

CITY OF MELFORT
September 14, 2015

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 14, 2015, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: COUNCIL: Mayor Lang and Councillors Jung, George, Enge, Ponath, and Gratton.

STAFF: M. Hotsko, City Manager; G. Gilmore, Director of Works & Utilities; S. Peterson, City Treasurer; T. Scaife, Director of Community Services and H. Audette, City Clerk.

15-176
Enge
Ponath

MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 10, 2015:

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on August 10, 2015, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

15-177
Gratton
Enge

MINUTES, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015:

That the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on September 9, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

DELEGATION

Livestock Bylaw – Potbellied Pig

Karli Keirstead and Bret Markowski appeared before Council to request that they be permitted to keep their potbellied pig in City limits, as detailed in the document presented to Council showing the benefits of potbellied pigs as pets. Ms. Keirstead advised that the pig is neutered, up-to-date on shots and well-trained. Prior to this issue, the pig had been living at their residence in the City, without bothering the neighborhood. The pig is now being kept on a farm and is showing severe signs of distress being away from their family and in an unfamiliar environment. She added that he is a part of their family.

To Councillor Enge's question, Ms. Keirstead replied that she moved from Kelowna, where the pig was permitted, and was told it wouldn't be a problem in Melfort. Councillor Gratton asked what type of shots were required, to which she reported that Mohawk Animal Clinic have agreed to make home visits to vaccinate.

Council was advised that the pig can stay on the farm as long as he needs to. They are hoping to find a property that would allow him. Mayor Lang stated that he would like feedback from the community and directed Ms. Keirstead and Mr. Markowski to present a valid petition requesting a change to the existing bylaw. If they are able to gather the required 350 signatures from Melfort electors, it will be taken to the Works & Utilities Committee for review. Council thanked them for their presentation.

15-178
George
Jung

PROCLAMATION:

That we approve the following proclamation and that we authorize the Mayor to authenticate same:

DATE
October, 2015

ORGANIZATION
Lupus SK Society Inc.

PROCLAMATION
"Lupus Awareness Day" **Carried**

15-179(a) **AMEND RESOLUTION 15-179:**
Enge That Resolution No. 15-179 be amended to delete the date "April 15, 2016" and substitute the
Ponath date of "October 31, 2015". **Carried**

15-179 **REQUEST TO EXTEND ORDER – 515 CRAWFORD AVE E, AS AMENDED:**
Enge That the Council of the City of Melfort grant a further extension of the deadline to comply with
Gratton the Order to Remedy Contravention dated May 27, 2015, issued on 515 Crawford Avenue
East, Lot 13, Blk/Par 65, Plan U1046, from August 31, 2015, to October 31, 2015, under the
following conditions:
a) that the property remain vacant, and
b) that any materials that could harbour rodents be removed from the shed in the
backyard, as amended. **Carried**

GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Aug 12/15: K. Rintoul, Ministry of Government Relations re: payment of federal gas tax funds 2015-16 installment 1.
2. Aug 25/15: B. Bryant, Government Relations re: BCF project announcements.
3. Aug 27/15: C. Reaume, Newsask Community Futures re: Zone 4 board nomination. Council agreed to the reappointment of Bob MacPherson to this position.
4. Aug 31/15: B. Lutz Press Release re: paint removal on exterior bricks of historic Post Office.
5. Fall 2015: SUMA Urban Voice, Vol. 20, Number 3.
6. Aug 20/15: Minutes of Melfort & District Museum Board meeting.

15-180 **TAX CANCELLATIONS:**
Ponath That we approve tax cancellations in the amount of \$110.48, as attached. **Carried**
Enge

TAX COLLECTION COMPARATIVE STATEMENT – JULY/AUGUST, 2015

2015 CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

LEGISLATIVE & FINANCE REPORT

15-181 **MINUTES, COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE, AUGUST 25, 2015:**
Gratton That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on August 25, 2015, be
Enge adopted as circulated. **Carried**

15-182 **MINUTES, COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015:**
Enge That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on September 2, 2015,
Gratton be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT – AUGUST, 2015

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

15-183 **MINUTES, WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015:**
Jung That the minutes of the Works & Utilities Committee meeting held on September 3, 2015, be
George adopted as circulated. **Carried**

15-184
George
Jung

MINUTES, AIRPORT BOARD, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015:

That the minutes of the Airport Board meeting held on September 8, 2015, be received.
Carried

15-185
Jung
George

MINUTES, EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015:

That the minutes of the Emergency Measures Organization meeting held on September 8, 2015, be received. **Carried**

MUNICIPAL POLICING REPORT – JULY, 2015

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT – AUGUST, 2015

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – AUGUST, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councillor Ponath commented that the 5th Annual Melfort Multi-K is taking place on Saturday, September 19, 8:45 am start. The deadline for registration is September 16.
- Councillor Gratton reported that the Mustangs home opener against La Ronge will take place on Friday.
- Councillor George congratulated the Melfort Comets on their win against Nipawin.
- Director Scaife advised that Melfort has been nominated and awarded the CTV Hometown Tour. A crew will be out on Monday.
- Councillor Ponath advised that Culture Days – ArtFest will be taking place September 25, 26 & 27 in Melfort. A full weekend of activities. Melfort Amateur Dramatics will be holding their play at the MAD House on September 25 & 26.
- Council asked Cam Lee to congratulate Bill Wood on his induction into the Saskatchewan Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame.
- Mayor Lang noted that Queen Elizabeth II is now Britain's longest reigning monarch and the longest reigning female monarch in history.

15-186
Enge
Ponath

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk