

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 11
June 3, 2014

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

R. DUROCHER - Mayor
THOMAS SLAGER - Councilor
CYNTHIA KEARNS - Councilor
BRENDA LEACH - Councilor

T. O'Brien

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

R. Wilkinson
S. Maclean
F. Statham
S. Drury

STEPHEN CONWAY - CAO
TERRI CLOSE - Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Durocher.

MOTION 014-11-095

AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The Agenda be amended to remove item 8 and include the following:

Meeting with WL Chamber of Commerce Executive.

- CARRIED -

Councilor Slager apologized to the citizens of Watson Lake and those that were in attendance at the Town Hall meeting for his inappropriate behavior and language that was used.

MOTION 014-11-096

MINUTES

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of May 20, 2014 as presented.

- CARRIED -

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION 014-11-097

Moved by Councilor O'Brien, seconded by Councilor Kearns
that:

The payroll cheques #53056 through #53093 in the amount of \$51,884.78 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$130,923.51 be paid.

- CARRIED -

Council questioned a cheque that was issued to Larry Bagnell. Administration informed Council that Mr. Bagnell attended the AYC Annual General Meeting in Dawson City to present a report on behalf of the Town of Watson Lake and the cheque is for his expenses.

FINANCIAL INFO

MOTION 014-11-098

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

The Financial Statement of May 30th be approved.

- CARRIED -

Councilor Slager requested clarification on the financial statement. Administration provided Council with details and an explanation of the statement.

NEW & UNFINISHED

MANAGEMENT MEETING
MINUTES

MOTION 014-11-099

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Kearns that:

The Management meeting minutes from May be accepted as presented for information.

- CARRIED -

RECPLEX CONCESSION
TENDER

MOTION 014-11-100

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

The Town of Watson Lake award the tender for the Recplex concession to Pam Moon.

- CARRIED -

YG HEALTH &
SOCIAL SERVICES

Council discussed a committee being established by YG Health & Social Services to look at ways to address local physician coverage in Watson Lake and are looking for a representative from Council to sit on the committee. Councilor Kearns expressed an interest in sitting on the Committee.

MOTION 014-11-101

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

Councilor Kearns be appointed as the Town representative for the committee.

- CARRIED -

WL CHAMBER
COUNCIL MEETING

Ruth Wilkinson approached Council with an invitation to meet with the WL Chamber of Commerce Executive to take a positive approach to working together for the benefit of the community. It is time to move forward on items of mutual concern. Council agreed to meet with the Chamber on Tuesday, June 10th at Wye Lake Cabin at 7:00 pm.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP
CHALLENGE

Council addressed the community cleanup program, and suggested a community challenge such as the one done in Whitehorse. The event would be organized by the Town and encourages the citizens to participate by picking up garbage in the community and ends with a bar-b-que. Council suggested that this be planned for next year as most of the community has already been cleaned by non-profit groups.

WL DAYCARE
FUNDING APPLICATION

Council discussed a letter received from the WL Daycare expressing concerns with a funding application submitted to the Community Lottery program that was denied. The funds were needed to purchase essential supplies and equipment for the children. Council discussed various options on how to assist the Daycare which provides an essential service in the community. Council agreed to fund the Daycare and encourage them to reapply to Community Lotteries in September to reimburse the Town.

MOTION 014-11-102

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach that;

The Town of Watson Lake provide a grant of \$4000.00 to the WL Daycare.

- CARRIED -

LAND APPLICATION
RANDY CARLSON

Council received information from YG regarding a land application for Randy Carlson who is applying for a 2 hectare parcel of land adjacent to his property in Watson Lake.

MOTION 014-11-103

Moved by Council Leach, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

Council support the application as presented.

- CARRIED -

WL SKI CLUB
LETTER OF FORGIVENESS

Council discussed a letter from the WL Ski Club requesting the Town forgive their outstanding propane invoices that amount to \$2,935.29. Council reviewed their financial statement and discussed the grant that the Town provides them annually to assist with operations and maintenance. Council agreed to table this item for more discussion at the next Council meeting.

PURCHASE OF
FLUSHING EQUIPMENT

Administration provided Council with information and costs that the Town has spent hiring Yukon TV Inspections Services from Whitehorse to flush its sewer lines annually. The firm is selling all equipment and has offered to sell the Town its truck for \$50,000 and is willing to provide staff the training on the equipment. Funding is available through Gas tax.

MOTION 014-11-104

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

The Town purchase the flushing equipment from Yukon TV Inspection Services for \$50,000 providing the vehicle pass a PMVI Inspection.

- CARRIED --

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
TRAINING PROPOSAL

Council reviewed information and a course outline on a Community Economic Development Training proposal that is being offered to communities. Council agreed to pursue and instructed Administration to schedule the training for the fall.

WL SECONDARY
GRAD CEREMONIES

Council acknowledged that the 2014 grad ceremonies will take place on Saturday, June 21st at which time the Town will present its Zack Bell Scholarship to the class valedictorian. Councilor Slager questioned how the scholarship came to be named in honor of Zack Bell as he indicated there are other notable people that graduated within the community that are also worthy of this honor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following correspondence:

- Jer-Cal Holdings – Purchase of Equipment to prevent hydrocarbons at carwash.
- Yukon Electrical General rate application/ Notice of application for leave
- WL Chamber of Commerce – Letter congratulating Heather Berg.
- Municipal World – Book by Gord Hume (10 trends for smarter communities)

COUNCIL QUESTION
PERIOD

Councilor Kearns was approached to ask for assistance to remove the Murdoch's signage from a store in Watson Lake that has not been operating for a number of years. Council discussed the situation and agreed that as this is a private business, it is not a municipal matter.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 014-11-105

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED --

MOTION 014-11-106

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager that:

Council revert to an open Meeting.

- CARRIED --

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 014-11-107

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 pm.

- CARRIED -

R. Durocher – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk