

**Village of Alliance
Regular Council Meeting
February 23, 2009, 6:25 PM**

Mayor Fankhanel called the regular Council meeting to order at 6:25 PM, on Monday, February 23, 2009. Those in attendance were the Mayor, Councilors Sue Thomas and Art Ratcliffe, and the Administrator.

02-019-09

Agenda

Moved by Councilor Thomas that the agenda be accepted, with additions.

CARRIED

02-020-09

Minutes

Moved by Mayor Fankhanel that the minutes of January 19, 2009, be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Insite Solutions contract has been signed with a clause requiring Insite Solutions to be responsible for correcting any interference that may occur with Wildrose Internet. We will receive a \$500 annual fee from Insite.
2. Dangerous dog bylaw – Discussion was held in regards to the proposed bylaw. Admin will invite the bylaw officer to attend next council meeting to provide more information.

02-021-09

Tree Trimming

Moved by Councilor Thomas that we contract Double Gord to prune trees as necessary.

CARRIED

Foreman's Report - Wayne Cameron joined the meeting at 7 PM.

- Wayne found a 1000 gallon used "honeywagon" for \$1,000. He looked at it and felt that it would save us about \$800 per year for cleaning our septic tanks and rec ground bathrooms. It would also be useful for flushing sewer lines and hauling water such as in the spring when storm sewers are frozen and he has to drain some of our large lakes. Muriel approved the expense.
- Waterplant is holding up at this time. Two new vertical turbine distribution pumps are on order and should arrive within three weeks. Expect to have them installed in March.
- Wayne is booked in for the Alberta Water/Wastewater Operator's Seminar in Banff from March 10 to March 13. David Towers has agreed to operate the water plant while Wayne is at the Seminar.
- Kevin Boisvert will be working three weekends in Feb for Wayne, to make up for missing December and January. After he finishes his mechanics course in April, he is willing to work towards his Water Certification if he can do it online. We are working on this.

Wayne departed at 7:15 PM.

Administrator's report

- Attended a meeting of the LGAA (Local Government Administration Association) on Feb 13 and found it extremely useful.
 - Ed Marchak of Price Waterhouse Coopers Accounting presented the Tangible Capital Assets (TCA) template which they have developed for small communities. They have done Viking's TCA and it was tested and approved by their auditor. Price Waterhouse Cooper is now offering to do small community TCA and do it within the \$7,000 grant we received for this purpose. Since this was already in our budget, I hired him on the spot. This is a huge job which I have not been able to get a good run at due to time constraints. It should not involve more than a couple of days of my time now.
 - Full Cost Water Accounting – Alberta Environment addressed this new initiative which is voluntary, but looks to me like it is going to become a requirement. It was a useful presentation, although I have not yet gone to the website to investigate or participate.
- I expect the auditors (Campbell Chapman CAs) will be here this week for a couple of days. I have already submitted a lot of documentation to them.
- Have been looking into hiring someone to do Electronic Water submissions. Alberta Environment now requires results of our daily water testing be entered online. I took the training in October 2007, and entered a couple of months. Have not been able to find time to continue. AB Environment is putting the pressure on to get on this.
- The new lots have been put on a website for sale. Still need to have signs made and perhaps run ads in paper.
- Communications log - This is a communication tool that Art has suggested we adopt.

