



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers and Through Electronic Communications

Sturgeon County Centre

9613-100 Street

Morinville, Alberta

Members Present:

Mayor Alanna Hnatiw
Dan Derouin, Councillor - Division 1
Kristin Toms, Councillor - Division 2
Matthew McLennan, Councillor - Division 3
Neal Comeau, Councillor - Division 4
Deanna Stang, Councillor - Division 5
Jason Berry, Councillor - Division 6

Administration Present:

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO
Scott MacDougall, Chief Operating Officer - COO
Jesse Sopko, General Manager, Corporate Services
Travis Peter, General Manager, Development & Strategic Services
Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer
Bonnie McInnis, Manager, Planning & Development Services
Sabrina Duquette, Manager, Corporate Finance & Treasury
Jeffrey Yanew, Manager, Utility & Waste Management Services
Valerie Lawson, Senior Program Lead, Treasury & Financial Planning
Trenna Benesocky, Chief of Staff
Tyler McNab, Program Lead, Development & Safety Codes
Stephen Chipchase, Development Compliance Officer
Charlene Cyr, Access and Privacy Officer
Melodie Steele, Legislative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hnatiw called the September 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and acknowledged that Council meets on Treaty 6 territory, the traditional homelands of Alexander and Michel First Nations, as well as the Métis Nation of Alberta's Region 4.

We are all Treaty People; we love and cherish this place we call home and the land that provides for us. A place where our families, friends, and other relations live and grow. We commit ourselves to continually becoming better Treaty people so that this place and those we love continue to thrive as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow.

1.2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 307/23

Moved by K. Toms

That Council adopt the September 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

Carried Unanimously

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development Opportunity (Waste to Resource)

Motion 308/23

Moved by K. Toms

That Council move to a closed session at 9:03 a.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried Unanimously

Presented by Scott MacDougall, Chief Operating Officer – COO

The following persons were in attendance for the closed session to provide information and/or administrative assistance:

Wilbert Yang, Tetra Tech, Inc.; Reagan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO; Jesse Sopko, General Manager, Corporate Services; Travis Peter, General Manager, Development & Strategic Services; Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer; Jeffrey Yanew, Manager, Utility & Waste Management Services; Trena Benesocky, Chief of Staff; Charlene Cyr, Access & Privacy Officer; and Melodie Steele, Legislative Officer.

Councillor Toms left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Councillor Toms returned to the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Mayor Hnatiw left the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Mayor Hnatiw returned to the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Motion 309/23

Moved by D. Derouin

That Council move out of the closed session at 11:08 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 310/23

Moved by K. Toms

That Council direct Administration to take direction as identified in confidential Enclosure 1 of item 3.1 of the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 311/23

Moved by K. Toms

That the Request for Decision, Enclosure 1, and attachments of item 3.1 of the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda remain confidential in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried Unanimously

2. BUSINESS

2.1 Bylaw 1631/23 – Bylaw Enforcement Officer Technical Amendments Bylaw – Second and Third Readings

Motion 312/23

Moved by D. Stang

That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1631/23.

For (6): A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, N. Comeau, D. Stang, and J. Berry

Against (1): M. McLennan

Carried

Motion 313/23

Moved by D. Stang

That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1631/23.

For (6): A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, N. Comeau, D. Stang, and J. Berry

Against (1): M. McLennan

Carried

3. CLOSED SESSION – Cont’d.

3.2 CLOSED SESSION – Request for Tax Agreement – MAGA Energy

Motion 314/23

Moved by D. Stang

That Council move to a closed session at 11:26 a.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried Unanimously

Presented by Sabrina Duquette, Manager, Corporate Finance & Treasury.

The following persons were in attendance for the closed session to provide information and/or administrative assistance:

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO; Scott MacDougall, Chief Operating Officer - COO; Jesse Sopko, General Manager, Corporate Services; Travis Peter, General Manager, Development & Strategic Services; Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer; Valerie Lawson, Senior Program Lead, Treasury & Financial Planning; Charlene Cyr, Access & Privacy Officer; and Melodie Steele, Legislative Officer.

Motion 315/23

Moved by K. Toms

That Council move out of the closed session at 11:53 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 316/23

Moved by D. Stang

That Council direct Administration to enter into a tax agreement with MAGA Energy that would result in all current taxes, tax arrears, and tax penalties being paid in full by December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate the terms of the tax agreement.

For (4): A. Hnatiw, K. Toms, D. Stang, and J. Berry

Against (3): D. Derouin, M. McLennan, and N. Comeau

Carried

Motion 317/23

Moved by D. Stang

That the Request for Decision of item 3.2 of the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda remain confidential in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried Unanimously

3.3 CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Matter

Motion 318/23

Moved by K. Toms

That Council move to a closed session at 11:55 a.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 17 (disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried Unanimously

Presented by Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO.

Jesse Sopko, General Manager, Corporate Services was also in attendance for the closed session to provide information and/or administrative assistance.

Motion 319/23

Moved by N. Comeau

That Council move out of the closed session at 12:27 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 320/23

Moved by J. Berry

That the discussion of item 3.3 of the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda remain confidential in accordance with section 17 (disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried Unanimously

4. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 321/23

Moved by N. Comeau

That Council adjourn the September 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Mayor

County Commissioner (CAO)