Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

March 20, 2017 - 7:00pm

Village of Duchess Council Chambers

Councillors present: Mayor Bruce Snape

Councillor Tony Steidel Deputy Mayor Wayne Dahl Councillor Darren Drader

Councillors absent: Councillor Shannyn Rus

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO & Kent Torkelson PW

Sharon Zacharias 7:30

Mayor Bruce Snape called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motions

O16-17 <u>Councillor Dahl</u> motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Duchess Council held on February 20, 2017 as presented.

Carried Unanimous

Village of Duchess

O17-17 <u>Councillor Steidel</u> motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Duchess Council held on February 27, 2017 as presented.

Carried Unanimous

018-17 <u>Councillor Dahl motioned to adopt the agenda.</u>

Carried Unanimous

Board and Committee Reports *a copy of submitted reports will be retained in the office.

<u>Newell Foundation & Housing</u> – A life lease meeting was held in Brooks to gauge interest <u>Duchess Library</u> – Duchess library is working on policy updates.

Shortgrass Library - policy updates

FCSS

Mayor Snape Proclaimed April 23rd – 29th as National Volunteer Week.

EXPO supper in Scandia honoring Brooks will be on April 8th

Regional Landfill – no requisition increase this year

<u>911</u>

Newell Regional Service Corporation -

Fire

<u>Ag Society</u> - April 1st - Cattleman's Dinner April 29th - Lobster feed Small Town Saturday Night and the 50/50 will be drawn on May 13th.

Canadian Badlands - Yvonne Cosh & Vicki Steidel attended.

Recreation Parks Cultural

EXPO - Honoring Brooks supper is in Scandia on April 8th.

Mayor & Reeves

Joint Services

<u>Newell Transportation Logistics Project</u> – Councillor Drader updated on what would be required for the transportation hub.

<u>Palliser Economic Partnership</u> – Councillor Drader updated on the broadband project and he will continue to stay up to date on this project.

Sharon Zacharias joined the Council meeting at 7:30pm.

New Business

O19-17 <u>Councillor Steidel</u> motioned for approval of cheques as presented cheques 14740 – 14899 & 990006-9914713prepaids totaling \$225,260.17.

Carried Unanimous

Small Town Saturday Night contest was discussed. The second round of voting has started and Duchess is in 4th place.

Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt - attached

Public Works - Kent Torkelson

CAO – Yvonne Cosh

The City of Brooks procurement session was a worthwhile event were vendors initiated contact in regards to products they could provide to the Village / Recreation facilities /

school, etc. The contact numbers were forwarded to the appropriate groups.

Financial – Sharon Zacharias

Sharon gave a financial update and some very initial budget talks started. PW and Admin will gather more information and costs.

Jeff Benson will attend the next Council meeting to present the audited financial statements.

Meeting sheets were handed in Adjourn 10:20pm

Budget meeting April 10, 2017 @ 7pm Next Council meeting Tuesday April 18, 2017 @6pm

Mayor Drugo Chang	 	
Mayor Bruce Snape		
CAO Yvonne Cosh		