



Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Regular Council Meeting
November 10, 2020
Held through ZOOM Meeting

The regular meeting of Council for the municipality of the Town of Didsbury was held in through ZOOM Meetings on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer - E. Gorner
Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer - A. Riley
Manager of Public Works – C. Fox
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer - L. Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

REMEMBRANCE DAY RECOGNITION

Council participated in a recognition of remembrance day and 2 minutes of silence.

During this pandemic when we cannot gather to pay tribute on Remembrance Day, Council passed unanimously the following:

Res. 423-20 *MOVED by Councillor Engel "Be it Moved that to honour those who have served Canada, past and present, in times of war, military conflict, and peace, and to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country so that we may enjoy our freedoms, Council encourages those citizens who can to join as one with our community on your front step at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month to reflect in 2 minutes of silence on Remembrance Day 2020."*

Carried Unanimously

We invite all our residents to join the Didsbury Mayor and Town Council in doing this. Lest We Forget.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were either added or removed:

Remove 6.2 Municipal Elections for 2nd reading

Add: 7.8 Update on Provincial COVID-19 Watch List for Mountain View County

Res. 424-20 *MOVED by Councillor Baswick to approve the agenda as amended.*

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Missing on Res. 394-20 the appointment of the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission;

Res. 399-20 Should read that the MPC be reaffirmed and Cheryl Dahl be appointed as new member.

Res. 425-20 MOVED by Councillor Engel to approve the October 27, 2020 Organizational Meeting Minutes as amended.

Carried

Res. 410-20 should read "Didsbury Municipal Library Operation Grant."

Res. 416-20 and Res. 417-20 required unanimous approval which was achieved.

Res. 426-20 MOVED by Councillor Engel to approve the October 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Carried

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Rates and Fees Bylaw 2020-15

Res. 427-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to bring Bylaw 2020-15 Rates and Fees to the next Regular Council meeting outlining changes from 2019-13.

Defeated

Res. 428-20 MOVED by Councillor Moore to grant first reading to Bylaw 2020-15 to set the rates and fees for 2020, and that Council refer Bylaw 2020-15 to Council Committee for review.

Carried

BUSINESS

2021 Group Accident Insurance

Res. 429-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor for Council to have Administration bring back 2021 Group Accident Insurance to the November 24, 2020 meeting with more information and clarification.

Carried

Community Recognition

Res. 430-20 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Poggemiller to recognize Kevin Bentley for his Moose Project with a letter of recognition from Mayor Hunter on behalf of Council, as outlined in the Community Recognition Policy.

Carried

Utility Budget Options

Res. 431-20 MOVED by Councillor Moore to fund the projected water deficit from the projected surplus generated from the wastewater department. If there is an overall deficit as projected in the high projection above, reduce the current year reserve transfer to account for that the water department breaks even.

Defeated

- Res. 432-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor that the Utility Budget Options be deferred until a policy is created to address utility funding, and that such a policy be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Carried

Central Alberta Economic Partnership Board Nomination – Mayor Hunter

- Res. 433-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to approve Mayor Hunter's nomination for Director of Towns/Villages position on the Central Alberta Economic Partnership Board.

Defeated

- Res. 434-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor that an exit letter to Central Alberta Economic Partnership be sent by the Mayor on behalf of Council.

Carried

- Res. 435-40 MOVED by Councillor Windsor that the Administrative investigation into the value of our Central Alberta Economic Partnership membership be ceased due to the approved exit letter.

Defeated

Country Christmas

- Res. 436-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to allocate up to \$2500 from the Economic Development budget to pay for contracted costs of hanging lights and garland in downtown Didsbury for Country Christmas.

Carried

- Res. 437-20 MOVED by Councillor Engel to allocate an additional \$2000 from the Economic Development budget for additional Christmas lights.

Carried

AG Building

- Res. 438-20 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to approve the commencement of the process to sell the AG Building.

Carried

Crossing Signals at 23rd Street and Hwy. 582

- Res. 439-20 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to install a solar crosswalk with flashing lights at the intersection of 23rd Street and Highway 582.

Carried

Councillor Crothers left the meeting at 8:42 p.m. and returned at 8:43 p.m.

Update on Provincial COVID-19 Watch List for Mountain View County

- Res. 440-20 MOVED by Councillor Moore that in the best interest and wellbeing of our community, that Council support the Chief Medical Officer and strongly encourage that our residents and businesses follow the recommendations of the Public Health Orders as set out by the Province of Alberta for all measures and recommended practices relating to COVID-19.

Carried

EXTEND MEETING

- Res. 441-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to extend the regular council meeting to 10:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer Report

Res. 442-20 MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report for November 10, 2020 as information.

Carried

Council Reports

Res. 443-20 MOVED by Councillor Moore to accept the Council reports for November 10, 2020 as information.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mountain View Seniors' Housing Requisitions
- AUMA Update on Alberta Police Interim Advisory Board
- Minister of Municipal Affairs Tracy Allard – Inquiry of public libraries located in schools
- AUMA Infrastructure and Energy Committee – Appointment of Mayor Rhonda Hunter

Res. 444-20 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to accept the correspondence and information items as information.

Carried

Res. 445-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor that Council acknowledges and endorses the appointment of Mayor Hunter to the AUMA Infrastructure and Energy Committee.

Carried

EMAIL QUESTION PERIOD

CLOSED MEETING

Res. 446-20 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to go into Closed Meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Carried

Council took a 5-minute break

The following people, including Council, attended the closed meeting session:

Staff: Ethan Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer

Ethan Gorner left the meeting at 9:34 and returned at 9:51.

Topics of Closed Meeting in accordance with the FOIP Act.

Sec. 19(1) confidential evaluations (personnel)

RECONVENE

Res. 447-20 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to come out of closed meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Res. 448-20 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to adjourn the meeting 9:57 p.m.

Carried



Mayor - Rhonda Hunter



Chief Administrative Officer - Ethan Gorner