

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

May 13, 2024

Eckville Town Office, 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville, Alberta
(The meeting was available via electronic means)

1. Call to Order

1.1 Mayor Ebden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ebden
Councillor Engen
Councillor Pacholek
Councillor Palm-Fraser
Councillor See (joined by electronic means)
Councillor Thoreson

Absent: Councillor Meyers

Staff: CAO, Jack Ramsden Deputy CAO, Darcy Webb

Press: None Present

Gallery: None

Mayor Ebden called for a recess in order to hold the Public Hearing on Bylaw 794-24 and Bylaw 795-24. Time 6:01pm.

2. Delegations/Public Hearings

2.1 Public Hearing: Municipal Development Plan Amendment #794-24 6:00pm
2.2 Public Hearing: Land Use Bylaw Amendment #795-24 6:15pm
The meeting reconvened at 6:31 pm

3. Agenda

3.1 Additional Agenda Items - None
3.2 Adoption of Agenda

Res.095.2024

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

4. Minutes

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2024

Res.096.2024

Moved by Councillor Engen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 22, 2024, be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

5. Action Items

5.1 RFD- Tax Recovery Public Auction.

Res.097.2024

Moved by Councillor Engen that the date for the 2024 public auction be set for Wednesday August 21, 2024 commencing at 2:00pm in the Town of Eckville Council Chambers, located at 5023 51 Avenue, Eckville. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res.098.2024

Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that for public auction purposes, a reserve bid

of \$179,000 be set for the property described as lots 11 & 12, Block 8, Plan 264HW. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.2 Rimbey Curling Club Funding Request.

Res.099.2024

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that Rimbey Curling Club request be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.3 Eckville Community Centre Society Financial Statement,

Res.100.2024

Moved by Councillor Thoreson that the Eckville Community Centre Financial Statement be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.4 Alberta Munis' concerns with Bill 20.

Res.101.2024

Moved by Councillor Engen that the Town of Eckville send a letter to the Premier that recommends that the Government of Alberta rescind Bill 20, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, due to the extensive concerns raised by municipal leaders across Alberta, including Eckville Council, and that the Government of Alberta engage municipal governments through a collaborative and trust-based consultation process to update the Local Authorities Election Act and Municipal Government Act to assist municipal governments to effectively govern in the interests of their residents and deliver on the future needs of each community in Alberta. **Carried Unanimously.**

Councillor See left the meeting. Time 7:25pm

6. Bylaws /Policies

6.1 Bylaw 794-24 Municipal Development Plan Amendment

Res.102.2024

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that Bylaw 794-24 Municipal Development Plan Amendment be given second reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res.103.2024

Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that Bylaw 794-24 Municipal Development Plan Amendment be given third and final reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

6.2 Public Hearing: Land Use Bylaw Amendment #795-24

Res.104.2024

Moved by Councillor Engen that Bylaw 795-24 Land use Bylaw Amendment be given second reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res.105.2024

Moved by Councillor Thoreson that Bylaw 795-24 Land Use Bylaw Amendment be given third and final reading. **Carried Unanimously**

Councillor See returned to the meeting. Time 7:30pm

6.3 Policy #4102 Water Management and Conservation.

Res.106.2024

Moved by Councillor See that Policy #4101 Water Restriction be rescinded. **Carried Unanimously.**

- Res.107.2024** Moved by Councillor Pacholek that Policy #4102 be adopted. **Carried.**
- 7. Reports**
- 7.1 Management Report for May 13, 2024
- Res. 108.2024** Moved by Councillor See that the Management Report for May 13, 2024, be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.2 Financial Report – AP – April 10-May 1, 2024
- Res. 109.2024** Moved by Councillor Thoreson that the Financial Report for April 10 – May 1 2024, be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.3 Animal Control Service – April 2024.
- Res. 110.2024** Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that the Animal Control Service Report for April be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 8. Committee & Board Reports**
- 8.1 Councillor Engen reported on Medicine River Watershed, Lacombe Foundation and meeting with the MLA to unveil the Hospital Plaque.
- 8.2 Councillor Palm-Fraser reported on the library
- 8.3 Councillor Pacholek reported on Water Conservation Policy review, and meeting with the MLA.
- 8.4 Mayor Ebdon reported on Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission (on behalf of Councillor Meyers), FCSS, Midsized Towns Mayors Group and meeting with the MLA
- Res.111.2024** Moved by Councillor See that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 9. Correspondence, Information Items**
- 9.1 Consent Agenda:
 A. Parkland Regional Library System 2023 Annual Report.
 B. Lacombe Foundation Financial Statements
 C. Eckville Municipal Library Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2024
- Res.112.2024** Moved by Councillor See that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events**
- 10.1 Ponoka Stampede Invite
- 10.2 Rocky Mountain House Leadership Breakfast.
- 10.3 Summer 2024 Municipal Leaders Caucus.
- Res.113.2024** Moved by Councillor Engen that the Seminars, Meetings, Special Events be accepted for information and that Mayor Ebdon and Deputy Mayor See attend the Summer 2024 Municipal Leaders Caucus. **Carried Unanimously.**
- Mayor Ebdon called for a 5 minute recess. Time 8:15pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:20 pm.
- 12. Committee of the Whole**
- 12.1 Budget 2024 Discussion.

Mayor Ebden turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor See.

Mayor Ebden and Deputy CAO Webb left the meeting. Time 9:10

11. Closed Session

11.1 Section 23 Local Public body confidences.

Res.114.2024

Moved by Councillor Engen that the meeting moves into closed session, excluding all persons except Council Members and the CAO to discuss an item with Section 23 of the FOIPP Act: Local public body confidences. Time 9:11 p.m.
Carried Unanimously

Res.115.2024

Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that the meeting revert back to open session. Time 9:30pm

13. Adjournment

Res. 116.2024

Deputy Mayor See adjourned the meeting. Time 9:31 pm. **Carried Unanimously.**



Mayor



CAO

