



THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held June 14, 2010
in Council Chambers

Present:

Mayor Houston and Aldermen Acker, Baxter, Jensen, Rothe and Steinburg

Absent:

Alderman Palivoda

Also In Attendance:

Doug Lagore, City Manager
Jackie Araujo, General Manager of Community and Protective Services
Diane Goodwin, General Manager of Corporate Services
David Hales, General Manager of Planning and Infrastructure
Jennifer Hetherington, Manager of Corporate Communications
Glen Jarbeau, Manager of Finance
Neil Riley, Manager of Human Resources
Debra Irving, Director of Planning and Development
Stephanie Nelson, Controller
Mary Nordvedt, Acting City Clerk
Marj Bradshaw, Recording Secretary

Others Present:

Inspector Graham, RCMP
Sgt. Martin, RCMP
S/Sgt. Gazley, RCMP
Cpl. Creaser, RCMP
Cst. Foster, RCMP

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following additions/amendments were made to the agenda:

Alderman Rothe - add Spruce Grove Public Library Board – Council Updates – Item 7.a.



- City Manager
- Move Business Item 10.c. – Architectural Services for Gymnastics Facility – to follow Adoption of Minutes
 - Move Business Item 10.d. – Restatement of Approved 2009 and 2010 Budgets and Adoption of 2009 Audited Financial Statements – to follow Adoption of Minutes
- Mayor Houston
- Move Business Item 10.b. – Development Permit Application in DC-1 – Direct Control Comprehensive District – 404 Calahoo Road - to follow Public Hearings
 - add Safe City Initiative – High Visibility Signage – Business Item 10.f.

144-10 (CS) Moved by Alderman Rothe that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. May 17, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes and May 25, 2010 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

145-10 (CS) Moved by Alderman Steinburg that the May 17, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes and the May 25, 2010 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Item 10.c. was moved to this area of the agenda.

- 10.c. Architectural Services for Gymnastics Facility

146-10 (P&I) Moved by Alderman Baxter that Administration be directed to prepare an agreement with Aerials Gymnastics Club to fund a detailed architectural design for a new gymnastics facility; total cost to an upset limit of \$300,000 to be cost shared 50% by Aerials Gymnastics Club and 50% by the City of Spruce Grove.

Carried

Business Item 10.d. was moved to this area of the agenda.



10.d. Restatement of Approved 2009 & 2010 Budgets and Adoption of 2009 Audited Financial Statements

Mr. John Stelter and Ms. Taylor Rolheiser with KPMG Auditors came before Council to provide the external audit results of the 2009 Consolidated Financial Statements for the City of Spruce Grove.

147-10 (CS)

Moved by Alderman Rothe that the 2009 and 2010 approved budgets be restated as presented in accordance with new financial reporting standards and that the 2009 Consolidated Financial Statements be approved as presented.

Carried

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. C-742-10 – Road Closure Bylaw – Portion of Railway Avenue

Mayor Houston called the Public Hearing to order at 6:24 p.m. on Bylaw C-742-10 – Road Closure Bylaw – Portion of Railway Avenue.

There were no written or verbal submissions received from the public.

Mayor Houston declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:26 p.m.

b. C-750-10 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Redistricting – Harvest Ridge Trail Connection

Mayor Houston called the Public Hearing to order at 6:26 p.m. on Bylaw C-750-10 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Redistricting – Harvest Ridge Trail Connection.

There were no written or verbal submissions received from the public.

Mayor Houston declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:29 p.m.

c. C-751-10 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Redistricting – Greenbury Stage 1

Mayor Houston called the Public Hearing to order at 6:29 p.m. on Bylaw C-751-10 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Redistricting – Greenbury Stage 1.

There were no written or verbal submissions received from the public.



Mayor Houston declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:31 p.m.

- d. Development Permit Application in DC-1 - Direct Control
Comprehensive District - Lots 36 to 40, Block 6, Plan 2387AR - 309
First Avenue

Mayor Houston called the Public Hearing to order at 6:31 p.m. on Development Permit Application in DC-1 - Direct Control Comprehensive District - Lots 36 to 40, Block 6, Plan 2387AR – 309 First Avenue.

Mr. Ed Huber of 211 McPherson Avenue came before Council to advise that as the development permit applicant, he is willing to comply with the proposed conditions of the permit and indicated that one of the provisions has already been acted upon.

Mayor Houston declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

- e. Development Permit Application in DC-1 - Direct Control
Comprehensive District – 404 Calahoo Road

Mayor Houston called the Public Hearing to order at 6:36 p.m. on Development Permit Application in DC-1 - Direct Control Comprehensive District – 404 Calahoo Road.

Mr. Nicolas Carels, representing Qualico Developments came before Council with concerns regarding the development permit application for 404 Calahoo Road. Mr. Carels noted that the soil screening operation is having a negative impact on the quality of life for residents of Windsor Estates at 511 Queen Street.

Ms. Cheryl Viau of 104 Jespersen Avenue came before Council to voice her concerns about poor air quality and associated health issues as a result of the soil screening operation at 404 Calahoo Road.

Ms. Genevieve Skeels of 104 Spruce Glen came before Council to comment on the harmful effects of the soil screening operation at 404 Calahoo Road and inquired if any studies have been undertaken to monitor air quality in the area. Ms. Skeels also commented on the possible exposure of toxins into the air as a result of the operations.

Ms. Mary Adams of 511 Queen Street came before Council to question the origin of the soil being brought onto the property at 404 Calahoo Road and voiced her concerns about soil contamination issues.



A representative with Trans Global Holdings came before Council to indicate that his company supports the denial of the development permit application, citing increased traffic, noise and dust issues in the area of 404 Calahoo Road.

Mr. Gary Laing of 404 Calahoo Road came before Council as the development permit applicant to indicate that he doesn't feel that the soil screening operation is solely responsible for the dust and noise in the area. He provided Council with information about the origin of the soil and stated that soil tests have been performed and are available upon request.

Mayor Houston declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:56 p.m.

Business Item 10.d. was moved to this area of the agenda.

10.b. Development Permit Application in DC-1 - Direct Control Comprehensive District – 404 Calahoo Road

148-10 (P&I)

Moved by Alderman Jensen that Development Permit Application PL20100309 be refused for the following reasons:

That the subject site is within the city centre,

and

That the proposed use, a top soil screening operation, is incompatible with surrounding residential, institutional and commercial uses.

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations scheduled on the agenda.

Mayor Houston called for a recess at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Houston reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



5. DELEGATIONS

a. Victim Services Society of Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and District

Shirley Shimenosky, President, Mr. Craig Albers, Vice President and Mr. Jack Wright, Treasurer of the Victim Services Society of Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and District came before Council to make a brief presentation on the program and activities of the society, their annual budget and operational requirements of the service within the community.

149-10

Moved by Alderman Acker that the Victim Services Society report be accepted as information.

Carried

6. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions asked of Council.

7. COUNCIL UPDATES

a. Spruce Grove Public Library Board

Alderman Rothe provided Council with an update on the recent activities of the Spruce Grove Public Library Board and in particular, details of a strategic planning process that the board has initiated for the 2010 – 2014 time period.

150-10

Moved by Alderman Rothe that his report be accepted as information.

Carried

8. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

a. City Manager Updates

There were no updates provided.

b. Spruce Grove/Stony Plain RCMP Quarterly Report

Inspector Graham and Sergeant Martin with the Spruce Grove/Stony Plain RCMP Detachment came before Council to present a quarterly report on the RCMP operations and resourcing requirements for 2011.



Inspector Graham introduced S/Sgt. Dave Gazley as the new staff sergeant for the detachment.

Corporal Creaser with the detachment's Tri Municipal Drug Section provided Council with an overview of the recent activities of the drug unit.

Constable Foster with the detachment's Crime Reduction Unit provided Council with an overview of the unit's mandate and details of his section's activities.

9. BYLAWS

- a. C-750-10 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Redistricting – Harvest Ridge Trail Connection

151-10 (P&I/CS)

Moved by Alderman Steinburg that second reading be given to Bylaw C-750-10 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting - Harvest Ridge Trail Connection.

Carried

- b. C-751-10 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting – Greenbury Stage 1

152-10 (P&I/CS)

Moved by Alderman Jensen that second reading be given to Bylaw C-751-10 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting - Greenbury Stage 1.

Carried

- c. C-755-10 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Redistricting - 306 Calahoo Road

153-10 (P&I/CS)

Moved by Alderman Baxter that first reading be given to Bylaw C-755-10 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Redistricting - 306 Calahoo Road.

Carried

- d. C-753-10 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Secondary Suites

154-10 (P&I/CS)

Moved by Alderman Acker that first reading be give to Bylaw C-753-10 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment – Secondary Suites.

Carried



e. C-705-09 - Natural Gas Franchise Agreement

155-10 (CS)

Moved by Alderman Acker that second reading be given to Bylaw C-705-09 - Natural Gas Franchise Agreement.

Carried

156-10 (CS)

Moved by Alderman Rothe that third reading be given to Bylaw C-705-09 - Natural Gas Franchise Agreement.

Carried

f. C-754-10 - Assessment Review Boards Bylaw

157-10 (CS)

Moved by Alderman Baxter that first reading be given to Bylaw C-754-10 - Assessment Review Boards Bylaw.

Carried

158-10 (CS)

Moved by Alderman Steinburg that second reading be given to Bylaw C-754-10 - Assessment Review Boards Bylaw.

Carried

159-10

Moved by Alderman Rothe that consent be given to proceed with third reading of Bylaw C-754-10 – Assessment Review Boards Bylaw.

Unanimously Carried

160-10 (CS)

Moved by Alderman Acker that third reading be given to Bylaw C-754-10 - Assessment Review Boards Bylaw.

Carried

10. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Development Permit Application in DC-1 - Direct Control Comprehensive District - Lots 36 to 40, Block 6, Plan 2387AR - 309 First Avenue

161-10 (P&I)

Moved by Alderman Jensen that Development Permit Application PL20100000185 be approved subject to the 14(fourteen) conditions as listed in the agenda report,

and



161-10 (cont'd)

That authority be delegated to the Development Officers of the City of Spruce Grove to administer the Land Use Bylaw in respect of enforcement for this proposed development and subsequent development permit applications which are temporary, minor or accessory in nature.

Carried

Financial Policies

162-10 (CS)

- e. Moved by Alderman Baxter that Policies 3,037 - Accumulated Surplus, 3,036 - Accounting, and 3,030 One Time Revenue be approved as presented and that Policies 3,025 - Reserves and 3,031 – Internal Borrowing be rescinded.

Carried

- f. Safe City Initiative – High Visibility Signage

163-10 (CAPS/P&I)

Moved by Alderman Acker that as part of a safe city initiative, Council direct Administration to implement the installation of high visibility reflector stop signs at key intersections throughout the City at a cost not to exceed \$7,500 with funds coming from Council Contingency.

Carried

11. ACCEPTANCE OF INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Various Board and Committee Meeting Minutes

164-10

Moved by Alderman Baxter that the various board and committee meeting minutes be accepted as information.

Carried

165-10

Moved by Alderman Rothe that Council go into Closed Session at 9:52 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Houston called for a recess at 9:52 p.m.

Mayor Houston reconvened the meeting at 10:00 p.m.



12. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

Council went into Closed Session to discuss the following item as permitted under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, c.F-25.

b. Collective Bargaining – IAFF Settlement

166-10

Moved by Alderman Acker that the Regular Meeting reconvene at 10:07 p.m.

Carried

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

167-10 (HR)

b. Moved by Alderman Baxter that Council approve the negotiated terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Spruce Grove and the Spruce Grove Firefighters, IAFF Local 3021.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

168-10

Moved by Alderman Acker that the Regular Meeting adjourn at 10:08 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

RECORDING SECRETARY