

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, JANUARY 22, 2024, AT 3:30 PM.

Mayor

Andrew Prokop

Councillors

Garth Bekkering

Jack Brewin

Carly Firth

Monica McLean

Daniel Remfert

Joanne Sorensen

Chief Administrative Officer

Derrin Thibault

Staff

Amy Allred

Chris Eagan

Steve Munshaw

John Orwa

Kerry Van Ham

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Prokop called the Meeting to Order at 3:32 PM.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 18/2024 MOVED by Councillor McLean 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

**Council moved to the Subdivision Authority Meeting at 3:32 PM.

**Council reconvened to the Regular Meeting of Council at 3:39 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: January 8, 2024

RES. 19/2024 MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 8, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Minutes of Special Meeting of Council: January 11, 2024

RES. 20/2024 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council adopts the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on January 11, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

BYLAWS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

**1) Recognition of Service: Paid-On-Call Firefighters Policy
PROS-FIRE-1**

D. Thibault introduced S. Munshaw, Fire Chief, who presented the proposed Recognition of Service: Paid-On-Call Firefighters Policy PROS-FIRE-1 that is scheduled for its three-year renewal.

RES. 21/2024

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council approves the Recognition of Service: Paid-On-Call Firefighters Policy PROS-FIRE-1, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Fire Department Uniform Policy PROS-FIRE-2

S. Munshaw presented the proposed Fire Department Uniform Policy PROS-FIRE-2 that is scheduled for its three-year renewal.

RES. 22/2024

MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council approves the Fire Department Uniform Policy PROS-FIRE-2, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

3) 2023 Write-offs

D. Thibault introduced D. Weiss, Finance Manager, who presented the proposed write-offs for 2023.

RES. 23/2024 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council approves the write-off of tax balances for the Meadows properties in the amount of \$74, 242.82, and the Provincial properties in the amount of \$18, 763.93, for a total of \$93, 006.75.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 24/2024 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council approves the write-off of Accounts Receivable Account #0023456 in the amount of \$1, 206.92.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4) Information For Council

D. Thibault presented J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, who detailed his recent appointment as a Senior Administrative Officer for the Alberta Municipalities Investment Advisory Committee.

Council congratulated Mr. Orwa on his recent appointment.

D. Thibault provided Administrations investigation findings in relation to Standing Item 365/2023 and Council discussed.

No motion was made at this time.

5) Water Treatment Plant DAF#2 Repair

D. Thibault introduced C. Eagan, Director of Planning, Engineering and Operations, who detailed the Capital Project request to repair the Dissolved Air Floatation (DAF) Tank #2.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

5) Water Treatment Plant DAF#2 Repair – Cont'd

RES. 25/2024

MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council directs Administration to proceed with the Capital Project to repair Dissolved Air Flootation (DAF) #2, and approves a total project budget of \$90, 000.00, to be funded from Capital Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6) Department Reports

Council reviewed the Department Reports.

No motion was made at this time.

7) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)

Council provided information related to their monthly activity.

No motion was made.

8) Standing Items - Council Requests

D. Thibault reviewed the current listing.

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Administration brings back to Council Traffic Committee Bylaws, so that Council may go through it and address the okay from Council, yeah or nay, Traffic Committee brought to Council.

Council discussed the motion.

Councillor Brewin withdrew the motion.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

8) Standing Items – Council Requests – Cont'd

RES. 26/2024 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Administration is to bring to Council the Traffic Bylaw and Traffic Committee Policy to Council, so that we may review it.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Prokop that Council directs Administration to research options to replace the current sound system in the Civic Centre Arena and main Auditorium, and report back to Council with feasibility and cost options in a timely manner.

Councillor Brewin requested an amendment to the motion, to look at updating the sound system rather than replacing.

Mayor Prokop accepted the amendment, stating to add the words “or enhance” after replace.

RES. 27/2024 MOVED by Mayor Prokop that Council directs Administration to research options to replace or enhance the current sound system in the Civic Centre Arena and main Auditorium, and report back to Council with feasibility and cost options in a timely manner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 28/2024 MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council takes a meal break, to reconvene into the Delegation Agenda Item at 5:00 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 4:39 PM

The Meeting reconvened at 5:04 PM.

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DELEGATIONS

1) Delegation: STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service)

D. Thibault introduced J. Seely and G. Farnden, representatives from STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service), who presented the request for an annual monetary contribution to STARS.

Council discussed the presentation.

RES. 29/2024 **MOVED** by Councillor Sorensen that Council accepts the information presented by STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service), for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Delegation: ENSCA (Eagle Nest Spirit Community Association)

D. Thibault introduced T. Black and T. Cook, representatives from Eagle Nest Spirit Community Association, who provided the details for the request for support from Council for a Pow-wow to be held in the Town of Taber.

Council discussed the presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council accepts the information presented by the Eagle Nest Spirit Community Association, and provides a waiver for facility and personnel use in the amount of \$9,200.00, with funds to come from the Council Discretionary Fund.

Councillor Bekkering requested an amendment to the motion, to include ensuring that the Pow-wow actually occurs.

Councillor Sorensen accepted the amendment.

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DELEGATIONS – CONT'D

2) Delegation: ENSCA (Eagle Nest Spirit Community Association) – Cont'd

RES. 30/2024 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council accepts the information presented by the Eagle Nest Spirit Community Association, and provides a waiver for facility and personnel use in the amount of \$9,200.00, with funds to come from the Council Discretionary Fund, and to ensure that the Pow-wow actually occurs.

CARRIED

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

RES. 31/2024 MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of:

- Criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations on behalf of a public body, and considerations that relate to those negotiations; 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 5:56 PM

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CLOSED SESSION

1) Proposed Lease Confirming and Amending Agreement: Bell Canada

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.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.1) Proposed Lease Confirming and Amending Agreement: Bell Canada; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, and J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer.

2) Proposed Land Lease

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) Proposed Land Lease; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, and A. Allred, Economic Development Manager.

CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

3) 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 10.3) Land Sale Offer; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, and A. Allred, Economic Development Manager.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 32/2024

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council moves into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 6:27 PM

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OPEN SESSION – CONT'D

RES. 33/2024

MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council authorizes the lease confirming and amending agreement with Bell Canada for the property located at the civic address of 6201 54 Avenue Taber, in the Province of Alberta, for a term to expire August 28, 2028; and,

Council further authorizes subsequent extension periods as detailed in the lease, respecting that the all terms and conditions are adhered to during the Option to Extend periods; and,

Directs the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the lease confirming and amending agreement documents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 34/2024

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council approves the lease of 1.5 acres of land on 64th Avenue; and,

Authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the lease agreement, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

~~RES. 35/2024~~

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council directs Administration to accept the offer of \$400,000.00 for 5403-5413 47 Avenue; and,

Authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the land sale contract.

CARRIED

Rescinded by
RES. 50/2024 on
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OPEN SESSION – CONT'D

1) Discussion with Council

D. Thibault, J. Orwa, S. Munshaw and C. Eagan were in attendance for Agenda Item 11.1) Discussion with Council. K. Van Ham left the Meeting.


D. Thibault stated that Agenda Item 11.1 would not be recorded.

CLOSE OF MEETING

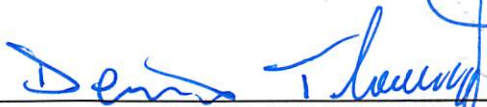
RES. 36/2024

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 7:46 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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