

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, January 27, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Steven Harasen
Councillor Roger Shott
Councillor Bev Dale (arrived late)
Councillor James Jeffery (left early)
Councillor Maureen Schmidt
Councillor Beverly Mercer
Clerk Delma Stajkowski

ABSENT: Councillor Dawne Kilgour

Mayor Harasen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Councillor Shott declared a conflict on cleaning salaries if required.

RESOLUTIONS:

Declaring this a Special Meeting of Council to review the 2010 Budget

Res. No. 24-01-2010

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT this be declared a Special Meeting of Council to review the 2010 Budget.

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS:

2010 Budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the 2010 budget.

The Operations Manager was requesting funding to supplement a support seasonal person to strictly operate the brush-mower tractor during the summer months. This would free up the other seasonal person to handle vacation relief and assist on capital projects. Legislation requires bridge inspections to be done on an annual basis and as such a new line item would be included to cover this expenditure. In reply to Councillor Mercer, the Operations Manager stated that respirators and/or a cab pressurization unit would be reviewed for the excavator. Council was advised that the new (used) plow truck was in their shop being inspected. It would be sent to Fort Garry for a thorough safety inspection to ensure that it was up to standards and ready to work. The Operations Manager advised that a new plow truck should not be deferred for more than 1-2 years. Mr. Johansson stated that he would also like to acquire a used grapple and thumb to fit our excavator to be used to sort the refuse in the non-burnable pile at the landfill sites in the hopes that the grinder can be utilized in 2010.

The Operations Manager advised that he was having one of the old V-plows retrofitted to fit the grader.

The Pine River Bridge should be out to tender shortly. Graveling of four roads in Scoble was on the capital expenditures list for 2010 (Boundary; E. Oliver Lake; Oliver Creek and McCluskey Roads). The gravel would come out of the pit in Stanley with the residual material going to spot-gravel other roads in the area. Pardee Road east of the bridge would also receive gravel and some ditching.

Mr. Johansson updated Council with regards to one of the garage furnaces that needs to be replaced.

Fire Chief Douglas advised Council that Lt. Budiselic and himself had responded to a call on Saturday night and were surprised, but pleased, to see that the homeowner had left cards of appreciation for them. He, however requested that the Clerk return the generous gifts that were also included, with thanks. The homeowner was to be advised that should they wish, a donation to the NFRA would be acceptable.

Fire Chief Douglas, Deputy Fire Chief Ashbee and Lieutenant Budiselic outlined the basic expenditures for the Fire Department. The budget was being held with the Department being run conservatively, but without jeopardizing or decreasing any safety aspects. The budget for salaries would remain as is for 2010; however, 2011 would see an increase as the Lieutenant(s) will be taking a more active role in the organization. VFIS insurance saw an increase for the first time in 15 years. Building maintenance will see new oil tanks and furnaces in at least 2 halls. The equipment maintenance will include pump maintenance; and includes any updates required to bring them up to spec. There will be additional training and spot checks will be performed on vehicles that were sent out for repairs.

Bunker gear is an ongoing item that requires replacements of older units. There will continue to be a focus on safety gear, the yellow suits; proper winter footwear and safety leather fire boots.

Deputy Chief Ashbee was pleased to update Council on the progress of the new tanker which should be in service in late spring. Rescue 109 will need to be replaced within the next year or two. Health & Safety issues were discussed at some length.

Fire Chief Douglas advised that the Fire Department would be purchasing additional handheld 40w radios, and mobile repeaters for the vehicles which would allow for better reception.

The General Government budget was reviewed, and outside of additional part-time staff being questioned as to need, it was fairly clear cut. The Clerk stated that an additional person, one day a week, was being requested so that the Health & Safety Policy Manual could be completed.

Mayor Harasen stated that some of the Neebing News expenditures should be allocated to the Fire Department for Public Safety and Education.

Policing should be \$170,000 and not \$135,000.

Discussions ensued surrounding the request from the LRCA for their building initiatives.

It was noted that the walls should be painted and textured so that the sight impaired could feel their way around the perimeter of the building.

Corrections; deletions and additions would be provided to Council prior to the next meeting dated Wednesday, February 10th.

CONCLUDING REPORTS:

The Mayor advised that he would not be present at the next budget meeting.

Res. No. 25-01-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

WHEREAS the Mayor and the Deputy-Mayor are absent from the Meeting; and

WHEREAS there is a quorum so that the Meeting can proceed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT BEV MERCER be appointed Acting Mayor for this Special Meeting dated February 10, 2010.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 26-01-2010

Moved by: Roger Shott

Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:59 p.m., this Special Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT