

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 27, 2022, AT 3:30 PM.

Mayor

Andrew Prokop

Councillors

Garth Bekkering

Jack Brewin

Carly Firth

Monica McLean

Alf Rudd (Attended via teleconference)

Joanne Sorensen

Chief Administrative Officer

Derrin Thibault

Staff

Chris Eagan

Jordan Florchinger

Raeanne Keer

Ramin Lahiji

Celina Newberry

Gary Scherer

Donna Weiss

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. 232/2022 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council adopts the Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: June 13, 2022

RES. 233/2022 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 13, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Review of 56th Avenue Seed Germination

R. Lahiji, Manager of Public Works and Engineering, presented an update to Council on the germination status of the land located on 56th Avenue, in follow-up to Council's resolution passed on January 10, 2022 at the Regular Meeting of Council requesting Administration to monitor the current situation of the land, and for Administration to investigate appropriate germination to stabilize the property.

Council discussed the ability for the vegetation to be cut for agricultural use.

Council made no motion at this time.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – CONT'D

2) South Side of 5400 Block 48th Avenue Proposed Sidewalk

R. Lahiji stated at the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 13, 2022, Council directed Administration to investigate the cost to install a sidewalk on south side of 48th Avenue, near Taber Temp and Taber Small Engine due to the increased pedestrian traffic.

R. Lahiji stated that Administration has determined that the project could be included in the 2022 Sidewalk Replacement Project in the amount of \$39,100.00, with funds to come from Capital Reserves.

Council discussed the 2022 and 2023 Sidewalk Replacement Projects.

RES. 234/2022 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council directs Administration to add the South Side of 5400 Block 48th Avenue Sidewalk to the 2022 Sidewalk Replacement Project in the amount of \$39,100 with funds to come from the Capital Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

1) Land Use Bylaw Amendment 14-2022

C. Newberry, Planning Officer, presented proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 14-2022 to Council. She stated that Administration has received an application to amend the land use district for three parcels from Light Industrial District (M-1) to Medium Industrial District (M-2).

C. Newberry stated that the applicant is anticipating a future contracted services business which is currently not allowed in the existing land use district.

RES. 235/2022 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council gives First Reading to Bylaw 14-2022 to amend Land Use Bylaw 13-2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ACTION ITEMS

1) Appointment of Deputy Mayor

D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that Deputy Mayor Sorensen's term is set to expire on June 30, 2022, and therefore as this is the last Regular Meeting of Council before the change in Deputy Mayor, Administration recommends that Councillor Firth complete her Oath of Office to be Deputy Mayor for the term of July 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023 at this time.

Mayor Prokop executed Councillor Firth's Oath of Office, and thanked Councillor Sorensen for her work during her time as Deputy Mayor.

Council made not motion at this time.

2) Destruction of Municipal Documents

D. Weiss, Finance Manager, stated that Administration is recommending the destruction of the documents identified in the attached list, in accordance with the retention period in Schedule A of the Retention of Municipal Documents Bylaw 10-99.

RES. 236/2022 MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council approves the destruction of the documents identified in the attached list as per the retention period in years identified in Schedule A of the By-law No. 10-99 Retention of Municipal Documents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Transfer Station Building Addition Project

G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works, stated that the Transfer Station Building Addition is included in the 2022 Approved Capital Budget and that Administration recommends that the tender be awarded to Southwest Design & Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$425,447.00, excluding GST, with an increased contingency fund of \$60,000.00 from Capital Reserves. He stated that the project was estimated in 2020 for \$405,000.00 but due to the fluctuating material pricing, shipping, and availability the project cost has increased. Mr. Scherer stated that Administration is also recommending the project contingency be increased for anticipated electrical upgrades.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

3) Transfer Station Building Addition Project – CONT'D

Council discussed the proposed project and proposed cost saving opportunities.

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council awards the Transfer Station Building Addition Project to Southwest Design & Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$436,219.35 including GST and directs Administration to negotiate with the contractor to bring the project within budget by altering the scope of the project.

Council further discussed the scope of the project and the projected costs.

Councillor Sorensen withdrew her previous motion.

RES. 237/2022 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council awards the Transfer Station Building Addition Project to Southwest Design & Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$425,447.00, excluding GST, and directs Administration to add an additional \$60,000.00 budget towards the project to adjust for the budget shortfall and additional contingency, with funds to come from the Capital Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

4) Funding Request: Taber Exhibition Association

D. Thibault presented a correspondence received from the Taber Exhibition Association requesting a financial donation to purchase tables, chairs, and carts for their organization.

RES. 238/2022 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council provides \$5,000.00 to the Taber Exhibition Association for the purchase of chairs and tables, with funding to come from the Council Discretionary Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5) Procurement Information Report

D. Thibault presented the Procurement Information Report to Council and highlighted that the 2022 Street Improvements Project was awarded to Tollestrup Construction Inc. for the amount of \$174,543.08, inclusive of GST.

Council discussed adding sites to the 2022 Street Improvement Project.

G. Scherer stated that the tender did come under budget due to the scope of the project.

RES. 239/2022 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council directs Administration to increase the 2022 Street Improvement Project's contingency fund an additional \$58,768.50 with funds to come from the 2022 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6) Information for Council

D. Thibault presented information to Council about the current condition of the walking trail along Highway 864 and along the Taber Golf Course, and the impending repairs to the trail.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

6) Information for Council – CONT'D

G. Scherer stated that Administration is investigating into the cost of doing a complete overlay replacement to address the concerns for a future Capital Project consideration.

Council made no motion at this time.

7) Department Reports

D. Thibault presented the Department Reports to Council.

Council discussed the Recreation Department Report and the Economic Development Department Report.

Council made no motion at this time.

8) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)

Mayor and Council provided their verbal reports.

Council made no motion at this time.

9) Standing Item - Council Requests

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

Council inquired when the 2022 Sidewalk Improvement Projects and street line painting will begin.

G. Scherer stated that the 2022 Sidewalk Improvement Projects will begin right away, and the street line painting is delayed due to supply chain issues, but Administration is anticipating we will have the downtown area completed before Cornfest.

Council discussed the Meadows Project and inquired if a regular project report could be brought forward to Council on the status of the project.

Council inquired how frequent the community recycling bins, near Home Hardware, are emptied.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

9) Standing Item - Council Requests – CONT'D

G. Scherer advised that they are emptied twice a week.

Council discussed a new initiative from Tourism Lethbridge, which includes a map of their local agricultural producers, markets, and farm-to-table restaurants.

RES. 240/2022 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council directs Administration to look into tourism in specifically the agricultural industry, farm-to-table, with maybe a partnership with the Municipal District of Taber and Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

None.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

RES. 241/2022 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council takes a 30 minute break and reconvenes into 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 AT 4:23 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1) Triforce Enterprise Delegation

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 10.1) Triforce Enterprise Delegation: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, C. Eagan, Director of Planning and Community Services, and R. Torrie, S. Torrie, and J. Cooper, representatives of Triforce Enterprise.

2) 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 10.2) Offer to Purchase Land: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, and C. Eagan, Director of Planning and Community Services.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 242/2022 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:43 PM

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 243/2022 MOVED by Councillor McLean that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:44 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER