



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

February 27, 2024

In-Camera meeting at 6:00pm in advance of regular council meeting

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office and In-Camera meeting held at 6:00pm in advance of the regular council meeting.

In Attendance Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Grimsdale
Councillor Valiquette
Councillor Eastman
Councillor Hansen
CAO, Marc Fortais

In-Camera Meeting Pursuant to section 194 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA. 2000 c.M-26, a Special In-Camera Council Meeting conducted in-person took place and began at 6:00pm in advance of the Regular council Meeting on February 27, 2024, in the Council Chambers (Seniors Drop In) at the Town Office.

Motion 50/2024 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT the special in-camera meeting of Mayor and Council be closed to the public at 6:00pm, pursuant to section 24(1) and 27(1) of the Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Act - ***Advice from Officials / Privileged Information - Annexation Negotiations.***"

Carried

Motion 51/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the special in-camera meeting of Mayor and Council be concluded, and that Mayor and Council reconvene in public at 6:24pm"

Carried

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm

Call to Order

Regular Meeting Mayor Rathjen called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30pm

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 52/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the February 27, 2024, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include CAO Evaluation as an additional item for Other Business."

Carried

Motion 53/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT the agenda of the February 27, 2024, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include an update on the Garbage Bylaw."

Carried

Motion 54/2024 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT the amended agenda of the February 27, 2024, Regular Meeting of Mayor and council be approved as amended."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 55/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the minutes of the January 23, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20240084 to 20240120

Motion 56/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT Cheques No. 20240084 to 20240120 be received for information."

Carried



b) Mayor and Council Remuneration Listing – January 2024

Motion 57/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT the Mayor and Council Remuneration Listing – January 2024 be received for information.”

Carried

New Business

a) Request for Decision Regarding Notice of Intent to Annex Land – Bentley Southeast Area Structure Plan

Motion 58/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT Mayor and Council approve the Notice of Intent to Annex Lands as presented; AND

THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to submit the Notice of Intent to Lacombe County, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT), thereby starting the formal annexation process; AND

THAT administration be authorized to forward copies of the Notice of Intent to the local MLA and affected local authorities.

Carried

b) CPI Index Increase Summary (as per approved 2024 Budget)

Motion 59/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT pursuant to Policy 07/04, Mayor and Council approve a cost-of-living increase of 2.50% to the salary grid, to take effect March 1, 2024; AND

THAT pursuant to Policy 40/2021, Council will opt out of an approved cost-of-living increase for the 2024 budget year and remain at the same rates for compensation as 2023.”

Carried

Correspondence

a) Lacombe County Council Highlights February 8, 2024

Motion 60/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT correspondence item a) be accepted as information.”

Carried

Other Business

a) CAO Evaluation

Councillor Hansen asked Mayor Rathjen for an update on CAO evaluations. Mayor Rathjen indicated it was in process and that council should stay tuned for further information coming there way.



b) Deputy Mayor Grimsdale asked for an update on the Garbage Bylaw rewrite.

CAO Marc Fortais advised that the item was a Q2 objective as per the 2024 Budget Presentation and therefore would be worked on in alignment with the objectives set out for Q2. This was sufficient for Deputy Mayor Grimsdale.

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the February 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting at 7:12pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais