

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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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

Blake Hranac

Ramin Lahiji

Steve Munshaw

John Orwa

Kory Ostrup

Gary Scherer

Kattie Schlamp

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, and there were none.

RES. 442/2021 MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council adopts the Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: September 27, 2021

RES. 443/2021 MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 27, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Firemen's Bonspiel

D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 27, 2021 Council passed a resolution to support the Taber Firefighters Association with a \$5,000.00 financial grant from the 2022 Community Grant Program to be used towards the 62nd Annual AFFCA Provincial Firefighters Curling Championship in January 2022.

D. Thibault stated that Administration is recommending Council rescind their previous resolution to instead use available funds in the 2021 Community Grant Program, which will allow the organization to begin utilizing the funds immediately for the planning of their event.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – CONT'D

1) Firemen's Bonspiel – CONT'D

RES. 444/2021 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council rescinds RES. 427/2021 which states:

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

RES. 445/2021 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 2021 Community Grant Program, to be used towards hosting the 62nd Annual AFFCA Provincial Firefighters Curling Championship.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1) 2022 Operating Budget

J. Orwa, Director of Finance, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget to Council.

Council discussed the proposed 2022 Operating Budget and the Stabilization Fund.

RES. 446/2021 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council approves the 2022 Proposed Operating Budget as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 447/2021 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council endorses the 2023 - 2025 three year rolling budget as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Easement Request for 5210 49 Avenue - Lot 7, Block 10, Plan 5638L.

K. Schlamp, Subdivision and Development Officer, stated that Administration received a request for an easement agreement for 5210 49 Avenue. She stated that 5210 49 Avenue is Town-owned land that is currently developed as a parking area for staff at the Emergency Services Building, and the easement request would help facilitate the completion of a development that was started in 2017 for a neighboring building. K. Schlamp stated that the easement would not impact the current use of the land, but would impact the setback of any future developments on this land.

K. Schlamp stated that the request was presented to the Municipal Planning Commission at their Regular Meeting held on September 20, 2021, which recommended it be brought forward to Council for consideration.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

2) Easement Request for 5210 49 Avenue - Lot 7, Block 10, Plan 5638L. – CONT'D

RES. 448/2021 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to endorse the Easement Agreement regarding 5210 49 Avenue, Lot 7, Block 10, Plan 5638L.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Taber Christian School Lane Way Drainage Improvement

R. Lahiji, Engineering and Public Works Manager, presented concerns regarding drainage issues in the east alley by the Taber Christian School, and stated that Administration recommends establishing a drainage ditch from the south-side to the west-side of the school to mitigate draining and flooding issues to the neighbouring properties.

Council discussed the proposed project.

RES. 449/2021 MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council accepts the proposed solution for the drainage concerns to and to add it to the 2022 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4) Operating Reserves Program

B. Hranac, Energy Manager, presented a partnership opportunity with Enel X to participate in the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) Operating Reserve Program.

Council discussed the proposed partnership and program.

RES. 450/2021 MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council directs Administration to enroll into the Alberta Electric System Operator Reserve Program for a 5-year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

5) Solar PV System - Aerated Lagoon Site

B. Hranac stated that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 12, 2021, Council directed Administration to review proposals on actual costs and cost savings regarding the installation of solar energy projects within the Town.

B. Hranac stated that Administration reviewed all Town-owned facilities and determined that the aeration lagoon building, wastewater irrigation pumphouse, and water treatment plant to be the most suitable sites for the installation of a solar system. He stated at this time Administration is requesting \$50,000.00 from Capital Reserves to begin the engineering services required for the project.

Council discussed the proposed solar project and proposed locations.

Council discussed the Energy Efficiency Conservation Fund.

MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council directs Administration to add the Aerated Lagoon Site Solar PV System to the 2022 Capital Budget; and,

Council agrees to fund engineering services for the Aerated Lagoon Site Solar PV System project in the amount of \$50,000 with funds to come from Capital Reserves.

Councillor Strojwas suggested a friendly amendment to have the engineering costs come from the Energy Efficiency Conservation Fund instead of Capital Reserves.

Councillor Garner accepted the friendly amendment.

Councillor Strojwas suggested a friendly amendment that the project be included in the 2021 Capital Budget instead of the 2022 Capital Budget.

Councillor Garner accepted the friendly amendment.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

5) Solar PV System - Aerated Lagoon Site – CONT'D

RES. 451/2021 MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council directs Administration to add the Aerated Lagoon Site Solar PV System to the 2021 Capital Budget; and,

Council agrees to fund engineering services for the Aerated Lagoon Site Solar PV System project in the amount of \$50,000.00, with funds to come from the Energy Efficiency Conservation Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6) Proposed Chief Administrative Officer Performance Evaluation Policy C-13

D. Thibault presented proposed Chief Administrative Officer Performance Evaluation Policy C-13 to Council.

RES. 452/2021 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council adopts the Chief Administrative Officer Performance Evaluation Policy C-13, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7) Information for Council

D. Thibault presented information to Council on the status of the land sale offer that was accepted in RES. 440/2021 at the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 27, 2021.

RES. 453/2021 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

8) Standing Item - Council Requests

D. Thibault presented the Standing Item – Council Requests Action Item Listing to Council.

Council discussed concerns received regarding weeds on 56th Avenue.

Council made no motion at this time.

DELEGATIONS

None.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

RES. 454/2021 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent the 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*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:27 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1) Discussion with Council

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 was the following member of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 9.1) Discussion with Council: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 455/2021 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:53 PM

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 456/2021 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:56 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

