



**TOWN OF STRATHMORE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**May 6, 2020, 7:00 PM
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE**

COUNCIL	Pat Fule	Mayor
	Bob Sobol	Councillor
	Lorraine Bauer	Councillor
	Jason Montgomery	Councillor
	Melanie Corbiell	Councillor
	Denise Peterson	Councillor
	Tari Cockx	Councillor
STAFF	James Thackray	CAO
	Ryan Roycroft	Director, Infrastructure, Operations & Development Services
	Mel Tiede	Director, Corporate Services
	Tracy Simpson	Director, Community & Protective Services
	Jennifer Sawatzky	Director, Strategic & Administrative Services
	Debra Heemeryck	Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fule called the meeting to order at 6:19PM.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 192.05.20

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT Council adopt the May 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda with the following amendments:

Addition:

3.4 Item Pertaining to FOIPP s. 24(1)(b)(ii)

9.5 Shovel Ready Projects

CARRIED

3. **IN CAMERA**

Resolution No. 193.05.20

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss Items Pertaining to FOIPP s. 24(1)(g) at 6:22PM.

CARRIED

3.1 **Item Pertaining to FOIPP s. 24(1)(g)**

3.2 **Item Pertaining to FOIPP s. 24(1)(g)**

3.3 **Item Pertaining to FOIPP. s. 24(1)(g)**

Resolution No. 194.05.20

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council move out of Camera at 6:56PM.

CARRIED

4. **PRESENTATION(S)/RECOGNITIONS**

None.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

5.1 **RCMP Staff Sargent Morgan**

Resolution No. 195.05.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council accept the RCMP COVID-19 Update as information.

CARRIED

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

7. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

7.1 **Adoption of the April 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Resolution No. 196.05.20

Moved by Councillor Bauer

THAT Council adopt the April 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

7.2 **Adoption of the April 27, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes**

Resolution No. 197.05.20

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT Council adopt the April 27, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

7.3 Adoption of the April 29, 2020 6:00PM Special Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution No. 198.05.20

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council adopt the April 29, 2020 6:00PM Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

7.4 Adoption of the April 29, 2020 7:30PM Special Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution No. 199.05.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council adopt the April 29, 2020 7:30PM Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

8. TABLED ITEM(S)

None.

9. ITEMS/REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Farmers Market Improvements

Resolution No. 200.05.20

Moved by Councillor Bauer

THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with the proposed upgrades with continued consultation and feedback with the Farmers Market Association to the Farmers Market, as budgeted under the Strathmore Commons Project Budget.

CARRIED

9.2 2020 United Way Grants Recommendations

Resolution No. 201.05.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council approve the United Way and area applications through the United Way Fund pending that the agency is able to function during COVID-19; and furthermore it is understood that there is flexibility in the funds as per Calgary United Way will be allowed during COVID-19 as per the management process that Calgary United Way will

following during the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery phase. The following services are approved:

- Calgary Immigrant Services - \$3,400.00
- Foothills Fetal Alcohol Society - \$3,500.00
- Parkinson Association of Alberta - \$3,500.00
- Hope Bridges Society for Creative & Continued Learning - \$1,500.00
- Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta - \$3,500.00
- Roots of Empathy - \$3,500.00
- Strathmore Municipal Library - \$3,000.00
- Wheatland Society of Arts - \$3,000.00
- Growing Families Society - Bridging the Gap \$2,000.00
- Growing Families Society - Life Skills Program - \$3,500.00
- 5 for Life Coalition - \$2,500.00
- Aspen Family & Community Network Society - \$1,990.00
- Hope Community Covenant Church - \$2,000.00
- Strathmore Meals on Wheels - \$1,000.00
- Rural Calgary East Postpartum Support Group - \$3,100.00
- Wheatland Housing Management Body - \$3,500.00

CARRIED

9.3 2020 Budget Amendment

Resolution No. 202.05.20

Moved by Councillor Bauer

THAT Council direct Administration to apply the principle repayment and first year interest on borrowings made for the purpose of Town hall and Strathmore Commons towards the Province of Alberta Municipal Sustainability Initiative Grant as available; and

THAT Council amend the three-year operating budget for the years of 2020 to 2022, to reflect a transfer to the Financial Stabilization Reserve in an amount equal to Provincial Grant Revenue for the principle repayment and first year interest on the borrowings for Town Hall and Strathmore Commons; and

THAT Council direct Administration in preparation of future budgets to utilize and claim principle and interest payments on borrowings for non-revenue producing assets towards MSI Grant funding as available and that this concept be included in future updates of the Long-Term Financial Plan.

CARRIED

9.4 Business License Funding to Chamber of Commerce

Resolution No. 203.05.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council postpone Item No 9.4 Chamber of Commerce Business License Grant to the May 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

9.5 Marigold Library Project

Mr. Thackray reached out to both organizations, Mr. McAllister of the Western Irrigation District and Ms. Toombs of the Marigold Library Board and consulted with Mayor Pat Fule and will not be submitting the project to the province as this project may impact the Seniors Housing Project.

Resolution No. 204.05.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council accept the Marigold Report for information.

CARRIED

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Reports from Councillors on Committees in Which They Sit

Councillor Sobol - Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce had their AGM on April 30, 2020 and three new Directors were voted in which brings the board to thirteen Directors. Today was the first meeting of the new board and the Executive Committee was voted in, Hayley Poirier was chosen to be the Chair, Michael McCutchen is the Treasurer and Tammy Gray as Vice Chair.

Councillor Peterson - Marigold Library

Reported that the levy payment is still based on a population of 13,528 and our contribution which involves our municipal levy and our library board levy totals \$244,000 but the value of the total services provided is in excess of \$265,000. The increase to some of the Marigold services right now are up 113% because of the COVID-19 crisis and they have done a remarkable job in terms of supplying services to community and have kept their administrative costs low and remain in a positive financial state. As of today, 111,268 families have library cards which are making use of the 13.2 million items and 13 plus million visits have been made to the on-line catalogue over the past year.

Councillor Montgomery - Marigold Library

Our local library is operating under diminished capacity but one of the things it is doing now is on-line programming for younger and older generations. They have just brought on it curbside pick-up so you can order books through the library and they will arrange a time for you to pick up your items and the program so far has been well received. It is very safe and recommend that people take advantage of the program.

Resolution No. 205.05.20

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

That council accept the Committee Reports for information.

CARRIED

11. ITEMS DIRECTLY RELATED TO COUNCIL

None.

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Bench Signs Land Use Amendment Bylaw

Resolution No. 206.05.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 20-10 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw - Bench Signs.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 207.05.20

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT Council hold a Public Hearing for Bylaw 20-10 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw - Bench Signs on July 8, 2020.

CARRIED

12.2 Bylaw 20-11 Tax Payment and Penalty Bylaw Amendment Bylaw

Resolution No. 208.05.20

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 20-11 Tax Payment and Penalty Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 209.05.20

Moved by Councillor Cockx

THAT Council give second reading to Bylaw No. 20-11 Tax Payment and Penalty Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 210.05.20

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT Council give unanimous consent to a third and final reading of Bylaw 20-11 Tax Payment and Penalty Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 211.05.20

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 20-11 Tax Payment and Penalty Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

CARRIED

12.3 Bylaw 20-06 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw

Resolution No. 212.05.20

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT COUNCIL give first reading to Bylaw No. 20-06 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 213.05.20

Moved by Councillor Bauer

THAT Council give second reading to Bylaw 20-06 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 214.05.20

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council give unanimous consent for third and final reading to Bylaw No. 20-06 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 215.05.20

Moved by Councillor Cockx

THAT Council give third and final reading to Bylaw No. 20-06 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw.

CARRIED

13. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

14. QUESTIONS BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STATEMENTS

14.1 Small Business Concerns

Item removed.

15. **ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES**

Councillor Peterson – Workshop

That this Council being given the opportunity to work with the community and Administration with regard to a plan to move ahead and to set aside some significant time to deal with work considerations that we know that our community is facing. I believe that this Council is full of good and creative ideas relevant to the community that we represent and that some visioning around that is both necessary and the need is imminent. More along the lines of this Council addressing how the revenues of the Town will not bounce back for the next couple of years and tax payments, and tax referrals, developing policies around that and core service review and how operating deficient and servicing debt into the future, municipal economic damage assessment and workforce assessment in our municipality.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 216.05.20

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council move in Camera to discuss item pertaining to FOIPP s. 24(1)(g) and s. 24(1)(ii) at 9:04PM.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 217.05.20

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT Council move out of Camera at 9:32PM.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 218.05.20

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council extend the May 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting to 10:30PM.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 219.05.20

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss Item Pertaining to FOIPP s. 24(1)(b)(ii) at 9:33PM.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 220.05.20

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT Council move out of Camera at 9:45PM.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 221.05.20
Move by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council adjourn the May 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting at 9:45PM.

CARRIED



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer