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SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Budget meeting** held on Monday, **November 7, 2016** at 10:06 A.M. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Reeve, Mr. Craig Lukinuk in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Monday, November 7, 2016</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present
4	Cary Smigerowsky	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
CAO	Cory Ollikka	Present
Asst CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present

Members of Administrative Staff in attendance:

Doug Ponich – Public Works Manager	Present
Dave Kully – Public Works Shop Foreman	Present
Bob Novosiwsky – Public Works Foreman	Absent
Trevor Tychkowsky – Safety Officer	Absent
Ed English – Peace Officer/Rec. Manager	Present
Jordan Ruegg, Planning & Dev. Manager	Present
Tori Cherniawsky – Agricultural Fieldman	Present
Scott Franchuk – Fire Chief	Present
Dave Franchuk – Env. Operations Manager	Present
John Malysh – Natural Gas Manager	Absent
Thomas Ponich – Asst.Nat.Gas Manager	Present
Paul Miranda – GIS/Communication Director	Absent

2 members of the public.

2. Agenda:

Agenda

94-16: Orichowski

That the Agenda for Monday, November 7, 2016 County Council Budget Meeting be adopted, as amended.

Additions:

1. Vilna and Bellis Citizens on Patrol, Letter dated November 4, 2016.
2. Reserve Fund Summary.
3. Executive Session - Legal Land Issue - Former Nuisance Ground at Waskatenau.
4. Priorities Letter for Meeting with Minister of Transportation.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

No Minutes.

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**Natural Gas Budget
Discussion**

4. Issues for Decision:

The following items were discussed with respect to the proposed Natural Gas Budget:

- Natural Gas Manager's upcoming retirement.
- Capital upgrades needed for the Regulating Metering and Odourizing (RMO) Station 4369, Tap 5 that provides the natural gas supply to the Town of Smoky Lake.
- Capital equipment requirements.

95-16: Bobocel

That Smoky Lake County extend an invitation to the Town of Smoky Lake, Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer as well as Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. representatives as delegations to the next Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting, scheduled for November 22, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, in regards to the Natural Gas System within the Town of Smoky Lake.

Carried.

96-16: Cholak

That County Council defer the 2017 Natural Gas System Budget to a future meeting.

Carried.

2017 Total Function Budget

Discussion

The following items were discussed with respect to the proposed 2017 Total Function Budget:

- Upcoming Municipal Government Act regulations proposes a 5 to 1 Millrate ratio for non-residential to residential assessments.
- 95% of the 2016 Tax Revenue has been received to date.
- Uncertainty of the total final assessment amounts for the 2017 Taxation Year, due to Linear assessment reductions.
- Uncertainty of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding.
- The value of the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC).

97-16: Orichowski

That County Council defer further discussion of the 2016 Total Function Budget to a future budget meeting.

Carried.

98-16: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County will have a balanced budget in 2017.

Carried.

Vilna and Bellis - Citizens on Patrol

99-16: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County annually contribute in the amount of **\$6,000.00** per year towards the Bellis and Vilna Citizens on Patrol subject to receiving the group's current financial statements; and partner with Vilna and Bellis Citizens on Patrol to provide members with training in MEDIC First Aid, WHIMIS and Flagman Training at no cost, in response to correspondence from Lillian Stahl, Secretary of Vilna Citizens on Patrol, dated November 4, 2016.

Carried.

Smoky Lake County Three Year Capital Plan

100-16: Cholak

That County Council approve an interim budget for 2017 in the amount of \$1,170,250.00 (50% of the 2016 Capital/Project Budget), until the 2017 is finalized.

Carried.

Executive Session:

101-16: Cholak

That County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Land Issue in regards to the Former Nuisance Grounds at Waskatenau, legally described as Plan 5225CL, time 11:45 a.m.

Carried.

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102-16: Bobocel

Dave Kully left Council Chamber, time 12:08 p.m.

That County Council go out of Executive Session, time 12:09 p.m.

Carried.

5. Issues For Information:

Operating and Capital Reserve Summary

103-16: Cholak

That the Smoky Lake County 2017 Operating and Capital Reserves Summary Report as prepared by Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager, be filed for information.

Carried.

Freon Removal Training

104-16: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County approve Dave Franchuk, Environmental Operations Manager and Frank Gibson, Landfill Attendant for Freon Removal Training through the Northern Alberta Institution of Technology (NAIT) on November 25, 2016, at the County of St. Paul No. 19's municipal office in St. Paul, Alberta.

Carried.

Meeting with the Minister of Transportation

105-16: Bobocel

That County Council accept the list of priorities to be discussed at the meeting with the Minister of Transportation scheduled for November 16, 2016 during the Fall AAMDC Convention as follows:

1. Former Waskatenau Nuisance Ground - Plan 5225CL, Block OT
2. Bridge # 79279: Located by Hillside Acres – Whitefish Lake Area
3. Authorization for a Bridge Pilot Project using a new bridge material
4. Local Bridge Funding Status
5. Highway 28 and Highway 831: Intersection Amendment
6. Provincial Highways Roadside Mowing and Spraying

Carried.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

106-16: Bobocel

The next Smoky Lake County Council **Budget Meeting** be announced at the next scheduled County Council Meeting.

Carried.

Adjournment:

107-16: Lukinuk

That this meeting be adjourned, time 1:19 p.m.

Carried.

REEVE

NOT APPROVED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER