

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 3
February 20, 2018

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

JUSTIN BROWN - MAYOR
STACY BAUER – COUNCILOR
CHRIS IRVIN – COUNCILOR
BRIAN LUND - COUNCILOR

B. Leach

PUBLIC
Jordan Stackhouse

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

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

AGENDA

MOTION 018-03-18

Moved by Councilor Bauer, seconded by Councilor Irvin
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to table By-Law 18-03, being a By-Law to set the property tax rate for 2018 to the meeting of March 6th.

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 018-03-19

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last Regular meeting of February 6, 2018 as presented.

- CARRIED –

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 018-03-20

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

The payroll cheques #58871 through #58903 in the amount of \$53,278.44 and the Open Payables in the amount of \$110,519.92 be paid.

- CARRIED –

Councilor Irvin questioned the clothing allowance provision for the Town employees as per the Collective Agreement, and the budget allocated for the cost of the clothing.

Councilor Irvin discussed whether the Town is permitted to do business with business/contractors that owe outstanding taxes to the Town. Administration will seek legal advice on this matter.

CAO UPDATE

Administration informed Council that the 2018 tax rate bylaw has been tabled until a complete financial report is available for Council including the O/M & Capital budgets. Town Departments have provided information and recommendations on potential ways to save money. These recommendations will be reviewed and factored into the budget prior to the public meeting.

Councilor Bauer questioned the requirement to have 2 full time staff employed at the Water Treatment plant. Administration informed Council that this matter is being addressed with the union to consider changing the schedule to cut down on the costs of having additional staff when not needed.

Administration informed Council that Charlie Crane assumes his position as Director of Protective Services March 1st.

Liard First Nation has expressed an interest in purchasing the remaining excess garbage containers that the Town has in storage.

Administration informed Council that a meeting was held with the Executive Director of Liard First Nation to discuss their outstanding accounts and the monies owed to the Town. The question was asked whether to allow provision of any further services until such time that the accounts have been paid. Council suggest a meeting be scheduled with the LFN Chief & Council to address the debts owing to the Town.

The Water/sewer bylaw was discussed as it is being presented for Second Reading, however the bylaw is missing the sewage dumping rates and will need to be amended to include these rates prior to proceeding with Final reading of the bylaw.

BY-LAWS

MOTION 018-03-21

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer that:

By-Law 16-07, being the water/sewer by-Law be introduced for Second Reading.

-CARRIED –

Councilor Irvin addressed the water/sewer rates that are being proposed for Institutional properties and suggested the rates be increased in comparison to Whitehorse. He also requested the bylaw be amended to define the meaning of bottled water.

Councilor Bauer suggested the bylaw be implemented with the current rates and suggest it be reassessed after one year for any changes.

NEW & UNFINISHED

YARN - DONATION REQUEST

Council was in receipt of a letter from the Yukon Animal Rescue Network requesting \$5,000 in funding to assist with the costs for a program that aims at spaying/neutering animals in the community. Council discussed the program and agreed that due to budget restraints there is not much the Town can do to assist at this time.

AYC – LUMP SUM MORTGAGE PAYMENT

Council discussed a request from AYC regarding the mortgage renewal for the AYC office condo, and recommending that AYC access the AYC Financial Reserves to allow funding for a lump sum payment on the mortgage. This will be addressed at the AYC Board meeting being held March 3rd. Council support the request as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE
ENQUIRIES

Council addressed potential dates to schedule a Town Hall meeting and suggested Wednesday, March 14th. The meeting will be aimed at presenting the public with a financial overview of the Town's financial position.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 018-03-22

Moved by Councilor Irvin, seconded by Councilor Bauer
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

- CARRIED -

Justin Brown – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk