## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:00 p.m. Municipal Office at Bienfait, Saskatchewan

PRESENT:

Mayor

Paul Carroll

Councillors

Ivan Boyer - absent

Chris Dupuis Ken Bonokoski Shirley Wheeler

Rob Forster – *arrived at 6:20 p.m.* Steven Matthewson - *absent* 

Administrator

Jessica Franklin

#### 20/06/02-01 Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Mayor Paul Carroll called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

## 20/06/02-02 Delegate

6:00 p.m. – Kevin and Shari Sutter with the Bienfait Swimming Pool Board met with Council to discuss the operations of the pool for the 2020 year, the pool budget and the provincial regulations regarding Covid-19 requirements.

6:29 p.m. - Kevin and Shari Sutter departed the meeting.

#### 20/06/02-04 Minutes:

# Bonokoski/Dupuis

THAT the minutes of June 9, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council shall be approved as corrected.

Carried

#### 20/06/02-05 Reports:

THAT the following reports be accepted as presented:

a. Verbal Reports

Council Reports

b. Written Staff Reports – nothing to report

Administrator's Report

c. Committee and Other

d. Other Written Reports - nothing to report

Carried

# 20/06/02-06 Financials:

# a. Bill List No. 1:

#### Wheeler/Dupuis

THAT Bill List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #9650 – cheque #9670 in the amount of \$61,437.55 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

## b. Payroll Lists No. 1:

#### Bonokoski/Forster

THAT Payroll List No. 2 as indicated by cheque #9744 – cheque #9751 in the amount of \$11,428.87 shall be approved for payment as presented.

Carried

#### c. Payroll Lists No. 2:

## **Dupuis/Forser**

THAT Payroll List No. 2 as indicated by cheque #9759 – cheque #9766 in the amount of \$11,274.68 shall be approved for payment as presented.

Carried

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# d. Council Renumeration:

#### Wheeler/Dupuis

THAT Council Renumeration for the month of June 2020 as indicated by cheque #9752 – cheque #9758 in the amount of \$2,950.00 shall be approved for payment as presented.

Carried

# 20/06/02-07 Unfinished Business:

# a. Nix 6 Electric Ltd. - Lift Station Electrical Upgrades

#### Bonokoski/Dupuis

THAT the lift station electrical upgrades be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council to provide Council the opportunity to meet with Public Works to deliberate on a cost-effective building addition.

Carried

## b. GFL - Garbage Pickup

#### Forster/Wheeler

THAT the GFL Environment Inc. garbage pickup shall be tabled until the next regular meeting of Council.

Carried

#### 20/06/02-08 New Business:

# a. Change of Regular Council Meeting Dates – July and August 2020 Forster/Dupuis

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall change the time and the dates for the following July 2020 Regular Council Meetings:

1. THAT the regular council meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, shall be changed to Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall change the time and the dates for the following August 2020 Regular Council Meetings:

2. THAT the regular council meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, shall be changed to Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

#### b. Grave Marker Damage

#### Dupuis/Wheeler

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait deliberated the request to purchase and replace a damaged grave marker in the Bienfait Cemetery for the estimated cost of one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100.00); and that the Administrator shall send a letter stating the decision to replace the grave marker to the requester in a timely manner.

Carried

#### c. Bienfait Historical Museum

#### Forster/Dupuis

THAT the Bienfait Historical Museum shall open to the public on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 in collaboration with phase 4.2 of the Reopen Saskatchewan Plan; and that the hours of operation for the Bienfait Historical Museum are as follows:

 Wednesday
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

 Thursday
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

 Friday
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

 Saturday
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

 Sunday
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AND that tours can be available Monday and Tuesday by appointment.

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#### **Dupuis/Forster**

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall contact Smart Power for the rental of generator to be placed at the storm catch basin during the months of high precipitation; and that the cost of the rental is as follows:

> \$200.00 Delivery Fee \$250.00 Monthly Standby \$100.00 Daily Usage \$200.00 Return Fee

> > Carried

## e. Bethel School Roof Repair Estimate

# Wheeler/Forster

THAT the Town of Bienfait has approved the purchase of new shingles and materials for the Bethel School roof repairs; and that BDM Roofing offered the installation of the said shingles and materials at zero cost.

Carried

# f. 413 Weldon Road Agreement for Cement

#### **Dupuis/Forster**

THAT the Town of Bienfait discussed the original Agreement between the Town of Bienfait and 413 Weldon Road to install cement work in front and behind the property with the installation of a culvert; and that Council shall grant a variance to construct a swale for water drainage due to the ground levels of the said property.

Carried

#### g. Gateway Cities Golf Sponsor

#### Wheeler/Dupuis

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall purchase a 2020 Silver Sponsorship from Gateway Cities Golf Club for the cost of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Carried

# h. Municipal Property Tax Abatement – Turnbull Excavating

#### Bonokoski/Forster

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall not grant Turnbull's Excavating the municipal property tax abatement of the one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) base tax portion of the 2020 property taxes for the nine (9) vacant lots inclusive located within the Town of Bienfait; and that a letter be sent informing the aforementioned property owner of the decision of Council.

Carried

# Municipal Property Tax Abatement – St. Monica's Parish Church

#### Dupuis/Bonokoski

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall abate the municipal portion of the 2020 property taxes for St. Monica's Parish Hall located at 502 Carbon Avenue, Lot 5, Block 11, Plan No. AA6460 as follows:

> Municipal Base

\$1,190.02

\$1,000.00

Carried

#### j. 2020 Budget

#### Bonokoski/Forster

THAT the 2020 Budget for the Town of Bienfait shall be accepted as presented, which results in a two hundred fifteen thousand seven hundred twenty-nine-dollar (\$215,729.00) cash surplus with a uniform tax rate of 4.10 mills.

Carried

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## k. 2020 Property Tax Mill Rate

#### Wheeler/Forster

THAT after extensive discussion and careful study of the 2020 Budget, the Town of Bienfait shall set the 2020 Property Tax Mill Rate at 4.10 Mills, which is a decrease from the 4.25 2019 Mill Rate.

Carried

# 20/06/02-09 Correspondence:

Dupuis/Bonokoski

THAT the correspondence as listed on the agenda be acknowledged and filed for future reference.

Carried

# 20/06/02-10 Other Business:

## a. Street Sweeper Repairs

Forster/Wheeler

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall contact TNT Repairs to complete the repairs required for the street sweeper.

Carried

# 20/06/02-11 Adjournment:

Carroll/Dupuis

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Administrator