

**BIG LAKES COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING**  
January 27, 2021

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESENT WERE:** Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle  
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie  
Councillor: Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  
Donald Bissell, Enilda/Big Meadow  
Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt  
Ken Killeen, Kinuso  
Robert Nygaard, Faust  
Richard Simard, Joussard  
Fern Welch, Grouard

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO  
Brett Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Service  
Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager  
Heather Nanninga, Director of Corporate Services  
Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary  
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development  
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:** Reeve Matthews called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO  
THE AGENDA:**

It was noted that Councillor Simard attend the meeting by Zoom.

**2021-02-027** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the January 27, 2021 agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

**2021-02-028** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the January 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES:**

***ACTION LIST:***

**2021-02-029** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the action list be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

***COMMUNITY FUTURES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:***

**2021-02-030** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Nygaard be appointed as member to the Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake Region Committee.

**CARRIED**

**INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF) WITH THE TOWN OF HIGH PRAIRIE:**

**2021-02-031** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Big Lakes County and the Town of High Prairie Inter-Municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Agreement amendments be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Stewart stepped out of the meeting at 10:22 a.m. and returned at 10:24 a.m.

**JOINT USE AGREEMENT:**

**2021-02-032** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the Joint Use Agreement between the High Prairie School Division No. 48, the Town of High Prairie, the Holy Family Catholic Regional Division #37 and Big Lakes County be terminated and that administration be directed to meet with all parties involved to renegotiate a new agreement.

**CARRIED**

**CORPORATE SERVICES:**

**CHEQUE LISTS:**

**2021-02-033** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that administration be directed to write a letter to Northern Lakes College expressing Council’s concerns with the new College not being operational.

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-034** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that cheques #87239 to #87321 in the amount of \$532,022.97 for the period ending January 13, 2021 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**N7 ENERGY – REQUEST FOR TAX RELIEF:**

**2021-02-035** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the request from N7 Energy for tax relief be received for information.

**CARRIED**

A break was taken from 10:51 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**MLA REHN:** MLA Pat Rehn provided Council with an explanation of how he would like to work to regain the respect, trust and build new relationships with those who elected him, and with Council. Council also received a written letter from MLA Rehn with response to a closed letter that was sent from Council on January 18, 2021.

**HIGH PRAIRIE GOLDEN AGE CLUB – OPERATING GRANT:**

**2021-02-036** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that Council forgo support of the High Prairie Golden Age Club request for additional 2020 grant funding under the Community Hall program.

**CARRIED**

**ENILDA & DISTRICT SOCIETY FOR RECREATION & CULTURE (EDSRC)  
2021 OPERATING GRANT:**

**2021-02-037**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSEL** that the request from the Enilda & District Society for Recreation & Culture (EDSRC) be approved for the early release of 2021 operating grant funding under the Community Hall and Recreation grant Programs.

**CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BIG LAKES COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD:**

**2021-02-038**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be directed to take forward a request for the appointment of Secretary to the Big Lakes County Library Board for their discussion and referral back to Big Lakes County Council.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

**LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT #02-2021 – SECTION 6.22.4(F) PRESSURE VESSEL STORAGE AND SECTION 6.34.7 SITING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES:**

**2021-02-039**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that first reading be given to Land Use Bylaw Amendment # 02-2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-040**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a public hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment #02-2021 be set for February 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Big Lakes County Administration Office.

**CARRIED**

**REVIEW OF GENERAL SERVICING STANDARDS POLICY # ADMIN-61:**

**2021-02-041**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the General Servicing Standards Policy #ADMIN-61 be tabled for further information.

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12: 06 p.m. and reconvened at 12: 43 p.m.

Councillor Simard did not return to the meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**DUST CONTROL PROGRAM:**

**2021-02-042**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the Dust Control Program report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**FREEMAN IWASIUK WATER LEAK:**

**2021-02-043**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the delegation from Freeman Iwasiuk on January 13, 2021 regarding a water leak on his property be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION:**  
**KINMERC OIL &**

**GAS:**

Barry Boisvert with KinMerc Oil & Gas presented a request to Council to consider writing off the 2020 taxes. Mr. Boisvert advised Council that he would consider a payment plan for the 2021 taxes.

**2021-02-044**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the delegation from Barry Boisvert be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-045**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that administration be directed to offer KinMerc Oil & Gas a payment plan agreement similar to other agreements that have been issued within Big Lakes County.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION/**  
**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**2021-02-046**

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**2021-02-047**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the meeting be adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Ken Matthews, Reeve

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Jordan Panasiuk, CAO