

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRITT, HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 1990 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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**PRESENT:**

**COUNCIL:**

Mayor R.H. Baird  
Aldermen: R. Brown, G. Henderson,  
H. Lali, L. Lemire,

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Harry C. Ellens, Clerk-Administrator  
George M. Murray, Treasurer/Collector  
Georgina Zorn, Administrative Assistant

**MEDIA:**

Merritt Cablevision  
Merritt Herald  
Radio 'NL

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

R. Poynting, N.V. Community Futures Association  
E. Salomon-de-Friedberg, N.V. Community Futures  
Association  
D. Reynoldson, Pool Committee

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

**Regular Council Meeting - September 27th, 1990**

521/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting  
held on Thursday, September 27th, 1990.

CARRIED.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**Nicola Valley Community Futures Association - COED Program**

Ralph Poynting and Elizabeth Salomon-de-Friedberg, representing the Nicola Valley Community Futures Association, provided Council with a brief outline of the Provincial Government's Community Organizations for Economic Development (COED) Program. They proposed that Council appoint the Community Futures Association as the economic development arm of the City of Merritt with a two-year contract and a contribution of \$30,000 over the two-year period (January 1, 1991 until December 31, 1992). Mr. Poynting further stated that if the Association was appointed as an economic development resource centre, the chances would be greater for the community to secure a Business Development Centre.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Fisheries and Oceans - Dated September 18, 1990, RE: Assessment of Resource Uses in the Thompson River Basin

522/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the correspondence and instruct Administration to provide the engineering firms researching fish habitat management areas with any resource information they may require.

CARRIED.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture - Dated October 1, 1990, RE: Sewage Clarifier Upgrade Funding

523/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

524/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire THAT Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture to reconsider the City of Merritt's application for additional funding for the sewage clarifier upgrade project.

CARRIED.

**REPORTS:**

**Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Baird announced that Council had appointed Ronald Sherwood as the new City Fire Chief, and he welcomed Mr. Sherwood as a staff member.

Mayor Baird reported that the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board, at its last meeting, had supported the City's position regarding going to referendum on February 16, 1990 for the proposed aquatic centre financing. Moreover, he said the Board had approved the T.N.R.D. sharing 35% of the indoor pool promotion and information package.

Mayor Baird further reported that the Thompson-Nicola Regional District had passed a motion to increase the District's assessment of the Provincial superannuation fund which, he said, had a deficit of \$1 Billion. Further, he said, all B.C. municipalities would be requested to take the same action.

Mayor Baird thanked Council members for their hard work during their terms on Council, and he announced that he would be running for office during the upcoming municipal election.

**Administration and Finance Committee:**

**Minutes**

525/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee meeting held on October 3, 1990.

CARRIED.

VA Tech Limited - Dated September 25, 1990, RE: Access Through Claybanks Park to Set Up Fish Fence on Coldwater River

526/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council approve the request from VA Tech Limited to have access through Claybanks Park to set up a fish fence on the Coldwater River during the first week in October.

CARRIED.

Pitch-In British Columbia - Dated September 6, 1990, RE: Name Change from Outdoors Unlittered to Pitch-In British Columbia

527/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council approve the request from Pitch-In British Columbia to change their name from Outdoors Unlittered (B.C.) to Pitch-In British Columbia or an appropriate Government approved name.

CARRIED.

1991 Budget Process

528/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council instruct Administration to prepare the 1991 Provisional Budget as in previous years and a five-year capital budget for Council's review.

CARRIED.

Development and Planning Committee:

Minutes

529/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 3, 1990.

CARRIED.

Protective Services Committee:

Minutes

530/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Lemire THAT Council receive the minutes of the Protective Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 3, 1990.

CARRIED.

Public Works Committee:

Minutes

531/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 3, 1990.

CARRIED.

Klaus Neumann - Dated September 10, 1990, RE: 2513 Irvine Avenue - Request for Right-of-Way Relocation

532/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council approve in principle the request from Klaus Neumann that the right-of-way on Lot 23, Section 22, K.D.Y.D., Plan 26654 (2513 Irvine Avenue) be relocated as outlined in the correspondence, all at the owner's expense.

CARRIED.

Recreation Committee:

Minutes

533/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council receive the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 3, 1990.

CARRIED.

Cadet Parents Association - Dated September 17, 1990, RE: Youth Centre Rental Rates

534/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council approve the request from the Cadet Parents Association as follows:

- to increase the Youth Centre rental deposit from \$50.00 to \$150.00 with an additional charge of \$25.00 for use of the kitchen;
- to charge the Tumbleweed Play School a rental rate of \$200.00 per month;
- to install locks on all cupboards in the kitchen.

CARRIED.

Arena Fire Alarm Monitoring

535/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council approve the City immediately installing a digital fire alarm unit in the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena and contracting with Guardian Answering Service to monitor said unit.

CARRIED.

Proposed Indoor Aquatic Centre

536/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council instruct the City Administrative staff in concert with Thompson-Nicola Regional District administrative staff and the Indoor Pool Committee draft financial proposals for Council's consideration to enable a public document to be published and circulated.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

City of Merritt Budget Amendment By-law No. 1289, 1990

537/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council waive the rules of procedure and give first, second, and third readings to "City of Merritt Budget Amendment By-law No. 1289, 1990".

CARRIED.

City of Merritt Building Amendment By-law No. 1290, 1990

538/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council waive rules of procedure and give first, second, and third readings to "City of Merritt Building Amendment By-law No. 1290, 1990".

CARRIED.

City of Merritt Land Use and Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1276, 1990

539/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council rescind final adoption, read into the record Ministry of Transportation and Highways Approval, and reconsider and adopt "City of Merritt Land Use and Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1276, 1990" .

CARRIED.

Development Cost Charges

540/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council give first reading to a by-law to amend "City of Merritt Development Cost Charge By-law No. 883, 1978" and "City of Merritt Development Cost Charge By-law No. 1158, 1987" by adjusting the Assist Factor to 50% from 95%.

CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Development Permit 90-01 - Payless Gas Ltd.

541/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve the request from V-2 Designs Ltd. to amend Development Permit #90-01 to allow the construction of a two-bay car wash on Lot 2, Section 23, Plan 38719, Township 911, K.D.Y.D (3623 Voght Street).

Alderman Brown said he was concerned that the services were not adequate enough for a car wash in that area.

542/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council table the matter of amending Development Permit #90-01 until the next Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED.

Alderman Lemire said the City should encourage economic development and he wanted to go on record as opposing Resolution #542/90.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Demolition of Old City Hall Tender

543/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council award the tender for the demolition of the Old City Hall to Norgaard Ready Mix Ltd. in the amount of \$26,755.00.

CARRIED.

Airport Lighting Proposals

544/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council approve the proposal from Accuratus  
Engineering Ltd. to design and engineer medium intensity  
airport lighting at the Merritt Airport at a cost not to  
exceed \$8,400.

CARRIED.

Nicola Valley Community Futures Association - Request to Become  
Economic Development Arm of City

Council discussed the request from the Nicola Valley Community  
Futures Association and will seek more information from the City's  
current representatives on the Nicola Sub-Regional Economic  
Development Commission members, Aldermen Cade and Lemire before  
making a decision.


Chamber of Commerce Dinner - Minister of Transportation & Highways

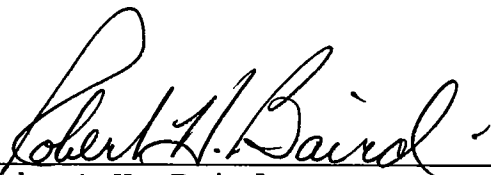
Mayor Baird said that the City's contribution to the dinner for the  
Minister of Transportation and Highways on October 15th, 1990 would  
be the rental of the Civic Centre facility.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council adjourned the Meeting at  
8:50 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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H.C. Ellens,  
City Clerk

  
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Robert H. Baird,  
Mayor