

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021, AT 3:30 PM.

Mayor

Andrew Prokop

Councillors

Garth Bekkering

Jack Brewin

Carly Firth

Mark Garner

Joe Strojwas

Chief Administrative Officer

Derrin Thibault

Staff

Alaa Abdel Khaliq

Lisa DeBona

John Orwa

Gary Scherer

Kerry Van Ham

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Prokop called the meeting to Order at 3:30 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Prokop inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda.

Mayor Prokop requested the addition of Closed Session Agenda Item 9.6) Offer to Purchase Land, to be in Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of third party business information in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D

Councillor Strojwas requested the addition of Closed Session Agenda Item 9.7) Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 1-2018: Disciplinary Action, to be in Closed Session to prevent disclosure that could reasonably be expected to reveal consultations or deliberations involving officers of a public body, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Council discussed the proposed addition of Closed Session Agenda Item 9.7) Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 1-2018: Disciplinary Action. Councillor Strojwas withdrew this requested addition to the Agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council adopts the Agenda, as amended, to allow for the opportunity to undertake Closed Session items prior to the timing of Delegations at 5:00 PM.

Council did not vote on the motion brought forward by Councillor Strojwas.

RES. 416/2021 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council adopts the Agenda, as amended, to allow for the opportunity to undertake Closed Session items prior to the timing of Delegations at 5:00 PM; and,

The addition of Closed Session Agenda Item 9.6) Offer to Purchase Land, to be in Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of third party business information in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: September 13, 2021

RES. 417/2021 MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 13, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Traffic Committee Policy Approval

L. DeBona, Engineering and Public Works Administrative Supervisor, presented proposed Traffic Committee Policy ADM-5 to Council.

RES. 418/2021 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council adopts the Traffic Committee Policy ADM-5, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Irrigation District Amalgamation

D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that Administration received correspondence from Taber Irrigation District requesting the Town to vote as a stakeholder on the proposed amalgamation of the Taber Irrigation District and the St. Mary River Irrigation District.

Council discussed the proposed amalgamation of the irrigation districts.

RES. 419/2021 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council approves the proposed amalgamation by voting "Yes, I am in favour of the proposed amalgamation" of Taber Irrigation District and St. Mary River Irrigation District.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Chain of Office Policy

M. Brennan, Communications and Projects Coordinator, presented proposed Chain of Office Policy C-12 to Council.

Council discussed the Chain of Office and the proposed policy.

RES. 420/2021 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council approves Chain of Office Policy C-12 as presented.

CARRIED

3) Department Reports

D. Thibault presented the Department Reports to Council.

RES. 421/2021 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council accepts the Department Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

4) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)

Mayor and Council presented their verbal reports.

RES. 422/2021 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council accepts the Mayor and Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5) Standing Item - Council Requests

D. Thibault presented the Standing Items – Council Requests to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council cancels the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on October 12, 2021 due to the proximity of the municipal election on October 18, 2021; and,

Directs Administration to review the Council Procedural Bylaw with the upcoming elected Council to consider the cancellation of all future Council meetings during the month of a municipal election.

Council discussed the proposed motion.

Councillor Strojwas requested a recorded vote.

RES. 423/2021 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council cancel the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on October 12, 2021 due to the proximity of the municipal election on October 18, 2021; and,

Directs Administration to review the Council procedural Bylaw with the upcoming elected Council to consider the cancellation of all future Council meetings during the month of a municipal election.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

5) Standing Item - Council Requests – CONT'D

FOR: Councillor Bekkering, Councillor Strojwas, and Councillor Garner.

AGAINST: Mayor Prokop, Councillor Brewin, and Councillor Firth.

RES. 424/2021 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of:

- Applicant personal information that is evaluative for the purpose of determining the applicant's suitability, in accordance with Section 19(1); and,
- Criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations on behalf of a public body, and considerations that relate to those negotiations, in accordance with Section 24: Advice from officials, of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 3:54 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1) Proposed Lease Addendum: Taber & District Chamber of Commerce

Closed Session to prevent disclosure of criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations on behalf of a public body, and considerations that relate to those negotiations, in accordance with Section 24: Advice from officials, of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 9.1) Proposed Lease Addendum: Taber & District Chamber of Commerce: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Finance, G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works, and K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager.

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CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

- 2) Board Appointment: Taber Municipal Library Board**
Closed Session to prevent disclosure of applicant personal information that is evaluative for the purpose of determining the applicant's suitability, in accordance with Section 19(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 9.2) Board Appointment: Taber Municipal Library Board: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Finance, G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works, and K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 425/2021 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:37 PM

RES. 426/2021 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council takes a 20 minute break until Delegations at 5:00 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:38 PM

Council reconvened at 5:00 PM.

DELEGATIONS

1) Firemen's Bonspiel

S. Swarbrick, of the Taber Firefighters Association, presented a request to Council for financial support to be used towards hosting the 62nd Annual AFFCA Provincial Firefighters Curling Championship from January 26-29, 2022 in the Town of Taber.

Council discussed the proposed request.

DELEGATIONS – CONT'D

1) Firemen's Bonspiel – CONT'D

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council thanks the Taber Firefighters Association and the Taber Curling Club representatives for their presentation; and,

Supports the Taber Firefighters Association with a \$5,000.00 financial grant from the 2021 Community Grant Program, to be used towards hosting the 62nd Annual AFFCA Provincial Firefighters Curling Championship in January 2022.

Council discussed the funding available in the 2021 Community Grant Program and the 2022 Community Program.

Councillor Bekkering suggested a friendly amendment that the funds come from the 2022 Community Grant Program instead of 2021.

Councillor Brewin accepted the friendly amendment.

Rescinded by
RES. 444/2021
on October 12, 2021

~~RES. 427/2021~~

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council thanks the Taber Firefighters Association and the Taber Curling Club representatives for their presentation; and,

Supports the Taber Firefighters Association with a \$5,000.00 financial grant from the 2022 Community Grant Program, to be used towards hosting the 62nd Annual AFFCA Provincial Firefighters Curling Championship in January 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS – CONT'D

2) Taber Lost Paws Society: Request for Financial Assistance

C. Terpstra and L. Hein, of the Taber Lost Paws Society, presented a request for financial assistance to complete the kennel runs and perimeter fencing for their building, and an update on the organizations progress to-date.

Council discussed the financial assistance request and the phases of the project.

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council authorizes the financial assistance in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Taber Lost Paws Society to complete the kennel runs and perimeter fencing of the Lost Paws building, to be included in the 2022 Capital Budget.

Council discussed whether to include the project in the 2022 Capital Budget or to fund from the Capital Reserves.

Councillor Brewin amended his motion to have the funding come from the Capital Reserves.

Councillor Brewin withdrew his previous motion.

RES. 428/2021 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council authorizes the financial assistance in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Taber Lost Paws Society to complete the kennel runs and perimeter fencing of the Lost Paws building, with funding to be taken from the Capital Reserves.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS – CONT'D

3) Taber and District Housing Foundation: Request for P3 Partnership Financial Assistance

T. Janzen, Chief Administrative Officer for Taber and District Housing Foundation, presented the Cherry and Main affordable housing project and a request for financial or other assistance to be used towards the project.

Council discussed the requested financial assistance and other assistance options presented by the Foundation.

Council discussed the project's projected funding streams.

RES. 429/2021 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council directs that Administration investigates the municipality's debt limit, potential regional interest, and other factors to determine if this is a recommended and viable project, with information to be brought back to a future Council meeting for further consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

MEDIA INQUIRIES – CONT'D

RES. 430/2021 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure:

- That could reasonably be expected to reveal information, including the proposed plans or projects of a public body, which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision, in accordance with Section 24;
- Of plans related to the management of personnel or the Administration of the municipality that have not yet been implemented, as per Section 24; and,
- That could reasonably be expected to reveal consultations or deliberations involving officers of a public body, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:49 PM

CLOSED SESSION

3) STAR Theatre

Closed Session to prevent disclosure that could reasonably be expected to reveal information, including the proposed plans or projects of a public body, which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision, in accordance with Section 24: Advice from Officials of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 9.3) STAR Theatre: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Finance, and R. Torrie, representative of STAR Theatre.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 431/2021 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council reconvenes into Open Session and takes a 10 minute break.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:31 PM

RES. 432/2021 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council reconvenes into Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:40 PM

CLOSED SESSION

4) 2022 Operating Budget

Closed Session to prevent disclosure of plans related to the management of personnel or the Administration of the municipality that have not yet been implemented, as per Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 9.4) 2022 Operating Budget: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Finance, and G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works.

5) Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 1-2018: Disciplinary Action Discussion

Council takes the meeting into Closed Session to prevent disclosure that could reasonably be expected to reveal consultations or deliberations involving officers of a public body, in accordance with Section 24(1): Advice from officials, of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 9.5) Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 1-2018: Disciplinary Action Discussion: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Finance, and G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works.

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OPEN SESSION

RES. 433/2021 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:22 PM

RES. 434/2021 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council extends the Regular Meeting of Council for 1 hour.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 435/2021 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council reconvenes into Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:23 PM

CLOSED SESSION

6) Offer to Purchase Land

Closed Session to prevent disclosure of third party business information, in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 9.6) Offer to Purchase Land: T. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Finance, G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works, and K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 436/2021 MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:36 PM

OPEN SESSION – CONT'D

RES. 437/2021 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council authorizes Addendum #2 to the lease agreement with the Taber & District Chamber of Commerce, as presented, for a portion of Blocks C-D, Plan 7282JK, civic address of 4702 50 Street, Taber, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 438/2021 MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council appoints Eva Zucht to the Taber Municipal Library Board for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Rescinded
by RES. 139/2023
on April 24, 2023.*

~~RES. 439/2021~~ MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council provides a \$250,000.00 interest free loan over 10 years to TANGO, asks for the theatre group to show \$250,000.00 in real verifiable funds on hand; and,

Provides a waiver in utility costs and property taxes for one year upon possession of building with the Town of Taber to also repair the sewer line with costs for such items to be determined by Administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 440/2021 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council accepts the offer to purchase 5 acres of land in the Eureka Industrial Park for the sum of \$850,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 441/2021 MOVED by Councillor Garner that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER