

TOWN OF BIENFAIT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Office at Bienfait, Saskatchewan

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Bonokoski
Councillors Ivan Boyer - *absent*
Shirley Wheeler - *absent*
Steven Matthewson - *absent*
Les Christensen
David Johnson
Gerald Resler
Administrator Jessica Franklin

21/09/01-01 Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Mayor Ken Bonokoski called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

21/09/01-02 Delegate

6:00 p.m. Austin Garvey of Connect Energy met with Council via zoom to discuss signing a natural gas supply Renewal Agreement for the Town of Bienfait. Austin presented the options of signing onto a 3-year guaranteed savings that will offer a gas supply of 5% lower than SaskEnergy's or a 5-year locked-in fixed rate of \$.1445/m³ or at least \$.0001/m³ less than SaskEnergy's rate for the period of the Agreement.

6:12 p.m. Austin Garvey departed the meeting.

21/09/01-04 Minutes:

Resler/Johnson

THAT the minutes of August 11, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council shall be approved as presented.
Carried

21/09/01-05 Reports:

Resler/Christensen

THAT the following reports be accepted as presented:

- a. Verbal Reports
Council Reports
- b. Written Staff Reports – nothing to report
Administrator's Report
- c. Committee and Other
- d. Other Written Reports – nothing to report
- e. Waterworks Operational Records – August 2021 as prepared by the Public Works Employees Ed Johansen and Cory Johansen.

Carried

21/09/01-06 Financials:

a. Bill List No. 1:

Resler/Christensen

THAT Bill List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10201 – cheque #10232 in the amount of \$54,690.26 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried



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b. Payroll List No. 1:

Johnson/Resler

THAT Payroll List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10015 – cheque #10022 in the amount of \$11,073.35 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

c. Payroll List No. 2:

Johnson/Resler

THAT Payroll List No. 2 as indicated by cheque #10023 – cheque #10030 in the amount of \$10,182.83 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

d. Financial Statements:

Johnson/Christensen

THAT the Financial Statements for the Month of August 2021 shall be approved as presented.

Carried

21/09/01-07 Unfinished Business:

a.) Asphalt Crack Sealing

Johnson/Christensen

THAT the asphalt crack sealing be tabled until March 2022 to ensure budgetary and staffing requirements are met prior to a decision on rental or purchase of the equipment.

Carried

b.) Bylaw No. 3 (2021) Water and Sewer Management

Johnson/Resler

THAT Bylaw No. 3 (2021) being a Bylaw for Water and Sewer Management be introduced and read for the first time.

Carried

c.) Connect Energy Natural Gas Supply Renewal

Resler/Christensen

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall renew its Natural Gas Supply Agreement with Connect Energy, Suite 201, 203 Stonebridge Boulevard, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; the renewal shall be for a 5-year term beginning November 1, 2021 at a price of \$3.73/GJ.

Carried

21/09/01-08 New Business:

a.) List of Lands in Arrears

Christensen/Resler

THAT Council acknowledge the List of Land in Arrears as presented; and that there shall be a letter sent out to all ratepayers that are in tax arrears giving them until September 30, 2021 to have their arrears paid in full or their properties will be advertised on the tax enforcement list.

Carried

b.) WTP Hatch Lid Covers

Johnson/Resler

THAT the WTP Hatch Lid Covers be tabled until the next regular meeting of Council to request approval from Water Security Agency on the material and design of the hatch lid cover prior to purchase.

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c.) The Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book

Christensen/Resler

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall approve a 1/10 page (business card) size advertisement for the Town of Bienfait to be printed in the Military Service Recognition Book published by the Royal Canadian Legion Saskatchewan Command for a cost of two hundred and five dollars (\$205.00), which includes GST; this book recognizes and honours many of Saskatchewan's veterans who have served Canada

Carried

d.) Incident Report – August 17, 2021

Resler/Christensen

THAT the incident report dated August 17, 2021 regarding a broken vehicle window due to a rock being thrown from the lawnmower be acknowledged and kept on file; and that the estimate to repair the window be brought to Council for approval.

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e.) Incident Report – August 17, 2021

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Carried

f.) SSEP Bienfait Historical Tourism Plan – Support In Kind Letter

Resler/Johnson

THAT the Administrator shall submit to SSEP a letter of support for the Bienfait Historical Tourism Plan stating the Town of Bienfait shall provide in kind support of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) towards the grant application.

Carried

g.) Prairie Western Reclamation & Const. Inc Property Sale Proposal

Resler/Johnson

THAT Council for the Town of Bienfait has received and discussed the property sale proposal received by Prairie Western Reclamation & Const. Inc; AND that the Council for the Town of Bienfait does not have the allocated budget for purchase of the property: AND that the Administrator shall send a letter to Prairie Western Reclamation & Const. Inc. in thanks for the preparation and submission of the property sale proposal.

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h.) Tractor Quotes

Resler/Christensen

THAT the Town of Bienfait received the following quotes regarding the purchase of a new tractor:

- Nelson Motors & Equipment Partnership
2021 John Deere 5055E Utility Tractor and 540M Loader
\$60,183.49 + taxes
- Redhead Equipment
2021 Kubota MX6000 and Loader
\$48,046.19 + taxes
- E. Bourassa & Sons Equipment Ltd.
2021 New Holland Boomer 50 w/260TLA2 Loader Tractor
\$46,500.00 + taxes
- Agriterra Equipment
Massey Ferguson 2860 MH
\$55,105.00 + taxes
- Agriterra Equipment
Massey Ferguson 4708
\$69,405.00 + taxes

After consideration of the quotes provided, the tractor quotes shall be tabled until further information regarding the delivery dates and warranty offered becomes available; AND due to time concerns, a decision of purchase shall be made through email.

Carried

7:22 p.m. Before any discussion took place regarding the Public Works employees use of equipment, an in-camera session was requested.

7:27 p.m. the meeting was reconvened.

i.) Public Works Employee Use of Equipment

There were not motions made regarding the Public Works Employee Use of Equipment.

j.) 412 Main Street Rental

Christensen/Resler

THAT the 412 Main Street Rental shall be tabled to allow Administration to send away for asbestos reports for the safety of renting the building; AND that this shall be brought back for discussion once a report is completed.

Carried

21/09/01-09 Correspondence:

Resler/Johnson

THAT the correspondence as listed on the agenda be acknowledged and filed for future reference.

Carried

21/09/01-10 Other Business:

21/09/01-11 Adjournment:

Bonokoski/Christensen

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Carried

Mayor



Administrator