



Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Regular Council Meeting
May 11, 2021
Held through ZOOM Meetings

The regular meeting of Council for the Town of Didsbury was held through ZOOM Meetings on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor R. Hunter
Deputy Mayor B. Windsor
Councillor J. Baswick
Councillor E. Poggemiller
Councillor M. Crothers
Councillor C. Engel
Councillor D. Moore

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer, E. Gerner
Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer, A. Riley
Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, C. Fox
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, L. Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition of item:

New 7.1 Utility Charges was added, therefore changing the numbering order under Businesses.

Res. 217-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

DELEGATION/PRESENTATIONS

Councillor Dorothy Moore spoke on the negativity on social media.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Res. 218-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to approve the April 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS *No public hearings*

BYLAWS & POLICIES *No bylaws or policies*

BUSINESS

Utility Charges Calculation

Res. 219-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve adjusting the 2021 operating budget to reflect a reduction to the transfer of water reserves of \$250,000.

Carried

Res. 220-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to implement the adjusted utility department budgets to the Utility Charges Bylaw 2021-03 and bring it back for third reading.
Carried

2021 Operating Budget

Res. 221-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to approve the 2021 Operating Budget as information
Carried

Deputy Mayor Windsor called for a recorded vote

Res. 222-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers that Administration review and bring back additional 2021 operating budget options including an adjustment to the reserve transfers, and an adjustment to the communications level of service to reflect a 0% increase in revenues from taxes over the prior year.

Mayor Hunter – For
Councillor Baswick – Opposed
Councillor Crothers – For
Councillor Engel – Opposed
Councillor Moore – Opposed
Councillor Poggemiller – Opposed
Deputy Mayor Windsor – For
Defeated

Didsbury RCMP Detachment Multi-Year Financial Plan

Res. 223-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to accept the Didsbury RCMP Detachment Multi-Year Financial Plan for April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027 in principle.
Carried

Memorial Park Pedestrian Connectivity

Res. 224-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to proceed with a development permit application with Alberta Transportation for the installation of solar crossing signals at the crosswalk at 16 Street and Highway 582.
Carried

Awarding 20th Street Stormwater & Surface Revitalization Project

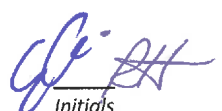
Res. 225-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to award the 20th Street Stormwater and Surface Revitalization Project for a total of \$454,891.03 to Kaon Infrastructure.
Carried

Disaster Recovery Program

Res. 226-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to accept the update report of the Alberta Disaster Recovery Plan as information.
Carried

Outstanding Workshop Items

Res. 227-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor that the issue of housing needs and assessment be referred to Administration for further exploration and a recommendation to be brought back to Council.
Carried



Initials

Res. 228-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore that the Governance of Public Art and Perpetual Care Cemetery Fees be referred to the Policy & Governance Committee for their review and recommendation. Carried

REPORTS

A recess took place at 8:19 p.m. and resumed at 8:22 p.m.

COVID-19 Update

Res. 229-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the COVID-19 update for May 11, 2021 as information. Carried

CAO Report

Res. 230-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report for May 11, 2021 as information. Carried

Council Reports

Res. 231-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the Council Reports for May 11, 2021 as information. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- January 13 and February 10, 2021 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
- Letters from Multiple Municipalities Supporting the RCMP:
 - Town of Magrath – Letter of Support for RCMP
 - County of Paintearth – Letter of Support for RCMP
 - Town of Morinville – Letter of Support for RCMP
 - Town of Edson – Letter of Support for RCMP
- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Notes – April 20, 2021
- Policy & Governance Committee Meeting Notes - April 21, 2021
- Invitation to the Bowden Daze Parade – July 17, 2021 (if COVID-19 Restrictions have been lifted)
- Red Deer River Municipal Users Group Handbook

Res. 232-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to accept the correspondence and information items presented as information. Carried

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The National Police Federation (NPF) gave a presentation to Council at 5:00 p.m. regarding the government's proposal to replace the Alberta RCMP with a new provincial police service. Last October, NPF conducted their own independent polling which showed that 81% of Albertans in communities policed by the RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive and that support for a transition was as low as 8%. These costs will not only have a tremendous impact on the finances of the province but also on municipalities like Didsbury. The result will be a more expensive and less effective police force. The NPF invites residents to visit their website www.keepalbertarcmp.ca for further information.
- Council approved changes to the Utility Charges, which will be included in Bylaw 2021-03 at the next Regular Council Meeting.
- Council was pleased to note the increase in potential developments and housing.


Initials

- Council awarded the 20th Street Stormwater and Surface Revitalization Project for a total of \$454,891.03 to Kaon Infrastructure.
- Council requested Administration to make a Development Permit Application to Alberta Transportation for the installation of solar crossing signals at the crosswalk at 16 Street and Highway 582.
- Council directed that administration explore and research the undertaking of a housing needs assessment.
- The Policy and Governance Committee was directed to review and make recommendations on the creation of a Governance of Public Art Policy and Perpetual Care Cemetery fees.

QUESTION PERIOD -

CLOSED MEETING

Res. 233-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to go into closed meeting in accordance with Division 2 Sections 16, 23, 24 and 25 of the *FOIP Act* at 8:42 p.m.

Carried

Councillor Poggemiller left the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

The following staff attended the closed meeting session with Council:
E. Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Riley, Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer
L. Smith, Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer

Councillor Crothers left the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

RECONVENE

Res. 234-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to come out of closed meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Carried

Res. 235-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to set a Council Meeting for further discussion on the 2021 Operating Budget to be held on May 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

Res. 236-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor that the Governance Committees prepare committee plans for Council's consideration.

Carried

Res. 237-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel that the committees undertake their work at the discretion of Council as facilitated by administration and that the Policy and Governance Committee explore incorporating these principles into the Committees Bylaw.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Res. 238-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of May 11, 2021 at 9:38 p.m.

Carried



Mayor – Rhonda Hunter



Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner