

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, JUNE 13, 2022, AT 3:30 PM.

Deputy Mayor

Joanne Sorensen

Councillors

Garth Bekkering

Jack Brewin

Carly Firth

Monica McLean

Alf Rudd

Absent

Andrew Prokop

Chief Administrative Officer

Derrin Thibault

Staff

Graham Abela

Meghan Brennan

Jordan Florchinger

Blake Hranac

Steve Munshaw

Gary Scherer

Kerry Van Ham

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Sorensen inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda, and there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council adopts the Agenda, as presented.

Councillor Firth suggested an amendment for the Agenda to be adopted as amended, to allow for the opportunity to undertake Closed Session items prior to the timing of Delegations at 5:00 PM.

Councillor Brewin accepted the amendment.

RES. 215/2022 MOVED by Councillor 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1) Minutes of Special Meeting of Council: May 16, 2022

RES. 216/2022 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council adopts the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on May 16, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – CONT'D

2) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: May 24, 2022

RES. 217/2022 MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 24, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

BYLAWS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Town of Taber Hermes Awards

M. Brennan, Communications and Projects Coordinator, stated that the Town of Taber Administrative Services Department has been awarded 11 international Hermes Awards for design work created in 2020 and 2021, consisting of 3 Platinum, 4 Gold, and 4 Honourable Mentions.

M. Brennan noted that one of the Platinum awards was won in conjunction with E. Hembrough, Arts, Culture, and Events Coordinator for the Veterans Banner Project.

Deputy Mayor Sorensen presented the awards to K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, M. Brennan, and E. Hembrough.

Council congratulated everyone involved with the award winning projects.

Council made no motion at this time.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

2) Clean Energy Improvement Program

B. Hranac, Municipal Energy Manager, stated that Administration is recommending the Town participate in the Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) through the creation of the Clean Energy Improvement Bylaw. B. Hranac stated that the CEIP is Alberta's approach to the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing, which is an innovative financing tool for residents and commercial property owners to pay for energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy installations through flexible, long term financing with their municipality. He stated that this program encourages participants to make multiple upgrades at once, which will encourage the creation of more projects for local contractors, upgrading building stock, and decreasing utility bills.

B. Hranac stated that although the legislative framework is already in place to allow the program to exist provincially, local participation is made possible when a municipality adopts a Clean Energy Improvement Bylaw.

B. Hranac stated that through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Town can join the Community Efficiency Financing program, specifically the Program Capitalization Stream, which will provide a loan for the financing requirements at a low interest rate. He stated that through this program stream, a grant, up to 50% of the total loan, is also available to help cover the program's administration costs for up to four years, including municipal staff time, program administrator costs, and marketing.

Council discussed the availability of funding, the loan process, and program accessibility.

RES. 218/2022 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council directs Administration to develop a Clean Energy Improvement Bylaw and start the funding application process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

3) Standing Item - Council Requests

D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Standing Item – Council Requests action item listing to Council.

Council discussed the ability of the Town's street sweeper to pick up fine particles.

Council discussed the placement of Town waste and recycling bins in the alley between 48th Avenue and 49th Avenue, and the parking limitations created by the bins being on opposite sides of the alley.

RES. 219/2022 MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council directs Administration to look into those bins and a replacement of or any other solution to allow that business owner access to the parking spots behind his business of Moonlite Graphics.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council discussed email correspondence received regarding the condition of the fence along Highway 864.

RES. 220/2022 MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council directs Administration to determine a resolution to repair the fence on the east side of Highway 864 to be done in consultation with the property owners.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council discussed angle parking downtown near Taber Temp and Taber Small Engine, and a request for a sidewalk to be installed in the same area due to the large number of pedestrians walking in the area.

RES. 221/2022 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council directs Administration to look into the prospect of putting in a sidewalk on 48th Avenue downtown, near Taber Temp and across the street from Taber Small Engine.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

3) Standing Item - Council Requests

RES. 222/2022 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of:

- Analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body, in accordance with Section 24(1); and,
- Information related to criteria developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations, in accordance with Section 24 (c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:03 PM

CLOSED SESSION

- 1) **Committee of the Whole Discussion Closed Session to prevent disclosure of analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body, in accordance with Section 24(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 member of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.1) Committee of the Whole Discussion: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, and K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager.

CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

- 2) **Lease Renewal with All Fitness Gym Closed Session to prevent disclosure of information related to criteria developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations, in accordance with Section 24 (c) 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 10.2) Lease Renewal All Fitness Gym: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, and Chief S. Munshaw, of the Taber Fire Department.

RES. 223/2022 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:58 PM

DELEGATIONS

1) Alberta Conservation Association Delegation

D. Rung, Biologist with Alberta Conservation Association, presented information to Council on the status of annual fish stocking of the Taber Trout Pond, and stated that the Association is requesting \$5,000.00 a year for a 5 year Memorandum of Understanding to becoming a Funding Partner in the annual stocking of the Trout Pond.

Council discussed the presentation and the funding request.

RES. 224/2022 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council approves the request of \$5,000 per year, for 5 years, totaling \$25,000 to come from the operating reserves, as requested by the Alberta Conservation Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

RES. 225/2022 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of:

- Advice from officials, in accordance with Section 24
- Information relating to the management of personnel or the administration of a public body that have not yet been implemented, in accordance with Section 24(1)(d); and,
- Plans relating to the management of personnel or the administration of a public body that have not yet been implemented, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:25 PM

CLOSED SESSION

3) Carbon Credit Contract Review

Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of advice from officials, in accordance with 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 10.3) Carbon Credit Contract: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works, and B. Hranac, Municipal Energy Manager.

CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

4) MD of Taber and Town of Taber Community Standards Unit Program

Closed Session to discuss information relating to the management of personnel or the administration of a public body that have not yet been implemented, in accordance with Section 24(1)(d) 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 10.4) MD of Taber and Town of Taber Community Standards Unit Program: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, and Chief G. Abela, of the Taber Police Service.

5) Meadows Investment Option

Closed Session to prevent disclosure of plans relating to the management of personnel or the administration of a public body that have not yet been implemented, in accordance with Section 24(1) 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 10.5) Meadows Investment Option: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer.

6) 2022 Alberta Municipalities Convention & Tradeshow

Closed Session to prevent disclosure of plans relating to the management of personnel or the administration of a public body that have not yet been implemented, in accordance with Section 24(1) 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 10.6) 2022 Alberta Municipalities Convention and Tradeshow: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 226/2022 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:27 PM

RES. 227/2022 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council authorizes the lease renewal of 2740 square foot area at Lot 1-6, Block 15, PLAN 5638L CIVIC ADDRESS: 5207 49 Ave, with Jenna Langhofer O/A ALL FITNESS GYM; and,

Directs the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the lease Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 228/2022 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council awards the Carbon Credit contract for the Wastewater Lagoon Solar Generation project to ReWatt Power for an 8-year term at no cost to the Town of Taber.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 229/2022 MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council directs Administration to proceed with the creation and finalization of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Community Standards Unit services to be performed by the Taber Police Service inside the Municipal District of Taber boundaries and to obtain the official support of the Ministry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 230/2022 MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council directs Administration to purchase the existing mobile home using capital reserve funds to up to a maximum of \$199,000 and use the unit as a show home to facilitate lot sales in the Meadows development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 231/2022 MOVED by Councillor McLean that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:32 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER