

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020, 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 Kahliq

Meghan Brennan (Via teleconference)

Phyllis Monks (Via teleconference)

Steve Munshaw (Via teleconference)

John Orwa

Dawn Phillips (Via teleconference)

Gary Scherer (Via teleconference)

Kerry Van Ham (Via teleconference)

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.

Mayor Prokop noted the inclusion of the Finance Department Operational Budget Narrative to be attached to Agenda Item 6.2) 2021 Operational Budget. It was noted that this narrative was mistakenly left out of the agenda package.

Councillor Strojwas inquired if an additional Agenda Item could be added to a Special Council Meeting Agenda.

C. Armfelt stated as this is a Special Meeting of Council, additions to the Agenda were not allowed.

RES. 376/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council adopts the Agenda, as amended, to include the addition of the Finance Department Operating Budget Narrative to Agenda Item 6.2) 2021 Operational Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

None.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

BYLAWS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST) Program

C. Armfelt presented information on the Municipal Operating Support Transfer Program (MOST) provided by the Government of Alberta.

Council discussed the allocation of the funding and dissemination of grant information.

RES. 377/2020 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council accepts the Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST) program guidelines and allocation for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) 2021 Operating Budget

C. Armfelt introduced the proposed 2021 Operating Budget for Council's consideration.

Council discussed the requirement of requesting Directors to present their budgets in person at this meeting.

K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, joined the meeting in person at 4:11 PM.

K. Van Ham presented the proposed 2021 Administrative Services Operating Budget.

C. Armfelt presented the proposed 2021 Chief Administrative Officer Operating Budget.

J. Orwa, Director of Finance, presented the proposed 2021 Council and Finance Department Operating Budgets.

S. Munshaw, Chief of the Taber Fire Department, joined the meeting in person at 4:28 PM.

S. Munshaw presented the proposed 2021 Taber Fire Department Operating Budget.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

2) 2021 Operating Budget – CONT'D

C. Armfelt presented the proposed 2021 Health and Safety Operating Budget.

A. Abdel Khaliq, Information Technology Manager, presented the proposed 2021 Information Technology Operating Budget.

P. Monks, Director of Planning and Economic Development, joined the meeting in person at 4:34 PM.

P. Monks presented the proposed 2021 Planning and Economic Development Department Operating Budget.

D. Phillips, Director of Recreation, joined the meeting in person at 4:37 PM.

D. Phillips presented the proposed 2021 Recreation Department Operating Budget.

G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works, joined the meeting in person at 4:40 PM.

G. Scherer presented the proposed 2021 Engineering and Public Works and Utilities Operational Budgets.

Council discussed the proposed 2021 Operating Budget considerations.

RES. 378/2020 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that notwithstanding the "Management Personnel Employment and Benefit Terms" document, Council directs Administration to not include the provision for the annual Alberta Consumer Price Index (C.P.I.) adjustment for the 2021 budget year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council transfers \$368,996.64 from Operational Reserves to balance the 2021 Budget, and that no layoffs of workers take place.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

2) 2021 Operating Budget – CONT'D

Councillor Trams suggested a friendly amendment that the motion state that the transfer would be used to balance the 2021 Operating Budget.

Councillor Garner accepted the friendly amendment.

Council further discussed the impact of the budget on vacant Administrative positions, and the impacts of the Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST) funding.

RES. 379/2020 MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council transfers \$368,996.64 from the Operational Reserves to balance the 2021 Operating Budget, and that no layoffs of workers take place.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

None.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

OPEN SESSION

None.

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 380/2020 MOVED by Councillor Tams that this Special Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:00 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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