

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RADISSON AND THE RADISSON VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
AS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING AT 329 MAIN STREET ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2019**

**PRESENT FOR COUNCIL:** Mayor Leona Bennett, Councilors Kirk Maxwell, Andrea Ray and Peter Reddekopp. Councilor Darren Harris was absent

Deputy Mayor Marion Fehr-Stead and Council Robin Baker declared Conflict of Interest with respect to discussions and matters with the Radisson Volunteer Fire Department, and therefore, were not in attendance at the meeting

**PRESENT FOR RADISSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Jack Werezak, Volunteer fire fighters James Usselman, Nathan Halischuk, Justin Barth, Cameron halischuk, Darren Garrett, Connor Garrett and Nolan Loessin

**STAFF:** Administrator Brenda Lockhart

Mayor Leona Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Mayor Bennett thanked the Fire Department members for the opportunity to meet with them to discuss matters of concern for both and to have a better understanding of their proposal on the management of the Fire Department going forward

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**323/19** Kirk Maxwell/Andrea Ray: That we agree to adopt the Agenda as presented for the joint meeting of Council and the Radisson Volunteer Fire Department

Carried

**324/19** Kirk Maxwell/Peter Reddekopp: That we agree to the move the meeting "in camera" for discussion on human resources and long-range strategic planning

Carried

The meeting was moved "in camera" at 7:12pm

## Points of Discussion and Proposal from Fire Department-

Fire Department proposes they would be responsible for the following:

- Billing and collecting of emergency responses and retain revenue from same
- Enter an Agreement yearly with RM of Great Bend with respect to fire services on payment of a yearly grant of \$10,000.00 to be utilized at their discretion
- Reimburse the Town for the full cost of vehicle & equipment insurance and for volunteer fire fighter insurance and WCB coverage

Fire Department would be responsible for the following expenses:

- vehicle maintenance and fuel,
- fire fighter training, wages, honorariums, memberships for their fire fighters
- Firefighting gear, emergency radios and licensing fees

First Responders would be under the control and jurisdiction of the Town

The Fire Department further proposed that the Town of Radisson would:

- Be responsible for the Fire Hall and all expenses inclusive of maintenance, insurance, utilities and amortization expense
- Make a yearly grant of \$10,000.00 toward the Fire Department to be utilized at their discretion

In general discussion,

- 99% of emergency responses are off highway and RM's
- the benefit to having an agreement developed with input from both Council and Fire Department.
- Budgets and reports presented from the Fire Department monthly, or quarterly
- Council fire services budget and report provided to fire department annually
- Council member attending Fire Department meeting, or,
- Develop Fire Committee
- Repairs needed to fire hydrant by fire hall to allow for filling
- Need for snow removal on the STARS landing pad

- Importance of fire pump and generator in the water treatment plant
- Importance of bylaws and enforcement of same in regards to false alarms, fire pits, fire hazards created by messy yards, properties, trees etc

The meeting was moved into open session at 8:00pm

Mayor Bennett thanked the Fire Department again for the opportunity to meet. All present felt that the meeting was informative and beneficial.

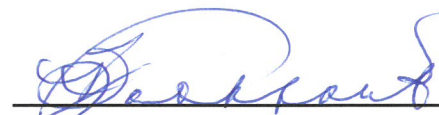
Council advised this matter would be reviewed with all members at the next meeting once further review of past expenses and finances was done. and a decision would be communicated then

Fire Department members left the meeting at 8:05pm

**325/19** Andrea Ray: That we adjourn at 8:10pm

Carried

  
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Mayor Leona Bennett

  
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Administrator Brenda Lockhart