

**Minutes of an Amherstburg Municipal Council
Special Public Meeting Budget Review held on
Monday, April 4, 2011
9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers**

PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Ron Sutherland
Councillor Bart DiPasquale
Councillor Robert (Bob) Pillon
Councillor John Sutton
Councillor Diane Pouget
Councillor Carolyn Davies

ALSO PRESENT

Pamela Malott, CAO
Brenda Percy, Manager of Council & Leg. Services/Clerk
Paul Beneteau, Treasurer
Kim Brydon, Accounting Supervisor
Carol Bendo, Human Resources Manager
Dave Carpenter, Manager of IT Services
Antonio Marra, GIS Coordinator
Nikole LeBlanc, Recreation Programmer
Todd Hewitt, Roads Superintendent
Tony DeThomasis, Manager of Parks & Facilities
Dennis Laporte, Director of Recreation and Culture
Lory Bratt, Planning Coordinator
Stephen Brown, Chief Building Official
Randy Sinasac, Fire Chief
Anne Rota, Manager of Tourism and Culture
Lou Zarlenga, Director of Engineering and Infrastructure
Dwayne Grondin, Water & Wastewater Superintendent
Eric Chamberlain, Drainage Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

OPENING REMARKS

Pamela Malott provided opening remarks with respect to the 2011 budget meetings, highlighting the changes to the budget as directed by Council.

Paul Beneteau provided opening remarks which included process to date, funding resources and current pressures impacting rates. A copy of the speaking notes is attached hereto and forms an Addendum to these minutes.

REPORTS

Report # 1

A report from Lou Zarlenga regarding Roads Needs Study 2003 - prepared by Dillon Consulting (*Documentation was provided to Council in electronic format*).

Lou Zarlenga, Director, Engineering and Infrastructure presented the proposed 2011 roads budget based on priority. Lou Zarlenga clarified that the handout is an opinion and based on the Roads Needs Study and is not the budgeted items. Council was directed to refer to the 2011 Capital Budget (Ver. 18 – March 31, 2011) spreadsheet.

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

That the proposed backhoe under the Recreation budget be funded from the Vehicle Replacement Reserve.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Deputy Mayor Sutherland moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Renovations – Nexen Office Building be decreased by \$20,000 for total budgeted amount of \$240,000 for 2011.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Deputy Mayor Sutherland moved, Councillor DiPasquale seconded:

That the draft budget be accepted, as presented and brought back to the April 18, 2011 public meeting of Council for consideration with a total percentage increase at 2.77%.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Councillor DiPasquale identified accessibility issues at the Farmer's Market including a bench and accessible parking spots. He also noted discussions at the Accessibility Committee with regard to handrails at complex and audible signals at High School crossing.

Councillor Davies moved, Councillor Sutton seconded:

That the item be deferred until further investigation whether any grant money is available for the work.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

That Council rise and adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried



MAYOR - WAYNE HURST



CLERK - BRENDA M. PERCY