

TOWN OF BIENFAIT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, July 12, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Office at Bienfait, Saskatchewan

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Bonokoski
Councillors Ivan Boyer
Shirley Wheeler
Les Christensen
David Johnson
Gerald Resler
Melissa Rensby
Administrator Jessica Franklin

23/07/12-01 Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Mayor Ken Bonokoski called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

23/07/12-02 Delegate

5:57 p.m. Blake Penna with Rethink Automation met with Council to discuss a water treatment plant operational proposal.

Blake is proposing a water treatment plant operations contract on a 6-month trial basis, at three (3) visits weekly as per Permit No. 00002044-04-02. The included services would be as follows:

- *3 on site water tests per week*
- *Call outs to mitigate issues at no extra cost*
- *All training costs*
- *24/7 alarm monitoring*
- *Water sampling for government submission*
- *Supervision of repairs within the plant*
- *Lift station monitoring*

Blake mentioned that the benefit of this proposal would offer personnel dedicated solely to the water operations within the municipality.

The cost suggested by Blake would be a weekly cost of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00); this cost would include a site visit weekly from a certified operator.

It was noted that Blake currently supervises the alarm system voluntarily, and in the last month has spent twenty-five (25) volunteer hours at the water treatment plant dealing with alarms and repairs. There are also approximately five (5) alarms daily that occur from the water treatment plant.

Blake is confident that he can smooth out errors and unexpected maintenance repairs with a preventative maintenance plan.

Currently, the town has a Scada hosting charge of \$535.48 monthly for the alarm system. This monthly charge will continue.

Blake proposes the call out for the alarm would be set up to be received in the following order:

1. *Blake Penna*
2. *Jake Dyck*
3. *Public Works*

It is paramount that the Public Works employees continue to retain the skill to operate the water treatment plant, as they will be required to complete consumer location samples weekly and be available for emergencies.

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6:19 p.m. Blake Penna departed the meeting.

23/07/12-04 Minutes:

Resler/Wheeler

THAT the minutes of June 28, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council shall be approved as presented.

Carried

23/07/12-05 Reports:

Wheeler/Rensby

THAT the following reports be accepted as presented:

- a. Verbal Reports
- Council Reports

Carried

23/07/12-06 Financials:

a. Bill List No. 1

Rensby/Christensen

THAT Bill List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #11042 – cheque #11061 in the amount of \$332,740.05 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

b. Payroll List No. 1:

Wheeler/Boyer

THAT Payroll List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10362 – cheque #10368 in the amount of \$10,694.70 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

23/07/12-07 Unfinished Business:

a.) Recreation Director

Rensby/Resler

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall request the last four (4) years of financial statements from the Bienfait Memorial Arena, Bienfait Swimming Pool and Bienfait Curling Club for further discussion; AND that the Town shall inquire into the usage of the facilities attending from the Town, RM and City of Estevan.

Carried

b.) 234 Main Street

Resler/Christensen

THAT 234 Main Street be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council to investigate further costs on pavement repairs.

Carried

c.) Rethink Automation Proposal

Wheeler/Christensen

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall respond to the proposal for the operation of the water treatment plant by Rethink Automation for a three (3) month trial basis at three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars weekly.

Carried

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23/07/12-08 New Business:

a.) Tree Removal Policy

Boyer/Rensby

THAT the Policy be changed to read that estimates for tree removals must be provided to Council for approval prior to removal; AND that the policy be brought back to the next regular meeting of Council for approval.

Carried

23/07/12-09 Correspondence:

Boyer/Johnson

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

Carried

23/07/12-10 Other Business:

23/07/12-11 Adjournment:

Bonokoski/Wheeler

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Administrator