

TOWN OF ALAMEDA

Minutes of the special meeting of council held in the Alameda Town Shop Mezzanine, Alameda, SK, February 9th, 2017

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Tim Freitag, Beth Demchuk, Jennifer Cobham, Ken Best, Doug Walls and Administrator Lynne Hewitt

ABSENT: Dwayne Henderson

DELEGATION:

Stephanie Nagle from MNP in Moosomin attended the meeting and presented the 2015 Financial Statements to council. She explained the statements in detail including what they actually audit when they are in the town office. There was considerable testing done that added to the work of the audit for 2015. It was noted that there were no signs of fraud and there was a considerable surplus in 2015. Stephanie also mentioned that there were a number of ways the town could handle the borrowing guarantee that town is considering for the Alameda Recreation Board. Any questions that council had regarding the financial statements were answered by Stephanie.

MINUTES:

12/17 Motion Best/Cobham that the minutes of the January 11th, 2017 regular meeting and the January 23rd, 2017 special meeting shall be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS:

13/17 Motion Walls/Cobham that cheques #3902-3964 in the amount of \$63,594.90 and other payments in the amount of \$20,811.54 and the statements of receipts and payments for December 2016 and #3965-3969 in the amount of \$12,090.41 and other payments of \$14,755.21 and the statement of receipts and payments for January 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

The building concerns on the property of Craig Cameron have been resolved. Construction of a RTM has commenced.

Lynne and Allen have worked on some training for the new digital sign however further equipment is needed to have it reach to the town office. The equipment has been ordered.

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Retirement Gifts including the town jackets are here and will be handed out by various members of council. It was felt that a supper was not necessary at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 14/17 Motion Cobham/Best that Bylaw 1-17 a bylaw to guarantee a loan for the Alameda Recreation Board in the amount of \$400,000 shall be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

An invoice was received from Trobert Law Firm in the amount of \$252.75 for discussions with Wade Duncan and Doug Walls regarding employment issues. Doug Walls noted that it was Wade Duncan that made the appointment and he was asked to go along to discuss legalities of being on council. Deputy Mayor Tim Freitag said that the appointment was not previously discussed with the rest of council and it was not on Town business.

- 15/17 Motion Best/Demchuk that the invoice received from Trobert Law firm not be paid and that it be directed to Wade Duncan as the discussions with Mr. Trobert were of a personal nature only and not Town of Alameda business.

CARRIED

- 16/17 Motion Cobham/Best that Policy 1-17 a policy that sets in place a reasonable cost of providing copies of minutes to taxpayers be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

- 17/17 Motion Best/Cobham that the Town of Alameda does not participate in the 2017 National Communities in Bloom program.

CARRIED

- 18/17 Motion Cobham/Best that the draft 2015 Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

- 19/17 Motion Demchuk/Walls that the cost of recycling be increased to \$11.00 per month effective with the March 2017 utility billing.

CARRIED

- 20/17 Motion Best/Walls that Beth Demchuk be appointed to the General Government Committee.

CARRIED

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21/17 Motion Cobham/Walls that the Town of Alameda sign a lease with Webb's Office equipment for a new photocopier at a cost of \$429.00 plus tax per quarter.
CARRIED

ACCOUNTS:

22/17 Motion Walls/Cobham that the accounts be approved for payment as presented.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

23/17 Motion Best/Demchuk that the correspondence be adopted as read.
CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Best, Henderson – no report

Freitag – attended SUMA Convention.

Cobham – attended Library meeting. An air exchanger has been ordered. Judy Swallow will be painting a tree for donations. There will be a St. Patricks day tea instead of Valentines with soup and sandwich. February 27th, 2017 is the annual meeting.

Demchuk – Borderline has increased their rents in some suites and the long term area. A steamer had to be hired to steam out several icy areas. There has been another case of bed bugs. The steel has been put under the stove in the kitchen. Walls – Attended a museum network meeting on January 30th. The group is going to try and put together a network that can increase exposure to the various museums in the area and other activities in the Souris Moose Creek Area. A further meeting will be held in Estevan and Arlene Walls will attend on behalf of the museum board.

ADJOURN:

24/17 Motion: Cobham that the meeting adjourn at 9:45 p.m.
CARRIED

Mayor

Administrator