

**Village of Alliance
Regular Council Meeting
November 16, 2009
6 PM**

Mayor Fankhanel called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6 PM on November 16, 2009. Those in attendance were Councilors Art Ratcliffe, Sue Thomas, and the Administrator.

11-159-09
Adopt agenda Councilor Thomas moved the adoption of the agenda. CARRIED

11-160-09
Minutes
Oct 19/09 Councilor Ratcliffe moved that the minutes of the regular meeting on October 19, 2009 adopted as presented. CARRIED

11-161-09
Purchase Contract
Mayor Fankhanel moved that we negotiate with B. Lozinski to purchase the lot back early in 2010. CARRIED

Mayor Fankhanel reported on the meeting with the School Board to ask for financial assistance to stabilize the school building. They refused to provide anything.

Foreman's Report

- Foreman did not attend the meeting.

11-162-09
Furnaces in WTP
Councilor Ratcliffe moved that we purchase 2 new overhead heaters for the Water Treatment Plant from Killam Plumbing and Heating as per their quote of \$3600 installed. These to be installed as soon as possible. CARRIED

Administrator's Report

- Attended Emergency Operations Center Training on October 28.
- Working on the PSAB & TCA Webinar course.

Bylaw Officer's Report

August, September and October reports were presented for review.

Financial Statement

11-163-09
Cheque Registry Moved by Councilor Thomas that the October cheque registry be accepted as presented. CARRIED

11-164-09
Online banking Councilor Thomas moved that the Administrator has approval to pay as many Invoices as possible online, after Council has approved the expense listing. CARRIED

11-165-09
Cash Statement Mayor Fankhanel moved the acceptance of the October Cash Statement, as presented. CARRIED

Budget was presented for Council's review.

New Business

Ken Eshpeter, John Oberg, and Scott Jackson of the Battle River Railway joined the meeting at 7 PM. They have now formed the Battle River Railway New Generation Co-op. The Railway will take on the role of managing the short line and securing grain to be shipped on the rail. A price of \$4.85 million has been negotiated with CNR. Share packages are now available. Deadline for share sales is January 15/10.

“D” shares are for businesses that may have something to gain - \$10,000 each and will pay 3.5% interest.

“E” shares are designed for municipalities, do not bear interest, and are \$25,000 each.

The delegation departed at 7:30 PM

Bill Alcorn joined the meeting at 7:15 PM to discuss cemetery maintenance. The Legion has sent a letter stating that they can no longer do grave maintenance, but will continue grass cutting, hedge trimming, and Legion Columbarium care. He departed at 8:04 PM.

11-166-09

Audit proposal Councilor Thomas moved that we contract Chapman & Company for the 2009 audit at the quoted maximum fee of \$9,250. CARRIED

11-167-09

Dev Permit

Lot 3, Block 8 Mayor Fankhanel moved that we do not issue a development permit for the proposed building on Lot 3, Block 8, due to lack of information, and the likelihood that it would require rezoning. CARRIED

11-168-09

Land-Use bylaw Councilor Ratcliffe moved that Municipal Planning Services be contracted to prepare a new land-use Bylaw at the quoted fee of \$13,875. CARRIED

Battle River Railway New Gen Co-op has applied to the Rural Alberta Development Fund for a grant.

11-169-09

Letter of support Moved by Councilor Thomas that we write a letter supporting the BRRNGC in their bid for a grant from RADF. CARRIED

11-170-09

BRNGC

Mayor Fankhanel moved that we approach the executors of the estate about using the Norman Johnston memorial fund to purchase a municipal share in the Battle River Railway New Gen Co-op. CARRIED

11-171-09

Flag Waste Budget

Councilor Ratcliffe moved that we approve the Flagstaff Waste Management 2010 budget which will require approximately 3% increase in our requisition. CARRIED

11-172-09

FFCS

Councilor Thomas moved that we give approval of the FFCS 2010 budget. CARRIED

The Administrator presented a proposal to double the coverage we carry on our volunteer firefighters, since there has been a decrease in insurance rates, which will allow us to do this without increasing the amount we spent in 2009

11-173-09

Firefighter insurance – Mayor Fankhanel moved that we accept the recommendation to increase our firefighter's insurance in 2010.

CARRIED

11-174-09

DMF Councilor Thomas moved we add a Destination Marketing Fee of \$1 per night to our campground fees effective January 1, 2010, this to be paid to Trail of the Buffalo for marketing our tourism area. CARRIED

Correspondence

- East Central Child Services is holding consultations on their 2010 – 2013 business plan and inviting us to send a rep.

Committee Reports

CAC	- No meeting
Fire	- Will be getting the defect sheets, monthly training records, minutes of meetings, etc. -
Flagstaff Housing	- No meeting.
Flagstaff Waste	- Councilor Ratcliffe reported.
Library	- Mayor Fankhanel reported. COW bus was a huge success and will come back next year. Hope to have it later in the day next year so the older kids will be able to take it in.
	- Creating a Norman Johnston corner.
	- Approved extra payment to the Librarian for the time she puts in on the many extra curricular activities
BRAED	- No meeting
FIP	- New executive
Trail of the Buffalo	- No meeting.

Adjourned at 9:20 PM by Mayor Fankhanel.

Mayor

Administrator