

## CITY OF GREENWOOD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday March 26, 2018 7:00 pm at City Hall

PRESENT Mayor: Ed Smith

Councillors: C. Lang, J. Nathorst, L. Cudworth

Absent: G. Shaw

ALSO PRESENT Wendy Higashi, CAO / CO

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion: C. Lang / J. Nathorst

THAT the March 26, 2018 agenda be adopted.

(75-18) Carried

QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

**DELEGATIONS** 

4.a.) Boundary Country, Regional Chamber of

Commerce

Absent

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Motion: C. Lang / J. Nathorst

THAT the Regular minutes of March 12, 2018 with the correction to the adoption of the agenda; and the Special meetings of March 14<sup>th</sup>

and March 16, 2018 be adopted.

(76-18) Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

6. a.) Snow Survey

6. b.) Illegal Waste Disposal

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. a.) Finance Committee – Interest Rate on Taxes in Arrears or Delinquent

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS** 

Effective April 1, 2018, the interest rate established under Section 11(3)

of the Taxation (Rural Area) Act shall be 6.45%. The next rate

setting will occur on July 1, 2018.

Councillor Cudworth:

Verbal

Read Public Works Report

Councillor Lang:

Verbal

Presentation at the Art Club on – Ross Hinter

Councillor Nathorst:

Verbal

No Report

**MAYOR'S REPORT** 

Verbal

Greenwood Street

Generator

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Property Taxes / Utilities / Arrears and Delinquent West Kootenay Power Building - meters

Greenwood Street Public meeting - well attended

Skating Rink – Reimbursement for power

Telus BC

Met with ISL Engineering – BC Copper Company Smelter Ruins

Rural Dividend Grant – Received \$ 71,400 for Smelter Site

Asset Management Program

City Hall

Community Engagement Session

2018 Structural Flood Mitigation Grant

| Property Taxes / Utilities                                 | March 7,      | March 21,            |
|--|---------------|----------------------|
|  | 2018          | 2018                 |
|  |               |                      |
| Residential Properties in Arrears: Taxes not paid in       | \$ 99,617.17  | \$ 95,512.62         |
| 2 years. This includes utilities that were not paid and    |               |                      |
| were moved over to taxes.                                  |               |                      |
| Commercial Properties in Arrears: Taxes not paid           | \$ 76,453.75  | \$ 80,572.79         |
| in 2 years. This includes utilities that were not paid and |               |                      |
| were moved over to taxes.                                  |               |                      |
| Residential Properties Delinquent: Properties for          | \$ 40,695.69  | \$ 40,478.29         |
| Tax Sale   |               |                      |
| Commercial Properties Delinquent: Properties for           | \$ 27,614.33  | \$ 27,027.72         |
| tax sale   |               |                      |
| Complete Taxes - Arrears and Delinquent                    | \$ 244,380.94 | \$ 243,591.42        |
| Complete Utilties - Arrears and Delinquent                 |               |                      |
| Total amount outstanding                                   | \$ 244,380.94 | <u>\$ 243,591.42</u> |

## In 2017 34 % of Taxes and Utility Bills were not paid

Every year over \$200,000 of operating funds ear-marked for budget items towards basic city services and projects cannot be spent due to delinquent taxes and utility payments. All tax payers suffer when services are delayed or cancelled.

In 2018, the City will be shutting off water in Greenwood, Anaconda and the North-End to property owners that do not pay their utility bills.

No Report

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Read by Councillor Cudworth

Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Lang

(77-18) To accept the reports as presented.

Carried

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** 

(78-18)

Motion: C. Lang / L. Cudworth

THAT the cash disbursement for \$ 366,639.90 be received.

Carried

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. a.) UBCM Asset

Management Planning Program

Motion: C. Lang / J. Nathorst

THAT Council approve Urban Systems to work with the City of Greenwood to develop an Asset Management Investment Plan; THAT Council direct staff to apply for \$ 30,000 in funding under the UBCM 2018 Asset Management Planning Program; and the City will contribute \$5,000 in staff time as in-kind work

and \$10,000 towards the project. (79-18)

Carried

14. b.) Emergency Management BC – Regional Seasonal Preparedness

Motion: L. Cudworth / J. Nathorst
THAT Wendy Higashi, CAO attend the Emers

THAT Wendy Higashi, CAO attend the Emergency Management -Regional Seasonal Preparedness Forum for Administration in

Castlegar on April 26, 2018.

(80-18) Carried

**BYLAWS** 

15. a.) Elections Procedure Bylaw No. 926, 2018 Motion: C. Lang / J. Nathorst

1st, 2nd, 3rd Reading of the Elections Procedure Bylaw No. 926, 2018.

(81-18) Carried

**QUESTION PERIOD** 

16.

17. In-Camera Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Lang

THAT Council move in-camera under 90.(1) (K) "Negotiations

- Municipal Service".

(82-18) Carried

Council moved in-camera at 8:00 pm.

Council returned to the Regular meeting at 8:12 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

Motion:

(83-18) To adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 8:15 pm.

Carried

Mayor

**Certified Correct** 

Wendy Higashi, Corporate Officer