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OF BEISEKER HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M.
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PRESENT

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| DEPUTY MAYOR | Ray Courtman |
| COUNCILLOR | Len Priestman |
| COUNCILLOR | Bruce Rowe |
| COUNCILLOR | Herman Witt |
| MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR | Ruth Copeland-Brunelle |
| PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN | Dale Wells |
| ROCKYVIEW FIVE VILLAGE WEEKLY DELEGATIONS | Enrique Massot Darlene Olsen, By-Law Enforcement Officer Les Spurgeon, Unsightly Premises Committee Chairperson Bert Brown, Charles Boechler, Bravin Goldale, Don McLeod & Richard Geleta of Westcreek Developments Ltd. |

ABSENT:

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| Mayor | Dave Fegan |
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CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Courtman called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Rowe moved adoption of Agenda with the following amendment:

Delegation #1 – Bert Brown re Water Pipeline; and
Delegation #2 – Darlene Olsen, By-Law Enforcement Officer

CARRIED UNAN.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Councillor Witt moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 12, 2002.

CARRIED UNAN.

DELEGATIONS

Bert Brown et al,
Westcreek
Developments Ltd.

Mr. Brown advised Council that Westcreek Developments Ltd. is proposing to develop residential and commercial lots in Kathryn and the most feasible water source for this project has been determined to be a water pipeline from the City of Calgary. Because a waterline from Calgary would be downhill, there could be considerable cost savings should the pipeline extend to include the municipalities of Irricana, Beiseker, Acme & Linden as an alternative to the proposed Kneehill Water Line Project from Drumheller. Mr. Bert Brown presented Council with a written Concept and Cost Comparison.

Mr. Goldale advised Council that a few years ago, running a water pipeline from the City of Calgary would not have been an option as the City was not interested in supplying water to rural municipalities, however, the City's policy has now changed. Mr. Goldale advised Council that this was simply an information session to make Council aware of an alternative to the Kneehill Water Line, and not to take away from the work that has already been done by the Kneehill Regional Water Committee. Mr. Goldale re-iterated that at the time of the inception of the Kneehill Regional Water Committee, the City of Calgary was not an option as a water source as the City was not open to providing water to rural municipalities at that time. The Calgary water line proposal was presented to the Kneehill Water Committee in February 2002.

Mr. Goldale advised Council that due to the declining elevation between Calgary and the rural municipalities, no pumping stations would be required along the pipeline but pressure reducing valves would need to be utilized to lower the increasing pressure.

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The pipeline was designed to a maximum service population of double the current populations. If needed, a pumping station could be added at a later date should the demand increase beyond the maximum service population.

Council expressed concern that the proposed line did not include the Village of Carbon or the County of Knechill. Mr. Goldale advised that the opportunity would probably be there to extend the line to the Village of Carbon and that additional tie-ins for rural users could be open for discussion with the City of Calgary. The water would be sold by the City of Calgary to the M.D. of Rockyview at a wholesale rate similar to what is done now between the City of Calgary and the City of Airdrie. Council was advised that according to Alberta Environment, the Red Deer River and the Bow River are both in the same basin.

Mr. Goldale further advised Council that a presentation will be made to the M.D. of Rockyview Council in early September 2002 in regard to the proposed development in Kathryn. It is presumed that the developer would not own the water pipeline, but rather, the M.D. of Rockyview. The developer hopes to start construction of the development in the spring of 2003. It is projected that the Calgary pipeline could cost \$8 million less than the proposed Knechill water line from Drumheller.

Mr. Bert Brown also suggested that the rural municipalities should give consideration to have wastewater sent to the Drumheller sewage treatment plant since such a line would be all downhill. This would then eliminate the need for sewer lagoons in each of the municipalities. The development in Kathryn will be using a lagoon system to start with.

Council at their last regular meeting requested that the By-Law Officer attend this meeting to discuss some issues surrounding our Unsightly Premises By-Law. Mrs. Olsen advised Council that compliance is the key to resolving the matters of unsightly premises. The tickets that are issued can be challenged in Court and should Council wish to take an offender through the Court system, this requires that a Summons be issued by the R.C.M.P.

Mr. Spurgeon advised Council that under our Unsightly Premises By-Law, the payment of fines is voluntary and feels that the By-Law lacks teeth for enforcement purposes. He also noted that more results for compliance are achieved after the By-Law Officer has spoken to an offender without having to be heavy handed in the enforcement of the By-Law. Everyone has a different perspective as to what constitutes an "unsightly premise". It is hoped that as the Village makes an effort to clean up the Village at large and now with our participation in the Communities in Bloom program, that this will provide some incentive to the residents to maintain their properties. Mr. Spurgeon advised Council that the committee has lost a number of its members as people felt that nothing was being accomplished. Councillor Rowe expressed appreciation to Mr. Spurgeon and his committee for what the Unsightly Premises Committee has attempted to do.

Mr. Spurgeon also discussed the issue for the need for a Dangerous Goods By-Law. Council instructed the Administrator to look into drafting a Dangerous Goods By-Law for the Village of Beiseker.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council discussed the present Unsightly Premises By-Law which was enacted in 1999 and felt that for the most part, the By-Law was well drafted and comprehensive in its content. There may be some areas that could be improved upon.

Council took a short recess between 8:50 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Darlene Olsen,
By-Law Officer &
Les Spurgeon,
Chairperson
Unsightly Premises
Committee

Unsightly Premises
By-Law

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PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

- CPR Station Put matting down and shale in front of the Village Office.
- Grasscutting Summer students have been busy cutting grass and weedcating.
- Vehicles Box on 5 ton has been painted. The new grader has been painted. The mowers, Thomas, backhoe and 5 ton truck have been serviced.
- Community Hall Cut out drains for new downspouts at the Community Hall.
- Water Meters Summer students read the water meters.
- Beacon Heights Patched areas in Beacon Heights where water has been ponding.
- A & J Restaurant Sewer line in front of A & J Restaurant had to be flushed due to grease in the line. Council asked the Administrator to write a letter to the owner advising that if the sewer line needed to be flushed again due to an accumulation of grease, that the cost would be charged to the owner.
- Well #5 Utilicorps came to repair the power going to Well #5.
- North Road Curb stop was repaired at 202 North Road.
- 5th Street Repaired patch on 5th Street from a previous sewer line repair.
- Crescent Dr. The Public Works Foreman provided Council with a quote from Blackmore Holdings Ltd. to put Road Repair 1 ½ lift of asphalt on Crescent Drive from the CN tracks to approximately the intersection of Crescent Drive and 6th Street. The Public Works Foreman advised Council that this section of Crescent Drive is breaking up very badly and is at the entrance into the Village. The Public Works Foreman was asked to obtain a quote from A & A Paving who will be doing the 1st Avenue paving project.
- Res. #2002-66 Councillor Rowe moved that the Public Works Foreman proceed to have a 1 ½ lift of asphalt laid on Crescent Drive between the CN tracks and 3rd Avenue using a contractor as chosen by the Public Works Foreman. CARRIED UNAN.
- Aggregate for Streets The Public Works Foreman asked Council if they wished to proceed with dustproofing or applying aggregate to the remaining gravel streets and avenues. The Foreman had obtained a quote from South Rock of approximately \$45,000.00. The Administrator advised Council that it was hoped that the Streets Improvement Grant could be used to cover the majority of this cost, however, as the Provincial Government has not as yet fixed the base amount for this grant, there are no timelines for the funding commitment from the Province. Council requested that the Public Works Foreman obtain quotes for dustproofing and that this matter be tabled for further discussion at the next Council Meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Courtman moved to approve the accounts cheque #3369 to #3417 excluding cheque #3401 in the amount of \$30,308.52. CARRIED UNAN.

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| 3369 | Dick's Grader Service | 6,500.00 |
| 3370 to 3375 | Payroll Cheques | 3,637.27 |
| 3376 | Cancelled | |
| 3377 | Ladean Henderson | 200.00 |
| 3378 to 3389 | Payroll Cheques | 6,603.05 |
| 3390 | Telus Communications | 762.71 |
| 3391 | Telus Mobility | 293.34 |
| 3392 | Agline | 124.89 |
| 3393 | Atco Gas | 205.93 |
| 3394 | Country Graphics | 96.30 |

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| 3395 | McNair Sand & Gravel Ltd. | 75.95 |
| 3396 | McNeill's Welding Ltd. | 267.50 |
| 3397 | Tall Taylor Publishing Ltd. | 92.02 |
| 3398 | Enmax | 6,734.20 |
| 3399 | U.F.A. | 633.58 |
| 3400 | Recall | 52.98 |
| 3401 | Coast to Coast Mechanical | 762.28 |
| 3402 | Ruth Copeland | 47.04 |
| 3403 | Darlene Olsen | 671.00 |
| 3404 | Canadian Waste Services | 220.31 |
| 3405 | Alberta One-Call Corporation | 26.75 |
| 3406 | Fremar Enterprises | 123.21 |
| 3407 | Nemeth Planning services Inc. | 398.26 |
| 3408 | Alberta Registries | 50.00 |
| 3409 | Village of Acme | 71.47 |
| 3410 | ADT Security Services Canada Inc. | 384.56 |
| 3411 | AUMA | 695.50 |
| 3412 | Jim Howlett | 157.02 |
| 3413 | Done Deal Deliveries | 80.25 |
| 3414 | Beiseker Station Museum | 100.00 |
| 3415 | Challenger Geomatics Ltd. | 897.03 |
| 3416 | Agricore United | 85.00 |
| 3417 | Alberta Queens Printer | 21.40 |

Deputy Mayor Courtman moved to approve the account cheque #3401 in the amount of \$762.28. CARRIED UNAN.

Councillor Priestman abstained from voting or commenting on the above item.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Priestman
Community Hall

Councillor Priestman advised Council that he recently attended a wedding in the Community Hall and while the function was being held in the hall, the Community Centre caretaker was in the hall working on an exterior door and creating a lot of noise. Council asked that the Administrator write a letter to the Hall Board advising of this incident and to suggest that when the hall has been rented out and a function is in progress, that the Community Hall caretaker not be present, unless a situation arises that his services are required.

Rowe
Library Board

Councillor Rowe advised Council that he had spoken with the owner of the old Rebekah Lodge about the possibility of relocating the library to this location. Councillor Rowe was informed that the owner was proceeding to open a daycare centre at this location. The search continues for another location for the library.

AUMA

Councillor Rowe advised Council that he attended an AUMA Board of Directors meeting on August 23, 2002. Councillor Rowe has been asked to sit on a new AUMA Task Force in conjunction with the AAMD & C on cost sharing between municipalities.

Courtman

Deputy Mayor Courtman advised Council that he attended a meeting of the Drumheller Solid Waste Management Society on August 15, 2002. The licence renewal for the landfill site has now been moved to September 2003 as the Drumheller landfill site is considered to be one of the best in the Province. The Society discussed burn pits and it is strongly against the establishment of any new burn pits and in fact are looking at ways of doing away with existing burn pits. One of the options is wood recycling/disposal by grinding the wood up but this is a fairly costly alternative. Methane has been found to be leaking from the site in small quantities. Monitors are in place and money has been set aside if the amount of

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methane becomes problematic. The Province has indicated that there is no money available for landfill upgrades.

The society is also looking at options for concrete and asphalt recycling. Mattresses are still a real problem as they can cause problems with a lot of the equipment. Mattresses are also being thrown into burn pits. There is a mattress recycling program, however, the mattresses needed to be stored properly in order to be recycled. Some municipalities are now looking at purchasing old semi-trailers to store these mattresses. Deputy Mayor Courtman asked the Administrator to see if there would be any funds available to build or purchase some kind of storage container for mattresses.

Museum

Deputy Mayor Courtman advised that the Museum Society is looking at the possibility of reprinting the Beiseker History Book as well as publishing an updated version of the book.

Airport

Deputy Mayor Courtman advised Council that he met with Miles McNair in regard to the construction of the new taxiway at the Airport. After meeting with Mr. McNair, it was decided that our engineers should be consulted to confirm proper elevations before any work commences on the new taxiway.

BY-LAW OFFICER'S REPORT

FILED

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2002 AUMA
Convention

The Administrator reminded those Councillors that if they had not already done so, to please get their AUMA registration forms into the Village Office. The Administrator advised Council that the room accommodations had been booked at the Palliser Hotel. Councillor Rowe has a room booked at the Marriott Hotel c/o AUMA and Councillor Witt will not be attending this year's convention.

1st Avenue Curb &
Gutter and Paving
Project

The Administrator provided, for Council's information, a copy of the letter that was mailed out on August 23, 2002 to all of the property owners abutting 1st Avenue regarding the local improvement levies to be assessed for this project. The last day for the filing of a Petition to Council against the assessment of these local improvement charges is September 22, 2002.

Before work can begin on this project, A & A Paving must first provide Urban Systems with their Performance Surety, Construction Schedule, Proof of Insurance and WCB Status Certificate. At that time the Contract documents will be prepared for execution. The "Notice to Proceed" with the work will not be issued until such time as the Contract documents have been signed and the documentation as noted above has been received and is verified to be satisfactory. A start-up site meeting has now been scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2002 @ 8:30 a.m.

LGA Courses

The Administrator advised Council that both herself and Tanya Klappe have now registered for courses in the fall session of the University of Alberta' Government Studies Program starting in September 2002. Tanya will be taking Administrative Principles and the Administrator will be taking Alberta's Local Governments and Administrative Principles. With the successful completion of these two courses, the Administrator will then have met all of the requirements to graduate with a Diploma in Local Government Administration from the University of Alberta.

CORRESPONDENCE

AUMA

A letter from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association to the Minister of Finance regarding Alberta Municipal Finance Corporation.

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- Town of Drumheller A copy of a letter from the Town of Drumheller to the Minister of Environment regarding Special Areas Water Project. FILED
- Town of Drumheller A copy of a letter from Town of Drumheller to the Honourable Shirley McClellan re: Handhills Scenic Route. FILED
- Town of Drumheller A copy of a letter from the Town of Drumheller to the Honourable Shirley McClellan regarding drought relief for farmers and ranches. FILED
- AAMD & C Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties newsletter "Contact! dated August 7, 2002. FILED
- Alberta Transportation A letter from Alberta Transportation regarding 2002 AUMA Convention. FILED
- Council requested that the Administrator book a meeting time with Alberta Transportation to discuss issues related to the Streets Improvement Program Grant and the status of the Highway #9 upgrade.
- Alberta Municipal Financing Corp. A letter from Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation regarding cancelled Debenture #91-9. FILED
- Wild Rose Economic Development Corp. A letter from Wild Rose Economic Development Corporation regarding Business Retention and Expansion Project. FILED
- Myron Thompson, M.P. A copy of a letter from Myron Thompson, M.P. to Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program. FILED
- AUMA A letter from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding 2002 AUMA Conference Update. FILED
- Urban Systems A copy of a letter from Urban Systems to A & A Paving regarding Notice of Award. FILED
- Res. #2002-67 Councillor Rowe moved to have A & A Paving Ltd. complete Schedule "C" as per their tender of August 9, 2002. CARRIED UNAN.
- Reynolds Mirth, Richards & Farmer A letter from Reynolds Mirth, Richards & Farmer regarding invitation to a BBQ at the 2002 AUMA Convention FILED
- Epcor A letter from Epcor regarding Water & Wastewater Management Options. FILED
- AUMA A letter from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding Electrical Aggregation Program. FILED
- Res. #2002-68 Deputy Mayor Courtman moved that Enmax conduct their complimentary energy audit on the arena building. CARRIED UNAN.
- AAMD & C Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties Newsletter "Contact" dated August 21, 2002. FILED

IN CAMERA ITEMS

- In Camera Councillor Rowe moved that Council go in camera @ 10:24 p.m. to discuss Resland Development Inc. re Skyland Industrial Park and a Public Works Personnel Matter. CARRIED UNAN.
- Reconvene Councillor Witt moved Council reconvene from in camera @ 10:58 p.m. CARRIED UNAN.
- Res. #2002-69 Councillor Rowe moved to hire Doug Scott for the third man position in Public Works at a Utility Operator 1, Step 6 salary. CARRIED UNAN.

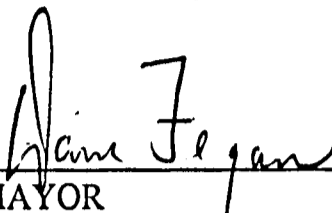
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Rcs. #2002-70

Councillor Witt moved to send the Transfer Station Attendant Auggie Watson to a
one day Landfill Course. CARRIED UNAN.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Rowe moved that the meeting adjourn at 11:00 p.m. CARRIED UNAN.


MAYOR


MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR