MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, which was held in Council Chambers, City Hall, Dawson Creek, BC on TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2001.

THOSE PRESENT:
Mayor Blair Lekstrom - Chairman
Councillor Mike Caisley
Councillor Paul Gevatkoff
Councillor Bob Gibbs
Councillor Calvin Kruk
Councillor Bud Powell
Councillor Alvin Stedel

Jim Chute City Administrator
Ian Eggertson City Treasurer
Greg Dobrowolski Director of Development Services - 11:15 am
Tyra Henderson Recording Secretary

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
Mark Nielsen Peace River Block News
Tara Foslien CJDC
Ed Rosales Shaw Cable TV
Nancy Delaney-Morton The Mirror - 10:45 am
Wayne Dahlen Chamber of Commerce
Marilyn Howard Tourist Information
Ellen Corea, Marcheta Leoppky, Anna deMontezuma, Marilyn Howard Item 266
Ruth Smith, Yvonne Sutherland, Kathy Lafort, Deanna Sudnik, Annette Haugen, SPCRS,
Staff Sgt. Gerry Falk Item 267
Nancy Hall-Prince Item 268
Turk Taylor, Carolyn Schoneberg, Bill Kosich, Blake Fleming, John Rossall, Mike Downey Item 269
Albert Erbe. Gordon Moffat, Darcy Jones,
Don Duheme, Mike Palfi, Dave Ellison, Al Needham,
Everett Haney Item 270
Kerry Sledge Item 243

CALL TO ORDER:
The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC:
MOVED by Councillor Stedel, SECONDED by Councillor Kruk that this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 242.3 of the Local Government Act on the following basis:

Agenda Item #1 Minutes as previously noted
Agenda Item #2 Section 242.2 (j) information protected by F.O.I. legislation
Agenda Item #3 Section 242.2 (c) labour matters
Agenda Item #4-5 Section 242.2 (d) security of municipal property

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:
New Business #6 Section 242.2 (e) acquisition, disposal, expropriation of land, ...
New Business #7 Section 242.2 (a) personal information of officer, employee or agent...
New Business #8 Section 242.2 (e) acquisition, disposal, expropriation of land, ...
New Business #9-10 Section 242.2 (d) security of municipal property
New Business #11 Section 242.2 (a) personal information of officer, employee or agent...
New Business #12 Section 242.2 (d) security of municipal property
New Business #13 Section 242.2 (e) acquisition, disposal, expropriation of land, ...
New Business #14 Section 242.2 (d) security of municipal property

RECONVENE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:
The Chairman declared the meeting reconvened and open to the Public at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed the many delegations to the meeting.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:
(266)
Mayor Lekstrom welcomed Ellen Corea, Marcheta Leoppky, Anna deMontezuma, and Marilyn Howard to the meeting for their presentation on the Arts Council Spring Conference. The delegates circulated information about the conference, including the keynote speaker, and invited Council to participate. Mayor Lekstrom thanked them for the invitation and assured that Council would be represented at the luncheon.

Mayor Lekstrom read the Proclamation of the week of April 22-28th as Prevention of Violence Against Women in Relationships Week and then asked the delegation to come forward to accept his congratulations on the work they do and the signed copy of the proclamation. Ruth Smith of SPCRS noted that there will be an information table at the mall on April 26-28th for anyone interested.

Youth Appreciation Week Proc.

Mayor Lekstrom read the Youth Appreciation Week (April 17-24th) Proclamation and then asked Nancy Hall-Prince to accept the signed proclamation on behalf of youth throughout our city. Ms. Hall-Prince asked everyone to remember that it is only a small percentage of youth who make the news in a negative manner, and that the remainder are great contributors to our society. She also noted the Youth Karaoke Contest being held Saturday, April 21 and encouraged the youth of our City to come out and showcase their talents.

Canadian Hunter presentation

Mayor Lekstrom welcomed Mr. Mike Downey, Chief Operating Officer of Canadian Hunter to the meeting and thanked him for coming. The remaining Canadian Hunter staff introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their positions before proceeding with the 45 minute presentation on their operations in the Peace River Region. They noted the difficulty they have with planning moves when the application approval process varies from 20 to 45 days. Following questions from Council, Mayor Lekstrom thanked the delegation for the very informative presentation.

Rural water users rate delegation

Recess: 11:03 a.m.

Reconvene: 11:15 a.m.

Mayor Lekstrom welcomed Director Erbe and the delegation of water vendors to the meeting. Director Erbe addressed Council regarding the proposed water rates for authorized haulers and self haulers, the value of water as a necessity of life, and appealed to the City to work towards a greater community and review the bylaw before adoption. Mr. Mike Palfi also identified some concerns he has with the proposed bylaw and the effects it could have on his business. Mr. Gordon Moffat spoke on behalf of Scott’s Water Service and as well as being a rural resident. He compared our rates with surrounding municipalities and questioned the discrepancy between the rate Pouce Coupe residents pay and other rural users. Some dialogue took place between Councillors and the delegation to clarify issues before Mayor Lekstrom thanked them for attending and assured them that their concerns would be taken into consideration when Council considered adoption of Bylaw 3528, 2001.

MOVED by Councillor Stedel, SECONDED by Councillor Gibbs, that adoption of Bylaw No.3528 be referred to the next meeting of Council scheduled for April 30th, 2001. CARRIED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS GEVATKOFF, POWELL, & KRUK

Councilor Caisley asked Director Erbe for clarification as to what would be on the agenda for the meeting. Director Erbe stated that working toward “the greater community” was a goal of the meeting. A formal letter of invitation will be forwarded to Director Erbe once a date and time have been determined.

Recess: 12:05 p.m.

Reconvene: 12:28 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Powell, SECONDED by Councillor Kruk, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council (Apr.2/01) be adopted. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Item #230 –

MOVED by Councillor Gibbs, SECONDED by Councillor Stedel, that we deny the request from Ducks Unlimited to sponsor their Greenwing program. CARRIED

Item #193 -

MOVED by Councillor Gibbs, SECONDED by Councillor Kruk, that we sponsor the Dawson Creek Fall Fair & Rodeo $5,000 for fireworks. CARRIED
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<td>Item #256</td>
<td>The Administrator reported that Brookside Cemetery is now open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.</td>
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<td>Item #219</td>
<td>The Administrator advised that both he and the Chamber have been assured that the next Peace Directory issued by Telus will include both the BC and Alberta Peace Region. There is a competing directory put out by Western Directories which requires a private sponsor (last time it was RHome Supply).</td>
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<td>Item #243</td>
<td>MOVED by Councillor Gibbs, SECONDED by Councillor Stedel, that a moving permit be granted as per the recommendation contained in the report from the Director of Regulatory Services (Mar.28/01) re: Request from Kersell Construction for Moving Permit to grant the permit subject to the delivery of an irrevocable $2,000.00 letter of credit in favour of the City to ensure the obligation to properly site the trailer and renovate it to create a pleasing appearance is met.</td>
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<td>MOVED by Councillor Stedel, SECONDED by Councillor Powell, that the motion be amended to include a 60 day time limit for completion of the renovations as described in Mr. Sledge’s letter dated Apr.10/01, once the trailer is on site at 11th St. and 99th Ave.</td>
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<td>The Chairman called the Question to the Amendment. CARRIED</td>
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<td>The Chairman called the Question to the Original Motion as Amended. CARRIED</td>
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<td>(272) MOVED by Councillor Gibbs, SECONDED by Councillor Powell, that the letter from the Ministry of Environment, Lands &amp; Parks (Apr.3/01) re: Terroco Oil Spill at Arras/Heritage Hwy - DGIR #21462 be received for information, further, that a copy of the letter be forwarded to Mr. Glenn Sundman. CARRIED</td>
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<td>(273) MOVED by Councillor Lekstrom, SECONDED by Councillor Gibbs, that the letter from the Kiskatinaw Fall Fair (Apr.5/01) be received; further, that the City sponsor a trophy or other prize according to their need, to a maximum of $100.00. CARRIED</td>
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<td>(274)(a) MOVED by Councillor Powell, SECONDED by Councillor Kruk, that the letter from the Dawson Creek &amp; District Chamber of Commerce (Apr.6/01) re: Sign Bylaw 3454 be received for information. CARRIED</td>
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<td>Some discussion ensued regarding the appearance of signs and whether or not they are suitable for display along main routes.</td>
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<td>(274)(b) MOVED by Councillor Gibbs, SECONDED by Councillor Stedel, that the letter from the Dairy Queen (Mar.10/01) be received; further, that Sign Regulation Bylaw No. 3454 be reviewed regarding third party advertising (Section 4.6) CARRIED</td>
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<td>OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR POWELL &amp; MAYOR LEKSTROM</td>
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<td>(275) MOVED by Councillor Gibbs, SECONDED by Councillor Caisley, that the letter from ABN Trucking Drinking Water Service (Apr.10/01) be received; further, that his request for a commercial water licence and rates be approved. The Administrator outlined the process that takes place once an application has been received and approved for us to enter into a contract with them as a water vendor. He also noted that previously there was a limit on the number of water haulers the City would authorize, but that now it has been opened up to free enterprise for the market to dictate how many businesses can exist. The Chairman called the Question to the Motion. CARRIED</td>
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<td>Item #243</td>
<td>(276) MOVED by Councillor Kruk, SECONDED by Councillor Gibbs, that the report from the Building Inspector (Apr.6/01) re: March 2001 Building Permit Report be received for information. CARRIED</td>
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12. Street sweeping

(277) MOVED by Councillor Kruk, SECONDED by Councillor Caisley, that the report from the Administrator (Apr.6/01) re: Street Sweeping be received; further, that the recommendation to continue with the current practice be approved. CARRIED

13. Transit Service - RV Parks

(278) MOVED by Councillor Kruk, SECONDED by Councillor Powell, that the report from the Administrator (Apr.11/01) re: Transit Service - RV Parks be received; further, that the recommendation to provide hourly “on request” service to Shirley’s Trailer Park, on a trial basis, for the 2001 Summer Schedule, be approved; further, that Administration provide promotional material advertising this service to the managers at Shirley’s Trailer park; and further, that the managers at Tubby’s Trailer Park and Mile O Campsite be provided schedule information to inform their customers of the Rotary Lake Transit stop. CARRIED

Art Auction

(279) Mayor Lekstrom noted that the Annual Art Auction was actually attended by Councillor Kruk on his behalf, as he was unable to attend.

14. Mayor’s Itinerary

(280) MOVED by Councillor Kruk, seconded by Councillor Powell, that Land Sale Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw 3525, 2001 be adopted. CARRIED

15. Bylaw No. 3525, 2001

(281) MOVED by Councillor Powell, SECONDED by Councillor Kruk, that Tax Sale Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 3526, 2001 be adopted. CARRIED

16. Bylaw No. 3526, 2001

See (270)

This item (Outside Users Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 3528) was referred to the next meeting of Council (Apr.30/01).

DIARY:

(283) The Administrator had nothing new to report on the Diary.

NEW BUSINESS:

(284) Discussion took place regarding the Kin Park Walking Path entrance. Ideas are required as to what would be appropriate in place of the names of all the groups who participated, as there isn’t sufficient space to accommodate so many names. The risk of missing a group was also noted. Councillor Gibbs suggested maybe the logos only could be used to save space.

(285) MOVED by Mayor Lekstrom, SECONDED by Councillor Stedel, that the Walking Path Entrance Signage be referred to a committee headed by Councillors Kruk & Gibbs to consult with the groups involved and report back. CARRIED

17. Refer Walking Path Signage

18. Budget $18,000 for arbitration

(286) Councillor Stedel advised that no changes have been brought to him for policies under review, and that he intends to bring all polices forward to the next meeting of Council, so any proposed revisions should be submitted to him before then.

Policy review

(287) In response to Councillor Stedel, the Administrator advised that there is no bylaw specifically dealing with construction debris and clean up of same, but that if unsightly premises exist, a complaint can be made to the Bylaw Enforcement department and they will pursue any avenues available to them.
Councillor Kruk noted that he will be participating in the Big Brothers & Sisters “Bowl for Kids” event this Sunday, April 22, 2001.

Councillor Powell advised of his participation in a Vision North conference April 11th in Edmonton with Wayne Dahlen from the Chamber. He stated that it was an excellent conference and that there was lots of interest in Dawson Creek from other participants.

Mayor Lekstrom advised of a Press Release going out to Media regarding the expenditure of funds received from Zurich. He also stated that he will step down as Mayor once the Election call is made and that Councillors Gibbs and Powell will be taking over the duties of Mayor during the 28 day campaign.

In response to Mark Nielson, the Mayor stated that Canadian Hunter had been invited to make their presentation in light of the increased oil & gas activity in the area to help Council understand the industry better.

Mayor Lekstrom also advised Mr. Nielson that the rural user water rate was not set at twice the Pouce Coupe rate arbitrarily, but that the Pouce rate involved negotiations of capital asset transfer, transmission, collection, treatment, etc.

In response to Mr. Rosales, the Administrator noted that sometimes when it looks like the street sweeper has been out on the streets mid-winter it is actually the anti-icing compound being applied to the streets in anticipation of precipitation.

Recess: 1:25 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting recessed to reconvene Closed to the Public portion of the Meeting.

Mayor Blair Lekstrom - CHAIRMAN

Jim Chute - CITY ADMINISTRATOR