim Budget Councilor Wickstrom moved that we accept the interim budget as presented with changes as discussed. CARRIED

#### Committee Reports

CAC - Seven members at meeting. Discussed teenagers being on streets all night as they have been kicked out of their house. What can we do and is there any shelter for them. Old county office was to be turned into a drop in for teenagers. What is the status. Also transportation. No police report. Next meeting in January 2012

Fire Department 7 members participated in trainings the past month. Still some problems with text messages coming through on time, so we cannot count on cell phones replacing pagers. Suspended member still has not signed papers to be reinstated. Attended to a couple of servicing issues with fire truck – clutch and overfill of oil.

Emergency Services Committee – Recommendation was sent to all Councils for approval.

Flagstaff Waste Management - November 28 2011  
Election of new officers for the next year. -Chairperson Charolette Curtis  
Vice chair Sinclair  
Auditor Tien Rostad

Safety manual complete and in operation. Yard clean up completed. Do our councils carry insurance on elected officials? If we do then waste management will discontinue theirs. Motion to accept the recycle bins and charge a one dollar per capita cost and place bins in Forestburg, Killam, Hardisty, and Sedgewick. Argued against but was defeated. Two county councillors supported Alliance.

Flagstaff Regional Housing .Organizational meeting with all officers remaining in place. Decided to hire Bethany Group as CAO. Budget is complete with a 3% increase in requisitions.

Library - wanted to apply for the Community Spirit Grant, but may hold off since the Ag Society is applying for arena funds through this grant. Did a Christmas Cookie exchange and a Wreath-making morning.

BRAED Mayor Fankhanel reported that they want pictures of activities in our area so they have them on file.

FIP Networking evening is in Hardisty in February. The next meeting will be held at Hardisty.

Trail of Buffalo – still do not have the information required to apply for the Tourism grant. Will be doing a passport program to encourage people to travel around the area and visit our various attractions. Mayor Fankhanel is now the chairperson of TOB.

Building Committee - Boards are up, netting going up, painting is in progress, heating is being installed now. Hoping to have ice and skating by January 19, 2012.

Next meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, due to AUMA meetings and Councilor holiday schedules

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Mayor

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Assistant Administrator