

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 28TH, 1991 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, CIVIC CENTRE, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, BC

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
D. Osborne, Director of Parks and Recreation
G. Zorn, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

MEDIA:

Merritt Herald
Radio CJNL
Shaw Cable

OTHERS:

A. Smith, Friends of the 60's
I. Smith, Friends of the 60's
R. Elverhoy, Cattle Drive '91
B. Whyte, Cattle Drive '91

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Norgaard asked Council to add to the Agenda the following two items under: 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- c. Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 1991 - Amend
- d. Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 1991 - Adopt, as amended

379/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak
THAT Council adopt the agenda of Tuesday, May 28th, 1991,
as amended.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 1991

380/911 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council amend the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 1991 by inserting after Resolution No. 251/91 the following:

"Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 26th, 1991

Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 26th, 1991.

CARRIED."

CARRIED.

381/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 1991, as amended.

CARRIED.

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 14th, 1991

382/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 14th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Special Meeting, Wednesday, May 15th, 1991

383/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, May 15th, 1991.

CARRIED.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

Friends of the 60's, School Reunion in Merritt, (July 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1991

Al and Inez Smith, representing Friends of the 60's advised Council of their Plans to hold a School Reunion in Merritt on July 12th, 13th and 14th, 1991.

Mr. Smith explained that they were anticipating 400 people, and several local clubs and organizations were involved in the organization of the event. He said they would like Council to consider the following requests:

1. Waiver or reduction of Civic Centre rental fees;
2. Permission to use Voght Park for campers and trailers (approximately 30 units);
3. Provide mementos to participants (City pins);
4. Supply City maps;
5. The Mayor or a representative of Council attend the Saturday evening banquet to welcome participants;

Mr. Smith asked that the City contact Mae McKenna, P.O. Box 1694, Merritt, BC at 378-4948 once a decision had been made.

Mayor Norgaard thanked the Delegation for attending the meeting, and they left the Council Chambers.

Cattle Drive '91 Committee - Cattle Drive from Quilchena to Kamloops

Mr. Rino Elverhoy and Mr. Bruce Whyte, representing the Cattle Drive '91 Committee, provided some background on the event and highlighted the following:

- Cattle Drive will begin in Quilchena on Monday, July 22nd and arrive in Kamloops on Thursday, July 25th, 1991;
- cost is \$375.00 per participant;
- Committee hopes to attract 1,000 paying participants;
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided;
- Douglas Lake Ranch will hold a dance and barbecue the Saturday night before the Drive.

The goals of the Cattle Drive are as follows:

1. to raise funds for the Crippled Children's Foundation, the Kamloops Exhibition Association Agri-Fund, and the Kamloops Multi-plex;
2. to preserve and restore the heritage of the cattle industry;
3. to stimulate tourism in the Nicola Valley;
4. to establish the area image as being exciting and attractive;
5. to enhance the theme of Kamloops Rangeland Days (which includes chuckwagon races and Music '91);
6. to demonstrate the cattle industry's appreciation for the use of facilities such as the KXA and the Multi-plex.

Mr. Whyte said his committee needed help from the City of Merritt to with traffic control for a couple of days, and to provide approximately 50 parking stalls in Merritt.

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Alderman Hilton left the Council Chambers at 7:54 p.m.

Mr. Rino Elverhoy advised Council that the Thompson-Nicola Regional District was on record as an official sponsor (one of five corporate sponsors) of the event. He said it was his responsibility to get celebrities to participate, and he had already secured a recording artist to perform in Merritt on the Friday evening prior to the Douglas Lake barbecue. Mr. Elverhoy said that Merritt having a performing artist was a good way to "kick off" Cattle Drive '91. He said he would be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the terms of the event.

Alderman Hilton re-entered the Council Chambers at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Norgaard thanked the Delegation for attending the meeting, and they left the Council Chambers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ministry of Forests, (May 20th, 1991), RE: Community Based Forest Improvement Projects

384/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council receive the correspondence and invite Mr. Tim Sheldan, District Manager, Ministry of Forests, to the next Development and Planning Committee Meeting to discuss the Community Based Forest Improvement Projects.

CARRIED.

Thompson-Nicola Regional District (May 15th, 1991), RE: Offer to Attend Joint T.N.R.D./City of Merritt Meeting

385/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the correspondence and invite the Chairman of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District to meet with City of Merritt Council when a new Administrator is in place to discuss the following matters:

- Collettsville/Spring Island flood control problems
- Sunnyview Trailer Court
- Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre
- Landfill site fees
- Fire protection agreement
- Recreation agreement

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Amendment:

386/91 Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Brown
That Council amend the main motion by adding the words:
"and further that Council invite the M.L.A., Yale-
Lillooet to attend said meeting."

Amendment - CARRIED.
Main Motion - CARRIED.

Canada World Youth (May 10, 1991), RE: Request for Letter of
Support

387/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Hilton
THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Norgaard reminded citizens to ensure that they participate
in the June 4th, 1991 "Count Yourself In" Census.

Mayor Norgaard reported that she had received a favourable letter
from the Solicitor General regarding flood damage reimbursement to
the City of Merritt. She said the Treasurer-Collector/Acting
Administrator would provide a report to Council.

388/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak
THAT Council receive the Mayor's report of Tuesday,
May 14th, 1991.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Minutes

389/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Administration
and Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, May 21st,
1991.

CARRIED.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Minutes

390/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council receive the minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, May 21st, 1991.

CARRIED.

Information Centre Mezzanine Sub-Committee

391/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council refer the minutes of the Information Mezzanine Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 22nd, 1991 to the next Development and Planning Committee Meeting for review.

CARRIED.

392/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council expand the Information Mezzanine Sub-Committee to include representatives from the High Country Tourism Association (representing the Ministry of Tourism) and the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED.

Appointment of Okanagan Mainline Municipal Officers' Association 1992 Committee

393/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council appoint Alderman Laird as chairman of the 1992 Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Convention Committee with authorization to appoint other Committee members.

CARRIED.

High Country Tourism Signs

Alderman Henderson reported that he had seen two High Country Tourism signs located in Revelstoke and Salmon Arm and suggested the City investigate whether Merritt could acquire a High Country Tourism sign.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Minutes

394/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council receive the minutes of the Protective Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, May 21st, 1991.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Minutes

395/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 21st, 1991.

CARRIED.

Power Smart Program

396/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council authorize Mayor Norgaard to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Merritt with BC Hydro's "Power Smart Program"; and further that, Council instruct Administration to prepare an application for converting the balance of street lights to high pressure sodium and identify the source of funding for costs of conversion.

CARRIED.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Minutes

397/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive the minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, May 21st, 1991.

CARRIED.

Kiwanis Club of Merritt, (Canada Day Fireworks), RE: Request for Grant-in-Aid

398/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of up to \$1,300.00 to the Kiwanis Club of Merritt for 1991 Canada Day Celebrations.

CARRIED.

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Mayor Norgaard asked the Recreation Committee to provide Council with an agenda of activities for Canada Day Celebrations.

399/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council approve the installation of flag poles at a site to be designated by Mayor Norgaard for 1991 Canada Day Celebrations.

CARRIED.

Pool Staff Upgrading Cost Sharing

400/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council authorize Administration to institute a policy in 1991 to assist Aquatic Staff in upgrading their skills for up to 50% of course costs subject to:

- a) Prior approval from the Pool Supervisor and the Director of Parks and Recreation; and
- b) upon successful completion of the course.

CARRIED.

Special Occasion Licence Application

401/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve a Special Occasion Licence to the Merritt Ladies Slowpitch League on July 6th and 7th, 1991 in Central Park.

CARRIED.

Merritt Information Centre Food Concession Proposal Call

402/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Hilton THAT Council award the Merritt Information Centre Food Concession Contract to Mr. Joe Armstrong for a two year term effective June 1st, 1991 until September 30th, 1992 at a rental rate of \$150.00 per month plus 10% of gross sales (less G.S.T.) subject to Ministry of Transportation and Highways approval.

CARRIED.

6 - Affirmative
1 - Negative

Central Park Master Plan

403/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council authorize Administration to invite proposals from the following engineering firms for a master plan for Central Park:

- T.R. Underwood Engineering
- Urban Systems Ltd.
- Civic Engineering Services
- L A West Landscape Architects
- Stanley Associates Engineering Ltd.
- Allan Neufeld, Landscape Architects

CARRIED.

Water Problems at Merritt Information Centre

The Council discussed the existing water problems at the Merritt Information Centre.

Main Street Ball Park Report

Alderman Brown provided Council with a report on the Main Street, Voght Park, and Central Park repairs and upgrade,

404/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve the repairs of Main Street Park in the amount of \$2,050.00 and Voght Park in the amount of \$7,127.54 and the upgrade of Central Park including the installation of a warning track and cinders in the amount of \$535.00 plus volunteer help from the Men's and Ladies Fastball Clubs at an estimated total value of \$2,050.00.


CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Alderman Typusiak, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Clara R. Norgaard,
Mayor


Georgina V. Zorn,
Deputy Clerk

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