

VILLAGE OF ACME

MINUTES OF THE November 10, 2015
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ACME
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ACME VILLAGE OFFICE,
203 CLARK STREET, ACME, ALBERTA
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor	Bruce McLeod
Acting Mayor	Dennis Kuiken
Councillor	Jason Bates
Councillor	Ross Gilmore
Councillor	Lucy Ann Daubert

OTHERS PRESENT

Chief Administrative Officer Mark Brennan

Mayor MacLeod in the Chair:

Mayor MacLeod called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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LUCY ANN DAUBERT

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2.0 DELEGATIONS

2.1 Nathan Cooper MLA (later in agenda)

3.0 MINUTES

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JASON BATES

The Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held October 26, 2015, and there being no errors, omissions or corrections, and the Councillors all having read them, are approved as distributed.

CARRIED

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ROSS GILMORE

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 26, 2015, and there being no errors, omissions or corrections, and the Councillors all having read them, are approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4.0 BUSINESS

4.1 Draft Budget 2016

The CAO presented the preliminary draft of the 2016 Budget. He explained that certain working assumptions had been made, for example that most revenues and expenditures will remain the same as in 2015. An allowance was built in for a 2% cost-of-living increase to wages and also an adjustment to benefits. Items to be incorporated include water fee increases, cemetery costs, potential firefighting items, grant writer. For the second draft the CAO was requested to create two scenarios – one assuming no net increase in taxes and the other assuming a 2% increase.

2.1 Nathan Cooper MLA (at 7:04 pm)

Mr. Cooper introduced himself and explained the current status of his constituency and the Provincial government in general. He talked about relationships and communications. He encouraged Council to communicate with government through him but did not insist on it. After answering a few questions from Council, Mr. Cooper thanked them for their time.

4.1 Draft Budget 2016 (continued)

There was a brief discussion of capital items and the current status of grants. Clarification was requested on the inclusion of the Kneehill Sustainability grant in the MSI figure for 2015.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.4 Meetings, Courses and Events

5.4.1 Council Meetings:

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5.4.2 Courses:

5.4.3 Events:

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Financial Reports

6.1.1 Accounts Payable – as of November 10, 2015.

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ROSS GILMORE

That the accounts payable as of November 10, 2015 are approved.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Financial Report (year-to-date)

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JASON BATES

That the Financial Report to October 31, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

6.2 Administrative Reports

6.2.1 Chief Administrative Officer (October)

6.2.2 Public Works (October)

6.3 Councillor Reports

6.3.1 Bruce McLeod

Attended the Regional Partnership Meeting, November 9th. Suggested staff pursue more cooperative ventures with other municipalities, e.g. the sharing of equipment and the coordination of capital projects and purchasing of materials. Discussed the Special Committee (*) and its role in creating a unified document on perspectives and policies surrounding cooperative ventures.

6.3.2 Acting Mayor Kuiken

Working on getting curling prepared for the season. The ice is ready.

6.3.3 Councillor Bates

No report.

6.3.5 Councillor Gilmore

Attended Doctor Retention meeting. Because of the representatives on the committee there is a lot of discussion that is not related to retention, such as clinic updates. Three doctors are prepared to be retained but not finalized. Discussed the problem with locums and how there is now a shortage.

6.3.4 Councillor Daubert

Attended the Community Futures meeting in Strathmore.

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JASON BATES

Moved that all Councillor reports, as recorded on the agenda for November 10, 2015 be accepted for information and filing.

CARRIED

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JASON BATES

MOVED that Ross Gilmore be appointed as the Village of Acme's representative on the Special Kneehill Regional Partnership Committee, and that Mayor McLeod be appointed as alternate.

CARRIED

7. IN CAMERA

298/15 LUCY ANN DAUBERT

Moved to recess the Regular Meeting at 8:34 pm in order to hold an "In Camera Meeting" pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA Chapter M-26 and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 23(1) & 24(1)(a).

CARRIED

299/15 JASON BATES

Moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:45 pm

CARRIED

Council accepted the CAO's notice of resignation as of January 31, 2016. The search for a new CAO will commence immediately.

8. ADJOURNMENT

300/15 JASON BATES

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm.



MAYOR



C.A.O.