

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, OCTOBER 26, 2020, AT 3:56 PM, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING MEETING, AND SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT 3:30 PM.

Mayor

Andrew Prokop

Councillors

Garth Bekkering

Jack Brewin

Carly Firth

Mark Garner

Joe Strojwas

Louie Tams

Chief Administrative Officer

Cory Armfelt

Staff

Alaa Abdel Khaliq

Graham Abela

Raeanne Keer (Via teleconference)

Phyllis Monks

John Orwa

Dawn Phillips

Gary Scherer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Prokop called the meeting to Order at 3:56 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

RES. 351/2020 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council adopts the Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: October 13, 2020

RES. 352/2020 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 13, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Minutes of Special Meeting of Council: October 19, 2020

RES. 353/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council adopts the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on October 19, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) 2021 Operating Budget

C. Armfelt and J. Orwa, Director of Finance, presented the 2021 Operating Budget to Council.

Council discussed Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST) grant opportunity from the Government of Alberta.

Council discussed the 2021 Operating Budget.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – CONT'D

1) 2021 Operating Budget – CONT'D

RES. 354/2020 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council moves to defer the budget discussion to a Special Council meeting to be held Monday, November 2, 2020 to allow for all Town Directors to present their proposed 2021 Operational Budgets, in comparison to the 2020 budget in their departments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Organizational Review

C. Armfelt presented the proposed Organizational Review to Council.

Council discussed the proposed Organizational Review.

RES. 355/2020 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council adopts the Organizational Review document as presented and requests the CAO to begin implementation planning for the recommended actions.

CARRIED

3) Southern Regional Stormwater Committee Capital Funding Request

C. Armfelt stated that in follow-up to the attendance of the Southern Regional Stormwater Committee at the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 28, 2020, Administration received correspondence from MD of Taber Reeve M. Harris, Co-Chair of the Committee, related to the Committees request for a confirmation of the Town's support and funding by the end of day Friday, November 13, 2020.

C. Armfelt and G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works, presented additional information to Council regarding the benefits of participating in Phase 1 of the Southern Alberta Regional Stormwater Horsefly Spillway Project.

Council discussed the proposed request for funding.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – CONT'D

3) Southern Regional Stormwater Committee Capital Funding Request

RES. 356/2020 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council contributes \$592,607.00 from the Capital Budget to support Phase 1 of the Southern Alberta Regional Stormwater Horsefly Spillway Project.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

1) 2nd & 3rd Reading Bylaw 13-2020 Land Use Bylaw

P. Monks, Director of Planning and Economic Development, presented proposed Land Use Bylaw 13-2020 to Council.

P. Monks stated at the Public Hearing she received two written briefs Against proposed Land Use Bylaw 13-2020, who have requested amendments to the Light Industrial District (M-1) to allow additional Land Uses to be included in the district. She stated that Administration is recommending including additional Discretionary Uses, to allow the landowners to continue using the properties for their intended uses, and to allow the Development Authority (Municipal Planning Commission) to review future application requests.

Council discussed the proposed amendment brought forward by P. Monks

RES. 357/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw 13-2020, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS – CONT'D

2) Bylaw 17-2020 Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw

M. Sorensen, Chair of the Taber Municipal Police Commission, and Chief G. Abela, Chief of the Taber Police Service, presented proposed Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 17-2020 to Council.

Council discussed the proposed Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 17-2020.

RES. 358/2020 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council gives First Reading to Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 17-2020, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 359/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council gives Second Reading to Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 17-2020, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 360/2020 MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council unanimously agrees to proceed with Third and Final Reading to Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 17-2020, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 361/2020 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 17-2020, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

1) Taber Municipal Police Commission Policy Manual

Chair M. Sorensen and Chief G. Abela presented the proposed Taber Municipal Police Commission Policy Manual to Council.

RES. 362/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council adopts the Taber Municipal Police Commission Policy Manual, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Recreation Lighting Retrofit RFP Award

D. Phillips, Director of Recreation, presented the LED Light Retrofit for the Community Centre Request for Proposal and the LED Light Replacement Request for Proposal for the Aquafun Centre to Council.

She stated that in relation to these projects, Administration received two grants from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) to fund 75% of the costs to replace all of the lights at the Community Centre and Aquafun Centre to LED lights, and in addition Administration also received a \$25,000.00 grant from the Farm Credit Canada Agrispirit Fund to go towards the project.

RES. 363/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council directs Administration to award the LED lighting retrofit for the Community Centre to PTW Energy Services in the amount of \$96,773.20 exclusive of GST, with \$72,579.90 to be funded by the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) grant and \$20,000.00 to be funded by the Farm Credit Canada grant and \$4,193.30 to be funded from the 2020 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

2) Recreation Lighting Retrofit RFP Award – CONT'D

RES. 364/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council directs Administration to award the LED light replacement for the Aquafun Centre to PTW Energy Services in the amount of \$29,604.48 exclusive of GST, with \$22,203.36 to be funded by the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) grant, \$5,000.00 to be funded by the Farm Credit Canada grant and \$2,401.12 to be funded from the 2020 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Southgrow Regional Economic Development Initiative Sustainability

C. Armfelt presented correspondence received from Southgrow Regional Economic Development requesting Council's discussion related to the sustainability of the initiative following reductions in funding.

RES. 365/2020 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council directs Administration to prepare a cost benefit evaluation regarding the Southgrow Regional Economic Development membership.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

4) Whistleblower Hotline - Ethics Alert

C. Armfelt presented the statistical report from MNP LLP regarding the Whistleblower Hotline – Ethics Alert for the period of July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

RES. 366/2020 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council accepts the statistical report from MNP LLP regarding the Whistleblower Hotline – Ethics Alert for the period of July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020, for information purposes only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5) Taber Municipal Police Commission Report to Council

C. Armfelt presented the Taber Municipal Police Commission Report to Council.

RES. 367/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council accepts the Taber Municipal Police Commission Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6) Information to Council

C. Armfelt presented information to Council regarding the draft minutes from the Traffic Committee meeting held on October 14, 2020, and updates to the waste collection schedule and collection areas starting November 1, 2020.

RES. 368/2020 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

7) Department Reports

C. Armfelt presented the Department Reports to Council.

RES. 369/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council accepts the Department Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)

Mayor and Council provided their verbal reports.

RES. 370/2020 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council accepts the Mayor and Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9) Standing Item - Council Requests

C. Armfelt presented the Standing Item – Council Request Action Item listing.

Council made no motions at this time.

DELEGATIONS

1) Community Grant Application: Taber & District Soccer Association

B. McCoy, representative of the Taber & District Soccer Association, presented a Community Grant Program application requesting a fee waiver for field fees for the 2020 soccer camps held in July and August this year.

RES. 371/2020 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council approves the Community Grant Application fee waiver request for the Taber & District Soccer Association in the amount of \$3,426.50, to be taken from the Community Grant Application budget line.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

RES. 372/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council takes a ten-minute break, and reconvenes into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of:

- Advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a municipality in accordance with Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:15 PM

Council returned to Closed Session at 5:25 PM.

Councillor Bekkering declared a familial bias in Closed Session Agenda Item 9.1) Crop Production and Harvesting Licence Proposal, and left the meeting at 5:25 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

- 1) Crop Production and Harvesting License Proposal**
Closed session to prevent disclosure of advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a municipality in accordance with Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance in Closed Session for Agenda Item 9.1) Crop Production and Harvesting License Proposal: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, and G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 373/2020 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:29 PM.

Councillor Bekkering returned to the Regular Meeting at 5:29 PM.

RES. 374/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council accepts the proposal from 571254 Alberta Ltd. (T.F.S. Expanse) on the Crop Production and Harvesting License and directs the Mayor and CAO to sign the License.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Bekkering abstained from voting on RES. 374/2020, due to a familial bias.

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 375/2020 MOVED by Councillor Garner that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:31 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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