



Minutes of the Regular of the Council of the Town of Bentley
April 9, 2024

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office.

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

Call to Order 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 80/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the April 9, 2024, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include an item as unfinished business regarding Mayor and Council support for the Sylvan Lake and Area Health Foundation as discussed at the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council; AND

THAT an additional item be added as other business for a discussion regarding a visit from Krista Gardner (Vice President Towns and Director Towns for AB Municipalities) be added to the agenda."

Carried

Motion 81/2024 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the agenda of eh April 9, 2024, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include an In-Camera discussion regarding the current contract with Dale Russell and Remax for the sale of the Sunset Heights Subdivision Lots,

(pursuant to Section 194 of MGA, RSA, 2000 C.M. – 26, advice from officials pursuant to section 24(1) of the Freedom of information and the protection of privacy act.”

Carried

Motion 82/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT the amended agenda of the April 9, 2024, regular meeting be accepted.”

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 83/2024 Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT the minutes of the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted.”

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20240209 to 20240265

Motion 84/2024 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, “THAT Cheques No. 20240209 to 20240265 be received for information.”

Carried

Unfinished Business

a) Monkey Top – Rebate of Mutual Aid Response (potential time limitation)

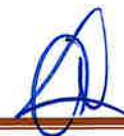
It should be noted that prior to this item being discussed, Councillor Hansen, declared a potential conflict of interest pursuant to her previous roll as an employee with the Monkey Top. Councillor Hansen left her chair and sat in the audience.

Motion 85/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT an amendment be made to motion #67/2024 to add the requirement to rebuild within a certain time-limit as follows:

THAT in order for the current owner of the Monkey Top to be eligible to receive a refund of \$40,439.27 for charges related to cost recovery of mutual aid in relation to the Monkey Top Fire, the invoice must be paid in full; AND

THAT the current owner of the Monkey Top must complete the construction of a new building and be issued an occupancy permit, within two years from the date that the Town of Bentley issued the invoice.”

Carried



b) Sylvan Lake and Area Health Foundation

Motion 86/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT CAO Marc Fortais be directed to draft a letter of support to the Sylvan Lake and Area Health Foundation; AND

THAT the foundation clarify the role and commitment required of Mayor and Council as they continue to develop the foundation."

Carried

New Business

a) Delegation BGC – Wolf Creek

Presentation was given by a delegation (Beth and Hanna from BGC) providing a summary of the utilization of the program and the challenges for cost recovery based on the low utilization. A request was made for additional funding to support the program moving forward due to the lack of utilization, with the disclaimer that the usage did not match the initial want or desire for the program.

Motion 87/2024 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT the presentation form BGC be accepted as information."

Carried

b) Assessment Audit Report

CAO Marc Fortais provided the full Assessment Audit Report for Mayor and Council's information and went through the report to provide the highlights of it. Overall, the Town of Bentley and our Auditor are meeting all legislative requirements for the preparation of assessments and notices. There were only a few minor immaterial matters to be rectified. Both administration and the assessor are committed to rectifying the minor issues in a timely manner.

Motion 88/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the assessment audit report be accepted as information; AND

THAT administration be directed to meet the requirements of the report."

Carried

Correspondence

a) Reminder (annexation public meeting April 18, 2024 – Bentley Southeast Area Structure Plan)

b) Letter from MP Sean Fraser

Motion 89/2024 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT correspondence item a) to b) be accepted as information."

Carried



Other Business

- a) **Krista Gardner – Vice President Towns and Director of Towns for Alberta Municipalities visit May 6th and 7th, 2024.**

Mayor and Council discussed setting up a meeting with Krista Gardner from Town’s West (Alberta Municipalities). The meeting can be informal or formal, whichever she prefers can even be a chat over coffee.

Motion 90/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT CAO Marc Fortais set up a meeting with Krista Gardner – Vice President Towns and Director of Towns for Alberta Municipalities.”

Carried

- b) **In-Camera item added to agenda – Real Estate Contract Sunset Heights.**

Pursuant to section 194 of MGA, RSA, 2000, C.M -26 a discussion regarding the Town of Bentley current contract with our realtor for Sunset Heights, will be in-camera and closed to the public, pursuant to “**advice from officials,**” **Section 24(1)** of the freedom of information and the protection of privacy act.

Motion 90/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT the regular meeting of council be closed to the public at 7:08 pm to discuss the contractual arrangement with our realtor for the Sunset Heights Subdivision.”

Carried

Motion 91/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT the regular meeting of council be resumed in public at 7:28pm.”

Carried

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the April 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting at 7:31pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais