

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley

September 13, 2022

Date and Place

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held Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:45 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal

Office

In Attendance

Mayor Greg Rathjen Deputy Mayor Eastman

Councillor Hansen

Councillor Dale Grimsdale Councillor Brenda Valiquette

CAO, Marc Fortais

Call to Order

Mayor Greg Rathjen called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Indigenous

Acknowledgement

"We acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and

Home of Metis Nation Region 3, on land that is part of a historic agreement involving mutuality and respect. We recognize all the many First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and non-First Nations whose footsteps have marked these

lands"

Read by Mayor Rathjen

Agenda

Motion 164/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the September 13, 2022, regular meeting of council, be amended to include an in-camera item at the end of the council meeting, regarding Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission and a financial matter. This item is to be discussed in-camera in accordance with The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, "Disclosure harmful to the business interests of a third party." Specifically, councillor Hansen attended a meeting as a representative on the LRWSC Board and was given financial information that has not yet been made public and was shared in confidence with the Board.

Carried

Motion 165/2022 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT the agenda of the September 13, 2022, regular meeting of council be amended to include an in-camera item at the end of the council meeting regarding a personal matter. This item is to be discussed in-camera in accordance with The

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, Disclosure harmful to personal privacy. 17(1) The head of a public body must refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy."

Motion 166/2022 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the amended agenda of the September 13, 2022, regular meeting of council be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 167/2022 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the minutes of the August 23, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing Cheques No. 20220616 to 20220666

Motion 168/2022 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Cheque No. 20220616 to 20220666 be received for information."

Carried

Unfinished Business

- a) ECO Tree Generations & Bentley Farmers Market request for support community project and lease of land
 - Council heard a presentation from ECO Tree Generations at the last council meeting that occurred on August 23, 2022. This is a continuation of the discussion from the last council meeting.
 - Mayor Rathjen asked members of Council if they had any further questions of the presenters from the last Council Meeting and there were questions. Mayor Rathjen called upon the presenter Shawn Moore from Eco Tree to answer additional questions and he was present.
 - Several questions were asked by Mayor and Council and were answered by the presenter.

Motion 169/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT Mayor and Council support the concept presented by ECO Tree Generations and the Bentley Farmers Market; AND

THAT Mayor and Council authorize the CAO to negotiate a long-term lease and operational agreement for the space necessary to support the concept and idea presented by ECO Tree Generations and the Bentley Farmers Market; AND

THAT Administration work collaboratively with ECO Tree Generations and the Bentley Farmers Market to explore and apply for funding opportunities to support the implementation of the project.

 Council debated the motion, and thoughts regarding supporting the proposal were divided.

Councillor Hansen proposed a friendly amendment to be added to the motion as follows:

THAT the following additional paragraph be added to the motion, "THAT a public meeting be held once a successful negotiation has been completed to share the details of any business arrangement and seek public feedback regarding the design of the community space."

Carried

The main motion was again presented as amended

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THAT administration work collaboratively with ECO Tree Generations and the Bentley Farmers Market to explore and apply for funding opportunities to support the implementation of the project'; AND

THAT a public meeting be held once a successful negotiation has been completed to share the details of any business arrangement and seek public feedback regarding the design of the community space."

 Mayor and Council continued to debate the motion until such a time, that Mayor Rathjen called for the vote and requested that it be recorded. There were no objections to the vote being recorded by members of Council.

Recorded Vote (3 For and 2 Opposed as follows)

Mayor Rathjen For

Deputy Mayor Eastman For

Councillor Valiquette For

Councillor Hansen Opposed

Councillor Grimsdale Opposed

Carried

New Business

a) MAP Audit Response to address identified items

Motion 170/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT Mayor and Council accept the response and action plan to rectify the findings of the 2022 Municipality Accountability Program Report (Town of Bentley) as information; AND

THAT Mayor and Council declare that the Bentley Municipal office for the Town of Bentley is located at 4918 50th Ave in Bentley Alberta; AND

THAT from this point forward, the Public Works Committee will only meet during a public meeting open to the public either during a regular meeting of mayor and council, to be shown on the agenda. Or that a meeting date be set and advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act to hold such a meeting of the Public Works Committee.

Carried

Motion 171/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, THAT a Public Works report be provided to Mayor and Council quarterly.

Carried

Correspondence

- a) Council Highlights Lacombe County August 25, 2022
- b) Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission August 24, 2022, Meeting

Motion 172/2022 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the correspondence items a) to b) be accepted as information."

Carried

Other Business

None

Council Reports

- a) Mayor Rathjen
- b) Deputy Mayor Eastman
- c) Councillor Hansen
- d) Councillor Grimsdale
- e) Councillor Valiquette

Motion 173/2022 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the August Council Reports be accepted as information."

Carried

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Motion 174/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen that a 5-minute break be taken at 7:56pm prior to moving in-camera to discuss the items added to the agenda.

Carried

Call to Order

Mayor Rathjen called the meeting back in order at 8:02pm

In-Camera

Motion 175/2022 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale that the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be closed to the public at 8:02pm for a discussion of two items as follows:

- a) Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission and a financial matter. This item is to be discussed in-camera in accordance with The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, "Disclosure harmful to the business interests of a third party." Specifically, councillor Hansen attended a meeting as a representative on the LRWSC Board and was given financial information that has not yet been made public and was shared in confidence with the Board.
- b) Personal matter. This item is to be discussed in-camera in accordance with The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, Disclosure harmful to personal privacy.
 17(1) The head of a public body must refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy."

Motion 176/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT the regular meeting of Mayor and Council be resumed in public at 8:34pm.

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen, adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm

Mayor Greg Rathjen

CAO Marc Fortais