

Minutes of a meeting of the Amherstburg Municipal Council held Monday, February 11, 2002

PRESENT:

Mayor Tony DiBartolomeo
Deputy Mayor Robert Pillon
Councillor Mickey Bezaire
Councillor Lynne Fox
Councillor Frank Gorham
Councillor Anthony Leardi
Councillor Rosa White

ALSO PRESENT:

Hilary Payne, Interim CAO
David Mailloux, Clerk
Pam Malott, Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector

PRAYER

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillors Lynne Fox and Rosa White both declared a conflict of interest regarding a report from Lory Bratt concerning Official Plan Amendment #1 and neither of them participated in the discussion or voted on the matter.

MINUTES

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by F. Gorham that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Amherstburg Municipal Council held Monday, January 28, 2002, be adopted.

Motion Carried

ACCOUNTS

Moved by L. Fox, seconded by F. Gorham that the accounts as issued by the Treasurer for the period ending February 8, 2002, be approved for payment.

Motion Carried

Moved by F. Gorham, seconded by L. Fox that we waive rules of order to hear the delegations.

Motion Carried

PETITIONS & DEPUTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUES & GIFTS

ROBERT TAYLOR	36 YEARS OF SERVICE
NORMAN MARTIN	33 YEARS OF SERVICE
MARVIN MCKENZIE	16 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mayor DiBartolomeo and Deputy Mayor Pillon congratulated Mr. Taylor and Mr. Martin. Mr. McKenzie was not able to attend.

Mary Faccenda asked that she rather than Albert Faccenda be allowed to address Council regarding the location of the Skateboard Park. Mary Faccenda on behalf of the residents in the area of the Skateboard Park brought forth a number of concerns about the conduct of past users of the facility. Among the problems noise was the biggest however there were others such as litter, profane language being used, broken bottles, fights and rowdiness. She suggested that a more remote location be found. Money is being used to purchase new equipment when the Town has not yet repaired a sewer that has been causing problems in area basements.

A discussion took place on the concerns brought forth by Mrs. Faccenda.

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by R. Pillon that Council resume.

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PETITIONS & DEPUTATIONS

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by F. Gorham that we receive the presentation from Mary Faccenda regarding the Skateboard Park.

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by M. Bezaire that we make a request to the Police Service Board through Board Chairman Lynne Fox and member Tony DiBartolomeo that a vigilant watch be performed by the Police Services with respect to noise, litter, and curfew enforcement and that Lou Zarlenga and the Recreation Committee be asked to encourage voluntary compliance among the users.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Item #1

Moved by R. White, seconded by L. Fox that the letter from the Town of Mississippi Mills requesting Council=s support of their resolution regarding Athe spreading and disposal of untreated hauled septage@ be received and that Council support the resolution.

Motion Carried

Item #2

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by F. Gorham that the letter from the North American Black Historical Museum, Inc requesting a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00, be received and referred to Budget Session.

Motion Carried

Item #3

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by F. Gorham that the letter from Denise Poisson regarding the County Official Plan be received.

Motion Carried

Item #4

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by R. White that the letter from Essex Region Conservation Authority regarding promotion of a Rural Non-Point Source Remediation Program be received and that Council concur with their request to help promote and inform the public about the incentive program.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE CONT=D.

Item #5

Moved by F. Gorham, seconded by R. Pillon that the letter from Bill McKinnon, Past President, Lake Erie Country Club Ltd. to Bruce Crozier, MPP regarding >Lake Erie Country Club Limited; Essex Region Conservation Authority & EP & EP-01 Zone Marsh Management, be received.

Motion Carried

Item #6

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by L. Fox that the information regarding the 2002 Pitch-in Canada Week campaign being held April 22- 28, 2002, be received and that Council concur with the request to proclaim the week of April 22 - 28, 2002.

Motion Carried

Mayor DiBartolomeo proclaimed the week of April 22 - 28, 2002 as 2002 Pitch-in Canada Week and called upon all loyal citizens to so observe.

Item #7

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by A. Leardi that the letter from the Kinsmen Kinette Club of Canada requesting Council place a Message-of-Support@ in their 2002 Campaign magazine, be received and referred to Budget.

Motion Carried

Item #8

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by F. Gorham that the notice of Public Hearing for an Application for Consent by Yvonne Marie Gagnon, from the Town of Essex, to be held February 20, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. be received.

Motion Carried

Note: This is being circulated to the Town because the application is for property near Co-An Park.

BUSINESS LICENCES

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by A. Leardi that the Business Licence Application from Leslie Blais & Krista Podmenik to open a retail store at 247 Dalhousie St; and

A Cab Drivers Renewal Application from Marjory Sleigh;

be received and approved subject to compliance with all agencies and by-laws.

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Moved by F. Gorham, seconded by A. Leardi that the minutes of a special meeting of the Amherstburg Municipal Council held Monday, January 28, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. be adopted.

Motion Carried

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by F. Gorham that the minutes of a Public Services, Parks, Recreation & Community Centres Board meeting held Monday, February 4, 2002, be adopted.

Motion Carried

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by F. Gorham that the minutes of a General Government, Planning & Development Committee meeting held Monday, February 4, 2002, be adopted.

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by R. White that the report from Steve Brown, Chief Building Official regarding Temporary Housing - World Youth Days be received.

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by R. White that the report from Lou Zarlenga, Public Services Manager, regarding a request for maintenance of the 2nd Concession Drain be received and that Council concur with the recommendation to accept the request for drain maintenance and that Council further directs and appoints Bruce D. Crozier Engineering to prepare a new drainage report and schedule of assessment and that a preliminary report be initially prepared to investigate the Amherstburg Quarry lands and the Lowes Sideroad Drain crossing issues.

Motion Carried

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by F. Gorham that the report from Lou Zarlenga, Public Services Manager regarding repairs to concrete bridge under County Road 5 (Meloche Road) be received and that Council concur with the recommendation that the public works department request proposals from local bridge contractors and that this work be performed this year.

Motion Carried

Moved by R. White, seconded by M. Bezaire that the report from Lou Zarlenga, Public Services Manager, regarding proposal for roof maintenance program from Tremco service Corporation be received, and that Council concur with the recommendation that both items contained in the report be approved for the 2002 season.

Motion Carried

Moved by R. White, seconded by R. Pillon that the report from Lou Zarlenga, Public Services Manager, regarding a quotation from Canadian Water Services for meter replacement program be received and that Council concur with the recommendation to refer this issue to budget deliberations and should this project be approved that the quotation from Canadian Water Services be accepted and this firm be notified of same prior to the February 15, 2002 price escalation.

Motion Carried

Councillors Lynne Fox and Rosa White declared a Conflict of Interest on the following matter and did not participate in the discussion or voting on the matter.

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by R. Pillon that the report dated February 7, 2002 from Lory Bratt, Planning Co-ordinator regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 1 Proposed Modifications be received and that Council accept the proposed wording as prepared by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing.

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS CONT=D.

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by F. Gorham that the reports from David Mailloux and Lory Bratt regarding Harbour View Condominiums - Island Cove Development concerning By-law 2002-08, be received.

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by R. Pillon that the report from Lory Bratt regarding the County Official Plan be received and that Council concur with the report.

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by F. Gorham that the report from Paul Beneteau, Treasurer regarding E.W.S.W.A. Loan request be received and a reply be forwarded declining their request as funds are not available.

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by R. White that the report from Lou Zarlenga, Public Services Manager regarding the sale of used vehicles and equipment be received and that Council concur with the recommendation that the equipment be sold at auction and that said equipment be delivered to EPD Auctions & Appraisers Ltd. in time for the March 2, 2002 sale.

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Bezaire, R. White that the report from Lou Zarlenga, Public Services Manager, regarding K. Walter Ranta Marina Statistics and Options for 2002 Operation, be received.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fox and Councillor White left the room and did not take part in the voting or discussions on the following report.

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by M. Bezaire that the report from Lory Bratt, planning Coordinator regarding the Mikhail Development be received.

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillors Lynne Fox and Rosa White left the room and did not participate in the discussions and voting on the following matter.

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by F. Gorham that we reconsider the previous motion regarding the deferring of the Official Plan Amendment #3.

Motion Carried

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by F. Gorham that we authorize Planner Jean Monteith to proceed with Official Plan Amendment #3.

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by F. Gorham, seconded by L. Fox that we declare February 18 - 25, 2002 as Heritage Week.

Motion Carried

MAYOR DIBARTOLOMEO PROCLAIMED THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18 TO 25, 2002 AS HERITAGE WEEK.

Councillor Anthony Leardi spoke on the success of Guino Anderson in winning a Province wide painting competition sponsored by the Games Workshop.

Councillor Bezaire clarified that the cost of the Dog Pound to the Town of Amherstburg was not \$60,000.00 as previously suggested.

Councillor White suggested a new policy that when major expenditures are being considered two resolutions or questions are required. The first being to make the purchase and the second being the method of financing.

The CAO suggested that a report be prepared for Council.

Councillor White suggested that Council consider meeting in various places in the Town such as the Malden Area or the McGregor area. The CAO suggested that a report be prepared for Council.

Mayor DiBartolomeo advised that the new McDonalds Restaurant had their ribbon cutting ceremony this past week. He welcomed them to Town and wished them success.

Mayor DiBartolomeo suggested that Council consider reducing the cost of an Industrial Permit Fee to a flat \$100.00 for the balance of the present term of Council. He asked that a report be prepared for the next General Government Committee meeting.

Councillor White had a question about tax relief on vacant industrial and commercial properties.

Deputy Treasurer Pam Malott advised that the properties have to qualify every year.

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by F. Gorham that we move in-camera.

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by F. Gorham that we rise.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by M. Bezaire that there being no further business the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

MAYOR

CLERK