

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Budget meeting** held on Wednesday, **November 8, 2017** at 9:05 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>Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present
4	Lorne Halisky	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	Present
Ed English – Peace Officer/Rec. Manager	Present
Jordan Ruegg, Planning & Dev. Manager	Absent
Tori Cherniawsky – Agricultural Fieldman	Present
Scott Franchuk – Fire Chief	Present
Dave Franchuk – Env. Operations Manager	Present
Thomas Ponich – Asst. Nat. Gas Manager	Present
Paul Miranda – GIS/Communication Director	Present

Meghan DeRoo McConnan, CA – Partner from Grant Thornton LLP, was present to aid in guiding Council with the Budget Process.

No Members of the Media.

No Members of the Public.

2. Agenda:

Agenda
45-17: Orichowski

That the Agenda for Wednesday, November 8, 2017 County Council Budget Meeting be adopted, as amended:

Deletion:

1. Issue for Decision: 4.5 Payment Proposal – due to lack of information received from Whissell Contracting.

Addition:

2. Schedule County Council Meeting(s).

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

No Minutes.

Capital Replacement **\$1,898,050**

New Project/Assets

Washer/Dryer for Fire Depts.	\$15,000	
Wobly Packer	30,000	
Tractor/Mower/Trailer for landfill	25,000	
Credit Card Reader for Spedden/Bellis	20,000	
Line Locator for Gas Dept.	5,000	
		\$ 95,000

Transfer to reserve for future

Admin Building (major repairs)	50,000	
Nuisance Ground Reclamation	75,000	
Warspite RV Park development	100,000	
Fire Equipment Replacement	10,000	
Fire Truck	100,000	
Fire Equipment Storage Shop	25,000	
Air Bottle Replacement	5,000	
Grader	300,000 *	
Garbage Truck	25,000	
		\$ 690,000

*We have been replacing a grader every year, however the price is increasing so dramatically (in 2012 \$465,000 vs current \$600,000) that management is recommending that we replace a grader every second year and use 2 years to collect enough funds.

The Capital budget will be funded by using:

- \$602,000 reserves
- \$474,063 grants
- \$110,000 expected proceeds from asset sales
- \$1,668,987 property tax revenue

This is \$996,309 more than the 2016 budget.

(a 1% increase in property taxes = approx. \$120,000)

Future years will also require an increased amount of property tax revenue to fund capital:

Year	Property Tax Revenue
2019	\$1,744,673
2020	\$2,872,653
2021	\$1,561,768
2022	\$2,169,043

Another item of note is the upcoming decommission of Communication Radio Towers used by Emergency Services. Administration is currently looking into options to so service is not interrupted. The cost estimate is between \$20,000 and over \$200,000. One possibility is to enter into an agreement with Aspen View School Division to utilize their Communication Tower. Administration will be bringing more information forward to Council once it is received.

48-17: Halisky

That County Council defer the Five-Year Capital Plan Budget: 2017-2019 to a future Budget Meeting.

Carried.

Three-Year Road Plan

Discussion was held in regard to the following Three-Year Road Plan based on County wide priorities.

49-17: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County Council defer the Three-Year Road Plan to a future County Council Budget Meeting.

Carried.

Meeting Recessed Meeting recessed for Lunch, time 12:10 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened The meeting reconvened on a call to order by Reeve Craig Lukinuk at 12:43 p.m. in the presence of all Council, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Public Works Manager, Communications Manager, Fire Chief, Agricultural Fieldman, Natural Gas Manager, Environmental Operations Manager, Public Works Shop Foreman, Safety Officer and Recording Secretary.

5. Issues For Information:

Reserves - Restricted Surplus

No discussion was held.

6. Correspondence:

No Correspondence.

7. Delegation:

No Delegation.

Next Meeting(s):

County Council Meeting(s)

50-17: Orichowski That a **County Council Meeting** be scheduled for Thursday, **December 14, 2017** at 9:00 a.m.; to be held at the County Council Chambers. Carried.

51-17: Orichowski That a **County Council Meeting** be scheduled for Thursday, **January 25, 2017** at 9:00 a.m.; to be held at the County Council Chambers. Carried.

52-17: Orichowski That a **County Council Budget Meeting** be scheduled for Wednesday, **December 13, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. in County Council Chambers. Carried.

Adjournment:

53-17: Lukinuk That this meeting be adjourned, time 12:58 p.m. Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER