

Mayor McMynn opened the Special meeting of Council at 08:30 hours on August 28, 2017 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

Present: Mayor McMynn
Councillors Schierbeck, Rotvold

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheri Harpur, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Walt Osellame

Adoption of Agenda

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the August 28, 2017 special meeting agenda be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Discussion

a) Meeting with Midway Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief

- a) Succession Planning – Fire Chief Osellame Midway Fire Chief for 27 years discussed his future retirement and asked council to start thinking about his replacement. Council needs to start thinking about how they are going to replace him. There are a couple of options to consider for his replacement, with either posting out for the position or replacing the new chief from within the members from the department.

Councillor Metcalf enters at 08:34 hours.

If Council decides to post out the position that person would already have the training. Fire Chief Osellame's concern with posting out is that the new Fire Chief won't understand the Boundary's culture and they would upset the balance if it's not understood.

Councillor Dunsdon enters meeting via telephone at 08:35 hours.

Hiring within will take longer because someone will need to be trained, and this process could take up to 2 years or more. Fire Chief Osellame is in the process of training 4 members at the moment. He would do all the necessary training through the College of the Rockies.

Mayor McMynn expressed concerns with hiring from outside, and the person using the Village as just a stepping stone and leaving after a couple of years. He feels that the Village should hire from within the ranks. Fire Chief Osellame agreed with this as well, but suggests that if Council decides to post the position to consider placing in the contract that it's a minimum three-year posting. Council could look at a salary package and maybe break the position up into a percentage of Fire Chief, Public Works or if the person has a job already offer a stipend. What most people don't understand is the amount of work that is required as the Fire Chief now, it can easily take up 3 – 5 hours per day. The record keeping alone is a lot of work.

Fire Chief Osellame advised Council that if they decide to post out the position then his training will stay status quo but if Council decides to hire within then he will start real Fire Chief training and ready someone for the position.

Mayor McMynn asked the Fire Chief if he would recommend training 4 and Fire Chief Osellame said yes and he would continue the training with the 4 members plus maybe even 1 more.

Councillor Rotvold asked if any of the other members could help with the paperwork? Fire Chief Osellame has to be careful of asking too much from his members. He already has members doing a number of different things. He has found that things are not the same, people just don't volunteer like they use to. Fire Chief Osellame also suggests that once this Council makes their decision they should look at having a process in place and implemented for the new Council.

Mayor McMynn advised the Fire Chief that Council would like to get an idea from him of what kind of salary Council should be looking at.

b) 1978 Ford Pumper (Old Yeller)

Something needs to be done about Old Yeller's pump, it broke down again and the cause was bearings, the Assistant Public Works Foreman pulled the pump apart and found the issue and also determined that the clutch housing is starting to let go. Fire Chief Osellame believes that Old Yeller is worth its weight in gold because the pump can be engaged while still driving the unit slowly. Unfortunately parts aren't being made for this certain pump anymore. He has spoken with Yvonne at Rocky Mountain Phoenix and they can rebuild the whole pump for between \$8 – 10 thousand dollars

Mayor McMynn asked if a new pump could be purchased and mounted?

Fire Chief Osellame explained that finding a new pump and retrofitting changes on the truck to install it would be more difficult then rebuilding it. If Council agrees to rebuild it he would like to have it done over winter because this truck is going to be housed in Rock Creek anyway.

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that Fire Chief Osellame consult further with Rocky Mountain Phoenix for total costs to have the pump rebuilt. **Carried**

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Fire Chief Osellame advised he will request a RFQ from Rocky Mountain Phoenix and will also find out where the pump work will be done.

Fire Chief Osellame leaves at 09:05 hours.

Volunteer of the Year Nominations – Decision

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Metcalf that Dorothy Unger and Jackie McMynn be the 2017 recipients of the Volunteer of the Year. **Carried**

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2017 – 2018 Boundary Expo Recreation Centre Rental Rates

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Mayor McMynn to approve the 5% rate hourly increase for the 2017-2018 arena season. **Carried**

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Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Mayor McMynn to move to the in-camera portion of the meeting under section 90 (1)(g) of the Community Charter at 09:10 hours. **Carried**

Returned to regular meeting at 09:25 hours.

Moved Mayor McMynn that the meeting be adjourned at 09:26 hours.

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