

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, APRIL 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

Graham Abela

Amy Allred

Chris Eagan

Brian Martin

Celina Newberry

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.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D

RES. 136/2024

MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council adopts the Agenda, as amended, to move Agenda Item 8.1: Delegation – Taber Chief of Police Graham Abela Presentation, after Agenda Item 7.1: Proposed Changes Taber Municipal Police Commission Policy Manual, and to become Agenda Item 7.1.5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1) Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting

A) Call to Order: Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting

Mayor Prokop called the Public Hearing to Order at 3:31 PM.

Mayor Prokop stated that anyone who wishes to speak during the Public Hearing will have 5 minutes to speak, and must state their name for the record, and state if they are speaking for themselves or on behalf of a group or organization.

B) Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting

D. Thibault introduced C. Eagan, Director of Planning, Engineering and Operations, and C. Newberry, Planning Officer, who presented the amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.

C. Newberry stated that this Public Hearing had been rescheduled from the April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council, to allow for sufficient advertising to take place.

1) Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting – Cont'd

C) Presentation of Written or Oral Briefs Against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting

Mayor Prokop inquired if anyone was present who wished to speak Against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting.

Mayor Prokop inquired a second time if anyone was present who wished to speak Against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting.

Mayor Prokop inquired a third and final time if anyone was present who wished to speak Against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting, and there was none.

D) Presentation of Written or Oral Briefs For the Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting

Mayor Prokop inquired if anyone was present who wished to speak For the Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting.

Mayor Prokop inquired a second time if anyone was present who wished to speak For the Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting.

Mayor Prokop inquired a third and final time if anyone was present who wished to speak For the Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting and there was none.

E) Close of Meeting: Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting

RES. 137/2024 MOVED by Councillor McLean that this Public Hearing is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 3:34 PM

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

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

RES. 138/2024 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 8, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Chamber of Commerce Re-design Invoice

D. Thibault presented the Chamber of Commerce Re-design Invoice for Council to review.

RES. 139/2024 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council directs Administration to assist the Chamber of Commerce with a payment towards the redesign costs in the amount of \$9,583.62, to come from Capital Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

1) Second and Third Reading for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting

C. Newberry presented the request for Second and Third Reading of Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting.

RES. 140/2024 MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw 6-2024 to amend Land Use Bylaw 13-2020, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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BYLAWS – CONT'D

1) Second and Third Reading for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 6-2024 for Redistricting – Cont'd

RES. 141/2024 MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council gives Third Reading to Bylaw 6-2024 to amend Land Use Bylaw 13-2020, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Proposed Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 9-2024

D. Thibault introduced J. MacDonald, Chair of the Taber Municipal Police Commission, and G. Abela, Taber Chief of Police, who presented the Proposed Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 9-2024.

RES. 142/2024 MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council gives First Reading to Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 9-2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 143/2024 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council gives Second Reading to Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 9-2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 144/2024 MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council unanimously agrees to proceed to Third and Final Reading of Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 9-2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 145/2024 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 9-2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

1) Proposed Changes Taber Municipal Police Commission Policy Manual

J. MacDonald and G. Abela presented the proposed changes to the Taber Municipal Police Commission Policy Manual.

RES. 146/2024 MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council approves the proposed changes to the Taber Municipal Police Commission Policy Manual, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Delegation - Taber Chief of Police Graham Abela Presentation

Chief G. Abela presented information to Council regarding the drug situation in Taber.

Council discussed the presentation.

No motion was made at this time.

3) 2023 Audited Financial Statements

D. Thibault introduced J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, who presented the 2023 Audited Financial Statements.

RES. 147/2024 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council approves the 2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for December 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

3) 2023 Audited Financial Statements – Cont'd

RES. 148/2024 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council advises Administration to make available the approved Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, in booklet format to any ratepayer free of charge.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 149/2024 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council approves the transfer of \$1,000,000.00 from Unrestricted Funds to Restricted, \$950,000.00 to Capital Reserves, and \$50,000.00 to Operating Reserves, to be used in 2024 for the ARO invoice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4) Recreation Board Request to Council - Trout Pond

D. Thibault introduced B. Martin, Recreation Manager, who presented the request from the Taber Recreation Board to dissolve the West Trail Extension Project Committee, and transfer further discussions for this area to the Taber Recreation Board.

Council thanked the Trout Pond Committee for all the work they have done.

RES. 150/2024 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council directs Administration to dissolve the Ad Hoc Trout Pond Committee (West Trail Extension Project Committee) and task the Recreation Board with those discussions, providing recommendations to Council regarding the Trout Pond Recreation Area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

5) Information For Council

D. Thibault reviewed the Information for Council item, including the update for the Taber Competitive Gymnastics Parent Association (TCGPA) funding request, a presentation to A. Allred, Economic Development Manager, for the awards won at the Economic Developers of Alberta Conference, and the updated Status Graph for 2024 Capital Projects.

No motion was made at this time.

6) Department Reports

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

No motion was made at this time.

7) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)

Mayor and Council provided details of their monthly activity.

No motion was made at this time.

8) Standing Items - Council Requests

D. Thibault reviewed the current listing.

RES. 151/2024 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council directs Administration to report back to Council on a quarterly basis the active grants the Town of Taber is applying for.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 152/2024 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council directs Administration to investigate the ability to host a future SouthGrow Meeting, and report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

1) Delegation - Asset Retirement Obligation Report

J. Orwa introduced G. Hawkins, Manager from Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO), who presented the Asset Retirement Obligation Report to Council.

No motion was made at this time.

2) Trail 77 Funding

D. Thibault introduced S. Van Geest, Representative from Trail 77, who presented the request for funding to Council.

RES. 153/2024

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council directs Administration to approve an ongoing annual Operational Budget, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be allocated to Trail 77 for maintenance and signage on the trails and skills park in and around the Trout Pond.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS – CONT'D

2) Trail 77 Funding – Cont'd

RES. 154/2024

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council takes a 30-minute meal break to reconvene 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, in accordance with Section 24(1): Advice from officials; 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 5:30 PM

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

CLOSED SESSION

- 1) **Proposed Lease Agreement: Francis, Bruce and Blaine 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, in accordance with Section 24(1): Advice from officials.**

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 Agreement: Francis, Bruce and Blaine; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, and K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager.

- 2) **Land Sale Update - 50 Street 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 Update – 50th Street; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, and A. Allred, Economic Development Manager.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 155/2024

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council moves into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:18 PM

OPEN SESSION – CONT'D

RES. 156/2024

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council authorizes the lease, as presented, to Bruce Francis and Blaine Francis for Meridian 4, Range 17, Township 10, Section 26, that portion of the South-East Quarter which lies to the East of the Easterly limit of Road Plan 8410661, containing 28.54 Hectares (70.52 Acres) more or less, for a term to expire December 31, 2028.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 157/2024

MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council directs Administration to adjust the Land Sale Contract for 6997 50th Street to have a Development Permit complete and approved two years after possession.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 158/2024

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:20 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER