

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Biggar #347 held Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in the Municipal Office at Biggar, Saskatchewan.

Present:

Reeve – Jeanne Marie de Moissac
Councillor Division 1 – Brad Poletz
Councillor Division 2 – Rob Danychuk
Councillor Division 3 – Wes Goring
Councillor Division 4 – Barry Sagon
Councillor Division 5 – Brian Fick
Councillor Division 6 – Brian Watson
Administrator – Sandi Silvernagle

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, Reeve de Moissac called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA:

13/2020 WATSON: That the February 18, 2020 agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

Correspondence read and acknowledged as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

SMHI DELEGATE AT SARM

14/2020 FICK: Motion to appoint Brian Watson in accordance with Section 3 of The Municipal Hail Insurance Act to attend the Annual Meeting of the SMHI which will be held at Eraz Place, Regina on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Carried

MINUTES:

15/2020 SAGON: That the minutes of the regular meeting of council held January 21, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

Councilors gave a report on their respective divisions. There were no issues or concerns. Division 6 councilor Goring asked that administration notify the councilors when there is road haul agreements or other activity in their respective divisions.

HOST WSA PRESENTATION – Agricultural Water Management Strategy

16/2020 DANYCHUK: That the RM host a presentation by Water Security focusing on the Agricultural Water Management Strategy. This event will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Biggar Town Hall. Notices will be sent to the adjoining municipalities on the presentation, date and time.

Carried

BANK RECONCILIATION:

17/2020 FICK: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of January 2020 and the Financial Statement for January 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

ACCOUNTS:

18/2020 SAGON: That the following list of accounts be approved for payment:
Checks #1022-1044 – \$62,313.85
Utilities – \$2,146.09
MasterCard – \$2,567.69
Remittances - \$14,391.18
Payroll and Per Diems - \$23,673.27
for a total amount of \$105,092.08

Carried

TENDER OPENING:

Tyler Kondra, Engineer with Amec Woods attended the meeting for the Oban/Whiteshore tender opening at 10 a.m. Public members were present at the opening. Tenders were opened and bids read out and noted. There were 18 bids presented. Upon completion of the tender opening Tyler Kondra and members of the public left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

OBAN/WHITESHORE ROAD TENDER AWARDED:

19/2020 WATSON: That the Oban/Whiteshore Tender for the road construction project in 2020 be awarded to Nemanishen Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$159,975.00.

BIGAR REC VALLEY PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP:

20/2020 FICK: That the RM purchase the platinum sponsorship package from the Biggar Rec. Valley for \$700.00. This package provides promotional opportunities during the Biggar Agricultural Days activities and the entire DBSAH Series.

Carried

DELEGATES:

Dan Chapman attended the meeting at 12:20 and did a presentation on the Hwy. 51 construction projects. Dan has met with mayors and councilors and is asking municipalities to support the continuation of completing the reconstruction on Hwy. 51. Mr. Chapman left the meeting at 1 p.m.

OFFICE FURNITURE:

21/2020 GORING: That administration purchase furniture for the reception area and 10 chairs for extra seating for an approximate cost of \$1,500.00.

Carried

ALLOCATE SASK LOTTERIES GRANT

22/2020 POLETZ: Motion to allocate the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program in the amount of \$5,067.00 to the Town of Biggar for sport, culture and recreation.

Carried

Councillor Brian Fick updated council on the Fire Association. The Association has approved the 2020 budget and have engaged SUMAssure as their insurance carrier. The Association has appointed Gerry Besse as the Fire Chief and Kelly Dorosh as Deputy Fire Chief for 2020.

TREES PLANTED IN BUSINESS PARK:

The request for trees to be planted in the buffer zone on the east side of the business park tabled until the next meeting as more information is needed.

2020 HR EMPLOYEE POLICY

23/2020 GORING: That Human Resources Employee Policy be approved for 2020.

Carried

DEVELOP BYLAW FOR ROAD CLOSURE

24/2020 GORING: That a bylaw to provide for the closing and selling (transferring) of a municipal road or street Area B in the NW 35-35-13 W3rd and Area C in the NE 35-35-13 W3rd be completed for reading at the March 17, 2020 meeting.

Carried

PROPERTY APPRAISAL

25/2020 DANYCHUK: That the municipality sign an agreement with SunCorp Valuations to do an insurance appraisal of the municipality properties for approximately \$2,600.00.

Carried

PER DIEMS APPROVED

26/2020 FICK: Motion to approve council per diems in the amount of \$3,360.60.

Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Reeve

Administrator