

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
Council Chambers – 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville, Alberta

1. Call to Order

1.0 Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Present: Mayor Posti
Deputy Mayor Ebden
Councillor Engen
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Meyers
Councillor Phillips
Councillor See
CAO Jack Ramsden
Supervisor Finance & Administration Darcy Webb

Absent: None.

Press: (meeting available via electronic means)

Gallery: (meeting available via electronic means)

2. Delegations/Public Hearings

2.1 None

3. Agenda

3.1 Additional Agenda Items
5.6 Municipal Operating Support Transfer Agreement
5.7 Council Meeting Locations
11.1 Section 24 – Advice from Officials

3.2 Adoption of Agenda

Res. 260.2020

Moved by Councillor See that the Agenda be adopted with the additions. **Carried Unanimously.**

4. Minutes

Res. 261.2020

4.1 Regular Council Meeting – September 14, 2020

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ebden that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held Monday, September 14, 2020 be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

4.2 Public Hearing Minutes – October 6, 2020

Res. 262.2020

Moved by Councillor Engen that the minutes of the Public Hearing of Council held Tuesday, October 6, 2020 be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

5. Action Items

5.1 RFD – 2021 Fortis Franchise Fee

Res. 263.2020

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ebdon that the Town of Eckville not increase the Fortis Franchise Fee in 2021. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.2 RFD – New Office Hours

Res. 264.2020

Moved by Councillor Engen that, effective immediately, the Town Office be opened to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.3 RFD – Removal of One-Way Designation – 54A Avenue

Res. 265.2020

Moved by Councillor Engen that a decision on this matter be deferred pending further input from the surrounding neighbors and the Elementary School Parent Advisory Council. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.4 RFD – Signage for Town Parking Lots

Res. 266.2020

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ebdon that the Town of Eckville proceed with signing the public parking lots located on the south side of 50th Avenue across from the Credit Union and the Co-op Grocery Store to indicate that they are being provided by the Town of Eckville. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.5 RFD – Removal of Wooden Half Pipe

Res. 267.2020

Moved by Councillor Meyers that Administration have the half pipe at the Eckville Skate Board Park inspected and provided with recommendations provided with respect to removal or repair. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.6 MOST Agreement

Res. 268.2020

Moved by Councillor See that the Town of Eckville enter into the Municipal Operating Support Agreement with the Province of Alberta and further that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to execute said agreement. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.7 Council Meeting Locations

Res. 269.2020

Moved by Councillor Meyers that regular meetings of Council scheduled for October 26, 2020 and November 23, 2020 be held at the Eckville Community Centre. **Carried Unanimously.**

6. Bylaws, Policies

6.1 Bylaw 765-20: Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Councillor Chapman abstained from discussion and voting on this item since he was absent from the public hearing with respect to this bylaw.

- Res. 270.2020** Moved by Councillor See that Bylaw 765-20 be given second reading. **Carried Unanimously.**
- Res. 271.2020** Moved by Councillor Phillips that Bylaw 765-20 be given third and final reading. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7. Reports**
- 7.1 Memo – Options for Changing the Make Up of Council
- Res. 272.2020** Moved by Councillor Meyers that this memo be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.2 Management Report October 13, 2020
- Res. 273.2020** Moved by Councillor Engen that the management report dated October 13, 2020 be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.3 Animal Control Services Report – August, 2020
- Res. 274.2020** Moved by Deputy Mayor Ebden that the Animal Control Services Report dated August, 2020 be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.4 Financial Reports – AP Report Sept. 10, 24 & Oct. 8, 2020
- Res. 275.2020** Moved by Councillor Phillips that the AP Reports be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.5 Tagish Engineering Updates – September 17, 2020
- Res. 276.2020** Moved by Councillor Engen that the Tagish Engineering Updates dated September 17, 2020 be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.6 Bylaw Enforcement Report – 2nd Quarter 2020
- Res. 277.2020** Moved by Councillor Meyers that the 2nd Quarter, 2020 Bylaw Enforcement Report be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 8. Committee, Board Reports**
- 8.1 Councillor See gave an update on the Eckville Arena and Eckville Library.
- Councillor Phillips reported on the Eckville Community Centre, FCSS and the 2020 AUMA Virtual Conference.
- Councillor Engen also reported on the 2020 AUMA Virtual Conference.
- Councillor Meyers updated Council on the Medicine River Crime Watch Society.
- Deputy Mayor Ebden reported on the 2020 AUMA Virtual Conference and Parkland Regional Library.

Mayor Posti discussed an Ambulance Dispatch meeting she attended along with the Lacombe Foundation.

Res. 278.2020 Moved by Councillor See that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

- 9. Correspondence, Information Items**
- 9.1 Parkland Regional Library System 2021 Proposed Budget
 - 9.2 Thank you – Madison Smith
 - 9.3 Honourable Jason Nixon- City of Red Deer Ambulance dispatch service
 - 9.4 Honourable Jason Nixon-Municipal Operating Support Transfer
 - 9.5 CN Report
 - 9.6 Lacombe County Highlights
 - 9.7 Fortis 2021 Distribution Rates

Res. 279.2020 Moved by Councillor Engen that the Correspondence & Information Items be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

- 10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events**
- 10.1 Brownlee Law – Virtual Conference
- Council asked that Administration register Council for session to be held February 11, 2020.

- 11. Closed Session**
- 11.1 Section 24: Advice from Officials

Res. 280.2020 Moved by Councillor Meyers that the meeting move into closed session excluding all persons except Council members, CAO and Supervisor Finance & Administration in order to discuss an item that falls within Section 24-Advice from officials; disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to reveal positions developed for the purpose of negotiations. Time: 9:05 p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 281.2020 Moved by Councillor Meyers that the meeting revert back to open session. Time: 9:35 pm. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Posti called for a five minute recess. Time: 9:36 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 9:41 p.m.

- 12. Committee of the Whole**
- 12.1 None

- 13. Adjournment**
- 13.1

Res. 282.2020 Mayor Posti adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m. **Carried Unanimously**

Mayor

CAO