

**Village of Alliance
Regular Council Meeting
December 21, 2009
6 PM**

Mayor Fankhanel called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:05 PM on December 21, 2009. Those in attendance were Councilors Art Ratcliffe, Sue Thomas, the Administrator and Assistant.

Doug Solonick was also in attendance

12-175-09
Adopt agenda Councilor Thomas moved the adoption of the agenda with the following additions: 8) Operator of the Year
9) Report on County Visioning dinner
10) "Alliance bucks"
11) Trail of Buffalo AGM. CARRIED

12-176-09
Minutes
Oct 19/09 Councilor Ratcliffe moved that the minutes of the organizational meeting on October 19, 2009 be adopted as presented. CARRIED

12-177-09
Minutes
Nov. 16/09 Councilor Thomas moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 16, 2009 be adopted as presented CARRIED

New Business –

12-178-09
Dep DDS Mayor Fankhanel moved that Doug Solonick be appointed as the Deputy Director of Disaster Services for the Village of Alliance. CARRIED

Doug Solonick departed the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Foreman's Report

- Foreman did not attend the meeting.
- A surprise AB Environment inspection of the water treatment plant in December went very well. The official report will be here in January.

Administrator's Report

- Will close office from Dec. 24 to Dec. 28 for Christmas.

Bylaw Officer's Report

November report was presented for review.

Business Arising from the Minutes

An agreement was negotiated with the owners of Lot 15, Block 8, to purchase the lot back in January 2010.

12-179-09
Selling Price Moved by Councilor Ratcliffe that the selling price for Lot 15, Block 8, Plan 304BZ be set at \$7,000 when the title has been returned to the Village in 2010. CARRIED

The Administrator reported that we have a GIC valued at \$22,016.73, which is earning 0.4% interest per annum. If this was reinvested in railroad shares, it would earn 3.5% per annum.

12-180-09
Railway Shares Councilor Ratcliffe moved that the Village purchase two Class D shares at \$10,000 each in the Battle River Railway New Generation Co-op, using cash withdrawn from the GIC. CARRIED

Since Councilor Ratcliffe will be away for a couple of weeks after Christmas, he asked to be placed on record as being in favor of purchasing additional shares should funds become available from the Norman Johnston Memorial Fund.

Financial Statement

12-181-09
Cheque Registry Moved by Councilor Thomas that the November cheque registry be accepted as presented. CARRIED

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12-182-09
 Cash Statement Councilor Thomas moved the acceptance of the balanced October and November Cash Statements. CARRIED

Budget was presented for Council's review.

New Business

The Administrator informed Council that the provincial Court case regarding two dog bylaw tickets was set back to January 2010, and that the defendant requires disclosure by January 5.

12-183-09
 Dog Tickets Councilor Ratcliffe moved that a lawyer be engaged to represent the Village in the dog bylaw court case. CARRIED

12-184-09
 MSP Grant Mayor Fankhanel moved :

Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Village of Alliance to participate in a Municipal Sponsorship Program grant application for the Flagstaff Food Bank Project under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Sponsorship Program: and further

That the Village of Alliance agrees that Town of Killam be designated the managing partner for the purposes of applying, receiving, administering, allocating, reporting and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners; And further

That Village of Alliance agrees to allocate 100% of its Municipal Sponsorship Program base grant to the Flagstaff Food Bank Project; And further

That the Village of Alliance agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement signed by the managing partner on behalf of the other eligible municipal partners governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

CARRIED

12-185-09
 Regional Emergency Services Study

Councilor Thomas moved that the Village of Alliance support the exploration of the concept of regional Emergency Management and Fire Services.

CARRIED

12-186-09
 Library Board Councilor Thomas moved that Niki Bullee be appointed to the Village of Alliance Library Board. CARRIED

12-187-09
 Trail of Buffalo Councilor Ratcliffe moved that Wendy Burns be appointed to represent the Village of Alliance on the Trail of the Buffalo, and that the Village pay mileage and meeting fees at the same rate as Council fees. CARRIED

12-188-09
 Operator of the Year Councilor Thomas moved that we submit a nomination to the AWWOA for "Operator of the Year." CARRIED

County Visioning Supper - Councilor Thomas reported on the event hosted by the County'

- The County seems to be anxious to go forward in a spirit of co-operation with all communities .
- The county plans to start holding workshops early in 2010, and have several projects they hope to co-operate on.
- County is looking at buying a bus that could be used by anyone in the County for various types of trips.
- County is willing to assist with the 3 rural campsites and plan to meet with the towns in 2010 to decide how they can best assist.
- County wants to develop a group that will work on economic promotion on a co-operative basis.
- There was lots of positive feedback from several communities

"Community Dollars" - this concept was discussed and the newsletter will be used to seek more ideas, so we can launch in the new year.

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Correspondence

- Minister of Municipal Affairs - grant funding for AMIP and MSI should be maintained in 2010.

Committee Reports

- CAC** - Councilor unable to attend due to conflict with Flagstaff Housing.
- Fire** - Councilor Ratcliffe reported that a dance is planned for June 30.
- Flagstaff Housing**
 - Councilor Thomas reported that there will be a 3.5% increase in our requisition in 2010.
 - They did not get funding for the new Flagstaff Lodge, so they are seeking other sources of revenue.
- Flagstaff Waste** - Councilor Ratcliffe reported that due to management problems, they are looking at a change in the managerial structure.
- Library** - No Meeting
- BRAED** - Mayor Fankhanel reported on the teleconference regarding the Tourism initiative. They are finding this to be a very difficult project.
- FIP** - No meeting
- Trail of the Buffalo** - Mayor Fankhanel reported that a teleconference was held and will be held in the future for the winter months. The AGM is on January 20, 2010 in Brownfield and we will be represented.

Adjourned at 8:35 PM by Mayor Fankhanel.

Mayor

Administrator

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