



**Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Budget Meeting held on
January 17, 2024 in Council Chambers 1606 14 Street
Commencing at 5:00 p.m.**

Council Members Present Mayor Rhonda Hunter
Deputy Mayor Curt Engel -Virtual
Councillor Joyce McCoy - Virtual
Councillor Dorothy Moore - Virtual
Councillor Ethan Williams
Councillor Bill Windsor

Council Members Absent Councillor John Baswick

Administration Present Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner
ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley
Director of Community Services, Nicole Aasen
Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Craig Fox
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, Luana Smith
Municipal Intern, Jocelyn Baxter

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the January 17, 2024 Budget Meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Res. 022-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To adopt the January 17, 2024 Budget Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

3. CAPITAL BUDGET

Res. 023-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve to move forward with the following capital projects in 2024:

- East Reservoir Design - \$125,000
- 21 Avenue Connector – Water Design (20 St. to 16 St) - \$250,000
- RV Sani-dump Design - \$30,000
- 20 Avenue Mill & Overlay (CPR Mainline to 21 St.) - \$150,000
- 15 Avenue Mill & Overlay (23 St. to 24 St.) - \$150,000
- Co-op Road Surface Works (15 Avenue to 19 St) - \$225,000
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure System – Remote Reading - \$250,000
- 23rd St. Sanitary Main Replacement (23 Ave to 24 Ave) - \$85,000
- Valarosa Link Pathway Design - \$30,000
- Playground Replacement Program, Southridge - \$65,000
- JD Mower Replacement - \$30,000
- Didsbury Fire Department Command Vehicle - \$150,000

For a total of \$1,558,000.

Motion Carried

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Res. 024-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

That the East Reservoir Project come back with scenarios of financing to the January 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

4. OPERATING BUDGET

Res. 025-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To bring back the reduction of Planning Services from \$17,000 to \$10,000 in the draft 2024 Operating Budget.

Motion Carried

Res. 026-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To bring back the draft 2024 Operating Budget with the following items included:

- GIS Software to use reserves for the \$60,000 initial implementation
- Enhanced Christmas lights \$12,500
- MPC Member Pay addition of \$3000 – *policy in place*
- High School Scholarship from \$1500 to \$2000 (\$500 increase)
- Communities in Bloom addition of \$5000

Motion Carried

Res. 027-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To transfer the following items funded through Operations to the Capital Budget:

- Train Station Floor Replacement – additional \$15,000
- E-draulic Ram \$8,000
- Snow Wing – Grader Attachment - \$30,000
- Streetlight improvement Program Design (17 Ave. to 18 Ave.) additional \$10,000

Motion Carried

Res. 028-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To amend Res. 023-24 to add the VMware Virtual Host Server to the 2024 Capital Budget Projects for a total of \$1,558,000.

Motion Carried

Res.029-24

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To cancel the January 19, 2024 Budget Meeting.

Motion Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 030-24

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To adjourn the January 17, 2024 Budget Meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Motion Carried



Mayor - Rhonda Hunter



Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner