

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 8, 2013, AT 5:03 PM., IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETINGS AT 5:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Ray Bryant
Councillor Randy Sparks
Councillor John Papp
Councillor Rick Popadynetz
Councillor Louie Tams
Councillor Garth Bekkering
Councillor Murray Rochelle

ALSO PRESENT:

Greg Birch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Dale Culler, CA, Director of Corporate Services
Rob Cressman, Director of Community Services
Cory Armfelt, Contract Director of Planning & Economic Development
Kerry Van Ham, Council & CAO Assistant/Recording Secretary
Trevor Busch, Taber Times

ORDER

Mayor Bryant called the Regular Meeting of Council to Order at 5:08 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Bryant inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda, and advised that there were none.

RES.110/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS - NONE**ADOPTION OF MINUTES****A) Public Hearing Meeting of Council – March 25, 2013**

RES.111/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council adopts the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of Council held on March 25, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Regular Meeting of Council – March 25, 2013

RES.112/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 25, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE**BYLAWS****A) Proposed Road Closure Bylaw 1-2013:
Proceed to Minister of Transportation for Consideration**

Council discussed this subject at this time and reviewed the comments made at the Public Hearing.

C. Armfelt stated that this item is being brought to Council for Council's endorsement of the process of now sending this Bylaw to the Minister of Transportation for analysis and signature. Once that happens, this Bylaw would then be sent back to the Town of Taber in order for Council to consider proceeding with second and third reading.

RES.113/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council accepts the information received at the Public Hearing and directs Administration to forward Bylaw 1-2013 to the Minister of Transportation for approval, prior to 2nd and 3rd Reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS – CONT'D**B) Proposed Bylaw 3-2013 Mixed Use Dwellings in the Downtown Commercial District:
2nd Reading**

Council discussed this subject at this time and reviewed the comments made at the Public Hearing.

RES.114/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council gives 2nd Reading of Bylaw 3-2013, a text amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 4-2006, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.115/13 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council gives 3rd and Final Reading of Bylaw 3-2013, a text amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 4-2006, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C) Proposed Bylaw 6-2013 Fortis Alberta Tax (Franchise) Agreement:
1st Reading**

G. Birch presented the details of the proposed bylaw. Mr. Birch stated that the function of these types of agreements is to recognize that operators of a public utility make use of Town owned or controlled properties and should pay for that right. The taxes also recognize that the Town has given exclusive rights to that company to provide the public utility.

Council discussed the proposed bylaw, term of agreement, finalization process and potential alternatives.

RES.116/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council gives 1st Reading to draft Bylaw 6-2013, a Bylaw establishing a 10-year tax (franchise) agreement with Fortis Alberta Inc., and directs Administration to inform Fortis Alberta Inc. and the Alberta Utilities Commission of this decision in order to continue the agreement finalization process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

A) Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (S/DAB)

G. Birch stated that the Town of Taber has established a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (S/DAB) through Bylaw A-358.

Bylaw A-358 states that this Board shall be comprised of not more than 5 members; 2 members of Council, 3 adult residents of the Town of Taber. Currently, there are no members appointed to the Board.

Bylaw A-358 also requires Council to appoint a Secretary to the S/DAB.

Council discussed the potentially interested Council appointees.

RES.117/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council appoints Councillor Rochelle and Councillor Sparks as the two Council members on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, with appointments to expire at the 2013 Organizational Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.118/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council appoints the Chief Administrative Officer to serve as Secretary to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tams declared a pecuniary interest with Agenda Item 7.B), and left the meeting at 5:38 PM.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**B) Recreation Facilities Capital Budget:
Utility Vehicle Trade-In**

R. Cressman stated that Council's 2013 budget included funds to replace the existing 2002 John Deer utility vehicle. It was decided that the single vehicle that was ordered to replace this unit does not suit the specific needs of the department. Instead, the needs could be met by an alternative mower in addition to a utility vehicle. Therefore, as this involves an additional piece of equipment, administration is seeking Council's authorization for a budget amendment to allow for this situation.

Council discussed the timing of the purchase, the specific requirements of the department, and the ability of the dealer to exchange the original purchase.

RES.119/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council amends the 2013 Capital budget to add the purchase of a zero-turn mower in addition to a utility vehicle, funded from municipal reserves within the previously approved 2013 Capital budget amount.

CARRIED

Councillor Tams rejoined the meeting at 5:57 PM.

C) Information for Council

G. Birch and R. Cressman provided relevant communication that was received by the Municipality for Council's information and possible further action, if Council so decided.

RES.120/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES

Councillor Popadynetz left the meeting at 6:01 PM.

T. Busch, Taber Times, inquired if the Town is required to have a franchise agreement with Fortis.

G. Birch stated that the Town is not required to have a franchise agreement.

Councillor Popadynetz rejoined the meeting at 6:03 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

RES.121/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council move to Closed Session to discuss legal and labour matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:05 PM

OPEN SESSION

RES.122/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:11 PM

RES.123/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to endorse the extension of the Town's contract with Superior Safety Codes Inc. for an additional two year period, from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2015, with an increase in service fees as suggested by Superior Safety Codes Inc.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.124/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council appoint Mrs. Debbie Sargeant, Mr. Brad Murphy and Mr. Ray Untereiner to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, all for two year terms to expire on December 31, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CLOSE OF MEETING

RES.125/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:15 PM

R. Bryant

MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER