

Council Corner

By Mayor Al Henuset

January 8, 2018 Regular meeting.

Fire Department reported:

There were no calls.

A discussion was held on the fire truck. Do we buy from Calgary Fire Department?

Fire Chief Martens to come back with a proposal as to the future needs of the department.

Working with Captains Walker and Houghton on a capital budget.

Public Works reported:

Water usage is around 170 cubic meters per day

Gave a report on recycling

All equipment is working well.

Finished a sewer repair on 1st Avenue

Working on projects for capital budget.

CAO reported:

Recycling carts have been ordered. Expected delivery is February 2018

The Airport Subdivision issue is now in hands of Municipal Affairs.

Last years budget is on track and we should surpass our goals.

Presented water usage vs billings for 2017. We are showing an improvement. We still think there is a leak somewhere.

CAO Jo Lambert advised council she will be retiring on August 1, 2018. She was thanked for her service.

Sgt. Glenn Demmon attended and announced he was retiring on January 17, 2018. He introduced Sgt. Norm Mercier who is his replacement. Sgt. Mercier has 18 years of experience. We welcomed Sgt Mercier to Beiseker.

Councillors provided committee reports.

Council invites the public to a coffee get together the last Saturday of each month from 11:00 AM -12: PM at the Arcadia Café. Check the billboard.

Beiseker Lions provided \$2000 to library to purchase new TV for teleconferencing.

The museum board is installing new linoleum.

A motion to charge a \$2.00 fee to utility users who have not signed up for e-mail bills was defeated.

A motion was approved to give those who sign up for e-mailed utility billings by the end of February a one-time savings on their utility bill. A charge of \$2.00 per utility bill will follow to users not on e-mail after February 28, 2018.

For more information contact the Village Office

Council met with Rockyview County on January 15, 2018.

Village advised we could use some assistance with our fire department. We are having a problem affording the replacement of our fire engine and ongoing upgrading of our equipment.

County gave update on Emergency Management Planning.

County provided MGA requirements for a collaborative Intermunicipal Development Plan and an Intercolaboritive Framework. We have three years to implement.

We are having problems with subdividing the Airport into lots. We may require county assistance if Alberta Municipal Affairs can not provide a solution.

Regular meeting on January 22, 2018

Local resident Darryl Lyczewski explained his complaints regarding the Village recycling program. He was advised that the program would be changing in the coming months.

The fire departments new captains, Austin Burley, Mitch Diddams, Connor walker, and Mitch Johnstone introduced themselves to council. They are looking forward to providing the best fire service for the Village. They invited everyone to feel free to stop at the fire hall.

CAO advised it would be onerous and time consuming to offer residents \$2 to sign up for on line billing.

Council approved a motion to rescind motion to charge \$2 on utility bills and to maintain the status quo.

Councillors reports were received.

Council appointed Teagun Faircombe to the Library board.

Council approved the following statement to be added to Policy B-33 concerning Council fees. "Honorariums will be increase by the Alberta Consumer Price index as of November each year to take effect in January of the following year"

Council approved a donation of \$125 to the Farm Safety Centre for education programs on farm safety.

Council approved Bylaw 2018-01; being a borrowing bylaw for Municipal Current Expenditures.

A letter of support is to be sent to the City of Calgary of their AUMA Resolution for the Government of Alberta to establish an Extended Producer Responsibility policy and program approach in Alberta.

For more information please contact the Village Office

We had an excellent turnout for "Coffee with your Councillors" on Saturday January 27th at the Arcadia Café.

Many topics were discussed and all in attendance thought it was an excellent discussion of issues facing our Village.

Next meeting of "Coffee with your Councillors" will be February 24, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at the Arcadia Café.