

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 14TH, 1991, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, CIVIC CENTRE, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

Mayor C. Norgaard
Aldermen: R. Brown, T. Fox, G. Henderson,
J. Hilton, D. Laird, R. Typusiak

ADMINISTRATION:

P. Tamilin, Treasurer-Collector/Acting Administrator
G. Zorn, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

MEDIA:

Merritt Herald
Radio CJNL
Shaw Cable

OTHERS:

J. Edwards, Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

332/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Fox
THAT Council adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of
Tuesday, May 14th, 1991.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 23rd, 1991

333/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting
held on Tuesday, April 23th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Special Meeting, Thursday, May 9th, 1991

334/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Laird
THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of
Council held on Thursday, May 9th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Special Meeting, Monday, May 13th, 1991

335/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Laird
THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of
Council held on Monday, May 13th, 1991.

CARRIED.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce - Signs at Merritt
Information Centre

Mr. John Edwards, representing the Merritt and District Chamber of
Commerce, outlined the Chamber's proposal to maintain and upgrade
the advertising signs at the Merritt Information Centre. The
following points were highlighted from Mr. Edwards' discussion:

- Chamber would sand and re-paint all signs including posts
and possibly cover with plexiglass
- 10 to 15% return to the City
- possibly a two to three year contract
- first year not much profit because of repairs
- costs of ads for individual businesses - \$100.00
- costs for outside large ads - \$200.00
- after Council approval, Chamber could have signs fully
completed within one month

Mayor Norgaard thanked Mr. Edwards for attending the meeting, and
he left the Council Chambers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce (May 2nd, 1991), RE:
Proposal to Maintain and Upgrade Signs at Merritt Information
Centre

336/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Fox
THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

337/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Fox
THAT Council enter into an agreement with the Merritt
and District Chamber of Commerce to upgrade and maintain
the advertising signs at the Merritt Information Centre
for a three year period with a 10% return of the net
profit during the first year and a 15% return for each
remaining year of the contract.

CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Census Day in North America

Mayor Norgaard reported that Tuesday, June 4th, 1991 was Census Day in Canada, and she hoped that citizens would provide the required information to the Federal Government.

National Access Awareness Week

Mayor Norgaard advised that May 22nd to June 1st, 1991 was National Access Awareness Week. She explained that the purpose of National Access Awareness Week was to raise the public's awareness of the difficulties that face disabled persons.

Building Permits - April, 1991

Mayor Norgaard reported that as of April 30th, 1991, the City of Merritt had approved 16 building permits which brought the total to 30 to date. She said the value of building permits for April was \$316,636.00 for a total value of \$976,496.00 to date.

338/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council receive the Mayor's report of Tuesday, May
14th, 1991.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Minutes:

339/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Administration
and Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 7th,
1991.

CARRIED.

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Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce (April 18th, 1991), RE:
Request for Fee for Service

340/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce for the 1991 weed control project.

CARRIED.

Accounts Payable (April, 1991)

341/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council approve payment of the Accounts Payable for April, 1991.

CARRIED.

Recruitment of a Clerk-Administrator

342/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council enter into a contract with Western Management Consultants to provide Phase I services in the amount of \$1,800.00 (plus expenses) and Phase II services at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00 (plus expenses) to recruit for the position of Clerk-Administrator for the City of Merritt subject to funds being available in the 1991 Provisional Budget.

After some discussion, Alderman Typusiak withdrew his motion.

343/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council enter into a contract with Western Management Consultants to provide Phase I services in the amount of \$1,800.00 (plus expenses) to recruit a Clerk-Administrator for the City of Merritt subject to funds being available in the 1991 Provisional Budget.

CARRIED.

344/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council enter into a contract with Western Management to provide Phase II services at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00 (plus expenses) to recruit for the position of Clerk-Administrator for the City of Merritt subject to funds being available in the 1991 Provisional Budget.

CARRIED.

Affirmative - Mayor Norgaard, Aldermen Henderson, Laird,
& Typusiak
Negative - Aldermen Brown, Fox, & Hilton

Alderman Brown asked the Treasurer-Collector to advise Council on his question regarding Council voting on resolutions concerning expenditures without a 2/3 majority of Council members voting in the affirmative.

The Treasurer-Collector replied that Council required a 2/3 vote on grants-in-aid, capital reserve, tax sale, and land development cost charge by-laws.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Minutes:

345/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council receive the minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, May 7th, 1991.

CARRIED.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Minutes:

346/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council receive the minutes of the Protective Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 7th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Fire Chief - Jaws of Life and Rescue Van

347/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council invite the Fire Chief and the Merritt Volunteer Fire Department to the next Protective Services Committee Meeting to discuss the Jaws of Life and Rescue Van.

CARRIED.

Fire Department Month End Report - April, 1991

348/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council receive the report (May 2nd, 1991) from the Fire Chief for April, 1991.

CARRIED.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Minutes:

349/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 7th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Urban Systems Limited (April 30th, 1991) RE: 1991 Airport Improvement Program - Interim Report

350/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council authorize Administration to forward the interim report from Thurber Engineering Ltd. regarding the airport geo-technical investigation to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (Air Transport Assistance Program) along with an update of airport improvement expenditures with a copy to the Minister of Labour and Consumer Services, M.L.A., Yale-Lillooet.

CARRIED.

Urban Systems Limited (April 25th, 1991) RE: Work Program for Construction Services - Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade

351/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve the work program for construction services for the sewage treatment plant upgrade as outlined in the correspondence from Urban Systems Limited (April 25th, 1991).

CARRIED.

352/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council award the City of Merritt Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Contract to Gisborne Construction Limited in the amount of \$269,913.00; and further, that Council authorize the Mayor and Deputy Clerk to sign the required documents.

CARRIED.

Urban Systems Limited (April 12th, 1991) RE: Work Program to Facilitate Compliance with Electrical Code - Sewer Treatment Plant

353/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council authorize Urban Systems Limited to proceed with a break down of costs of a work program to facilitate compliance with the Electrical Code at the Sewer Treatment Plant at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00.

May 14, 1991 CARRIED.

Line Painting City Streets

354/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council award the 1991 line painting contract to InterCity Traffic Markers Limited in the amount of \$4,651.00.

CARRIED.

Local Improvement - Irvine Street Re-paving

Mayor Norgaard asked Council to refer to Resolution No. 307/91 regarding the Irvine Street local improvement street re-paving project, and pursuant to Section 240 of the Municipal Act (RSBC 1979), rescind the resolution, given the matter was deferred until 1992.

355/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council rescind Resolution No. 307/91 from the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 23rd, 1991.

CARRIED.

Council instructed Administration to advise adjacent property owners of the decision to postpone the re-paving project on Irvine Street until 1992.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Minutes:

356/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 7th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Ministry of Transportation and Highways (April 17th, 1991) RE:
Coquihalla Highway Display

357/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council refer the matter of the Coquihalla Highway Display to the Nicola Valley Archives Association and local service clubs for their information and action.

CARRIED.

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Parks Capital Expenditures

358/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council authorize Administration to immediately purchase and arrange to install pool safety and operational equipment in the amount of \$4,700.00 (plus taxes and delivery) as outlined in the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation (May 1, 1991).

CARRIED.

Nicola Valley Memorial Arena - Roof Repairs

359/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council award the contract to supply and install Nicola Valley Memorial Arena roof repairs (according to tender specifications) to Interior Roofing Limited in the amount of \$8,949.00 including an additional inspection by Associated Roof Services in the amount of \$400.00; and further, that Council authorize the Mayor and the Deputy Clerk to sign the required documents.

CARRIED.

Merritt Information Centre - Air Conditioning

360/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council authorize Administration to immediately purchase a Convair 2000 evaporative cooler for the Merritt Information Centre in the amount of \$563.87.

CARRIED.

Civic Centre Marketing Brochure

361/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council authorize Administration to immediately purchase 1,000 copies of the Civic Centre marketing brochure in the amount of \$210.00 (plus taxes) as outlined in the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation (May 3, 1991).

CARRIED.

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Merritt Secondary School Dry Grad After Party - Request for Grant-in-Aid

362/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$500.00 to the Merritt Secondary School Dry Grad After Party Committee (waiver of Civic Centre rental fee) to use the Civic Centre from 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 24th, to 11 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, May 25th, 1991 in exchange for a photograph of the Merritt Secondary School 1991 graduating class.

CARRIED.

Alderman Typusiak commended the Merritt Secondary School Dry Grad After Party Committee and students for spearheading this unique community event.

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission:

363/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive for information the minutes of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, April 03, 1991.

CARRIED.

Aquatic Centre Update

364/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council write to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, M and N Directors, indicating Council's support of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission's efforts to locate Thompson-Nicola Regional District Advance Polls in the areas affected by the outcome of future referenda.

CARRIED.

Merritt Tennis Club

365/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve the tennis court public use fee proposed by the Merritt Tennis Club for 1991 at \$2.00 per person per hour.

CARRIED.

366/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve the City entering into a lease with the Merritt Tennis Club for a three year term effective July 23rd, 1991 for the amount of \$1.00 as follows:

1. The Tennis Club will be solely responsible for the maintenance of the tennis facility;
2. The Tennis Club will provide public access to the facility and said Club will restrict itself to limited exclusive use for tournament;
3. The Tennis Club will provide 10 day public notice in advance of such exclusive use days;
4. Public fees will be by mutual agreement between the Tennis Club and the City, and will be reviewed annually;
5. The Club will obtain a two million dollar liability insurance policy naming the City as an additional named insured;

and further; that Council authorize the Mayor and the Deputy Clerk to sign the required documents.

CARRIED.

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission 1991 Priorities

367/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council authorize Administration to proceed with the master plan for Central Park at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

CARRIED.

Community Initiatives Program - Community Futures Association

368/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council authorize Administration to formulate an application for funding assistance through the Nicola Valley Community Futures Association Community Initiatives Program for the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre.

CARRIED.

Town of Lanigan - Challenge to Merritt to Participate in Crown Life ParticipACTION

Alderman Brown referred to the Town of Lanigan's challenge to Merritt to participate in a Crown Life ParticipACTION (March 20, 1991). He said he would bring the matter forward at the May 28th, 1991 Regular Council Meeting to determine whether Merritt could meet the challenge.

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Central and Main Street Park Report

Mayor Norgaard referred to Resolution No. 324/91 from the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 23rd, 1991 regarding parks cleanup and repairs.

Alderman Typusiak said he would provide a report on the Central Park repairs at the first Council Meeting in June.

Alderman Brown said he would provide a report to Council regarding the Main Street ball diamond at the Regular Meeting on May 28th, 1991.

BY-LAWS:

Aquatic Centre Construction and Acquisition Loan Authorization
By-Law No. 1287, 1990

369/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak
 THAT Council reconsider and adopt "Aquatic Centre
 Construction and Acquisition Loan Authorization By-Law
 No. 1287, 1990".

CARRIED.

Okanagan Mainline Municipal Officers' Association - May 13, 1991

Alderman Henderson provided Council with a report on the 1991 O.M.M.A. Convention. He said that he, Mayor Norgaard, Aldermen Brown and Laird, and the Treasurer-Collector/Acting Administrator had attended the Convention entitled "Challenge Your Local Government Police".

Alderman Henderson said that the 1992 O.M.M.A. Convention would be held in Merritt on May 7th and 8th, 1992. Alderman Henderson further reported that he had been elected to the executive of O.M.M.A.

Mayor Norgaard asked that the matter of appointing a Committee for the 1992 O.M.M.A. Convention be brought forward to the next Development and Planning Committee Meeting.

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Proposal to Create City Directory

Alderman Brown circulated a proposal from H.I.S. Venture Limited to Create a City Directory for the City of Merritt.

370/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council invite Mr. Tom Lacey to the next Standing Committee Meeting to discuss the proposal prepared by H.I.S. Ventures Limited to create a city directory for the City of Merritt.

CARRIED.


ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Alderman Laird the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Clara R. Norgaard,
Mayor.



Georgina Zorn,
Deputy Clerk.