

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, NOVEMBER 27, 2023, AT 3:30 PM.

Mayor

Andrew Prokop

Councillors

Garth Bekkering
Carly Firth
Monica McLean
Daniel Remfert
Joanne Sorensen

Absent

Jack Brewin

Chief Administrative Officer

Derrin Thibault

Staff

Lisa DeBona
Chris Eagan
John Orwa
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.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D

RES. 378/2023

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: November 14, 2023

RES. 379/2023

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 14, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

BYLAWS

1) Proposed Fee Bylaw 19-2023

D. Thibault presented the Proposed Fee Bylaw 19-2023.

BYLAWS – CONT'D

1) Proposed Fee Bylaw 19-2023 – Cont'd

RES. 380/2023

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council gives Second Reading to Fee Bylaw 19-2023, as amended, to remove the statement in Schedule 'A' stating: "Vendors having a valid Business License will be exempt from Farmer's Market Fees"; and,

Adding the three infrastructure fees (45th Avenue Cast Iron Sanitary Replacement \$3.08/month, Downtown Sanitary Pipe Relining and Cleaning \$0.90/month, and Lagoon Sludge Removal \$3.64/month).

CARRIED

RES. 381/2023

MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Fee Bylaw 19-2023, as amended, to remove the statement in Schedule 'A' stating: "Vendors having a valid Business License will be exempt from Farmer's Market Fees"; and,

Adding the three infrastructure fees (45th Avenue Cast Iron Sanitary Replacement \$3.08/month, Downtown Sanitary Pipe Relining and Cleaning \$0.90/month, and Lagoon Sludge Removal \$3.64/month).

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

1) 2024 Proposed Operating Budget

D. Thibault introduced J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, who presented the Proposed 2024 Operating Budget.

No motion was made at this time.

2) Resignation: Taber Municipal Library Board

D. Thibault introduced K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, who presented the resignation of Ms. Sh’Nell Torrie from the Taber Municipal Library Board to Council.

RES. 382/2023

MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council accepts the resignation of Sh’Nell Torrie from the Taber Municipal Library Board, with regret; and,

Council wishes Ms. Torrie the best in any future endeavors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) My City Care Waiver Request

D. Thibault presented a waiver request from MyCityCare Parallel Church, for the rental fees of the Taber Community Centre, Green Room, and Grey Room that had been paid for a fundraising concert that was held on October 6, 2023.

RES. 383/2023

MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council waives the MyCityCare facility rental fees for the Taber Community Centre, Green Room, and Grey Room (in the amount of \$709.00), to be funded through the 2023 Community Grant Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

4) Information for Council

L. DeBona, Waste Services and Administrative Manager, stated that at the October 23, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council the following resolution was made:

“RES. 347/2023 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council directs Administration to investigate the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program, and the possibility of the Town of Taber joining that program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”

L. DeBona presented the steps that Administration had taken to become involved in the Extended Producer Responsibility Program.

No motion was made at this time.

4) Response to Standing Item 348/2023: Walmart Sidewalk

C. Eagan, Director of Planning, Engineering and Operations, stated that at the October 25, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council the following resolution was passed:

“RES. 348/2023 MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council directs Administration to look at the cost of extending the sidewalk to complete on 46th Avenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”

C. Eagan presented the Project Statement to Council.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

4) Response to Standing Item 348/2023: Walmart Sidewalk

RES. 384/2023

MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council receives this report for information; and,

Directs Administration to bring the project forward for consideration in the 2025 Capital Project planning process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5) Department Reports

D. Thibault presented the Department Reports for Council to review.

No motion was made at this time.

6) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)

Mayor and Council provided details of their monthly activity.

No motion was made at this time.

7) Standing Items - Council Requests

D. Thibault reviewed the current listing.

MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council directs Administration to allow for a Strategic Planning Session to happen at one of our Council Meetings for the month of January, and also going forward that we can have it more than quarterly.

Councillor Sorensen requested an amendment, to review our current Strategic Plan.

Councillor McLean accepted the amendment.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

7) Standing Items – Council Requests – Cont'd

D. Thibault requested a specific time frame stated in the motion, rather than stating more than quarterly.

RES. 385/2023

MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council directs Administration to allow for a Strategic Planning Session to happen at one of the Council Meetings for the month of January, and also going forward that we can have it every second month, to review the current Strategic Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

None.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

MEDIA INQUIRIES – CONT'D

RES. 386/2023

MOVED by Councillor Firth 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) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; and,
- Third-party business information, in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; (a)(ii) to prevent the disclosure of commercial, financial, and technical information of a third party, (b) the information was supplied in confidence, and (c) the disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm significantly the negotiating position of the third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:22 PM

CLOSED SESSION

- 1) **Board Appointment: Taber Municipal Police Commission 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 and the public in attendance for Agenda Item 10.1) Board Appointment: Taber Municipal Police Commission; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, and J. MacDonald, Chair of the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

- 2) **Land Sale Offer 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*; (a)(ii) to prevent the disclosure of commercial, financial, and technical information of a third party, (b) the information was supplied in confidence, and (c) the disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm significantly the negotiating position of the third party.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.2) Land Sale Offer; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, and C. Eagan, Director of Planning, Engineering, and Operations.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 387/2023

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council moves into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:13 PM

OPEN SESSION – CONT'D

RES. 388/2023 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council appoints Shaun Kinniburgh to the Taber Municipal Police Commission, for a three (3) year term, starting January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 389/2023 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council re-appoints Wendi Chisholm to the Taber Municipal Police Commission, for a three (3) year term, starting January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 390/2023 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council re-appoints James Barry Clements to the Taber Municipal Police Commission, for a three (3) year term, starting January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 391/2023

MOVED by Councillor McLean that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:14 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER