

# Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Budget Meeting Held in Council Chambers at 1606 14 Street at 5:00 p.m.

Council Members Present Mayor Rhonda Hunter

Deputy Mayor Curt Engel Councillor John Baswick Councillor Joyce McCoy Councillor Dorothy Moore Councillor Bill Windsor Councillor Ethan Williams

Administration Present Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner

ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley

Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Craig Fox

Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, Luana Smith

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the March 23, 2023 Operating Budget Meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Res. 144-23

**MOVED** by Councillor Williams

To Adopt the March 23, 2023 Operating Budget Meeting Agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried** 

## 3. 2023 OPERATING BUDGET

Res. 145-23

**MOVED** by Councillor Williams

To approve a 1% increase to COLA for Staff and a 0% increase to COLA for Council.

#### **Motion Defeated**

Res. 146-23

**MOVED by Councillor Williams** 

That \$75,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve be transferred to the 2023 Operating Budget.

#### **Motion Carried**

Res. 147-23

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

For Administration to find ways to reduce \$53,458 from the recreation budget, while minimizing service level impacts.

#### **Motion Defeated**

Res. 148-23

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve the use of \$53,458 in additional MSI operating funds for achieving the 4% increase to the 2023 Operating Budget.

**Motion Carried** 

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Res. 149-23

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To use some of the surplus to augment the budget to ensure service levels remain unchanged.

#### **Motion Defeated**

Res. 150-23

**MOVED by Councillor Moore** 

To Reserve \$119,436 of the 2023 Operating Budget to be used for future road or street projects.

#### **Motion Carried**

Res. 151-23

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To bring back an updated draft of the 2023 Operating Budget with revenue from tax totaling \$5,120,956, being a 4% increase over the prior year, to the March 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

#### **Motion Carried**

## 3. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 152-23

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adjourn the March 23, 2023 Operating Budget Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

**Motion Carried** 

Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner