

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 27, 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 Meyers
Councillor Engen
Councillor Pacholek
Councillor Palm-Fraser
Councillor See (joined by electronic means)

Absent: Councillor Thoreson

Staff: CAO, Jack Ramsden, Deputy CAO, Darcy Webb

Press: None Present

Gallery: None

2. Delegations/Public Hearings

- 2.1 Delegation – Eckville and District Friendship Club
Louise Trimble and Phyllis Engel joined the meeting at 6:05 in order to discuss the activities offered by the club and to have a general discussion with Council.

Mayor Ebden thanked them both for attending and they left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

3. Agenda

- 3.1 Additional Agenda Items
Closed Session – Section 21; Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations
- 3.2 Adoption of Agenda

Res. 117.2024

Moved by Councillor Engen that the agenda be adopted with the addition.
Carried Unanimously.

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Public Hearing Minutes–Municipal Development Plan Amendment Bylaw 794-24

Res. 118.2024

Moved by Councillor Engen that the Public Hearing Minutes for MDP Amendment Bylaw 794-24 held May 13, 2024 be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

- 4.2 Public Hearing Minutes–Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 795-24

Res. 119.2024

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that the Public Hearing Minutes for Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 795-24 held May 13, 2024 be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

4.3 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2024

Res. 120.2024 Moved by Councillor See that the minutes be approved with the following amendments; a) Mayor Ebden turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor See at 9:10 p.m. and b) Resolution 115.2024 to read that Councillor Palm-Fraser moved the meeting revert back to open session at 9:30 p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

5. Action Items 5.1 Seniors' Week Declaration

Res. 121.2024 Moved by Councillor Engen that the Town of Eckville, in honor of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, declare June 3 – 9, 2024 to be Seniors' Week in Eckville. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.2 Eckville 2024 Operating and Capital Budget

Council made the following motions with respect to the amendments to the 2024 Interim Budget which was passed on December 11, 2023:

Res. 122.2024 Moved by Mayor Ebden that the interim budget be amended to include a two (2%) increase in the municipal tax rate. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 123.2024 Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that the interim budget be amended to include a five (5) dollar increase to solid waste rates effective October 1st and that administration be asked to prepare an amendment to the Water and Sewer Bylaw reflecting the change. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 124.2024 Moved by Mayor Ebden that the interim budget be amended to include a five (5) dollar increase to water rates effective October 1st and that administration be asked to prepare an amendment to the Water and Sewer Bylaw reflecting the change. **Carried.**

Res. 125.2024 Moved by Councillor Engen that the interim budget be amended by adjusting health and dental premiums for the Town benefit plan from 100% town paid to 80% town paid along with 20% staff and council paid effective July 1st. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 126.2024 Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that the interim budget be amended by adjusting the Peace Officer Agreement with Lacombe County to include lowering contracted hours from 264 per year to 132 per year effective July 1st. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 127.2024 Moved by Councillor Meyers that Administration be asked to prepare a bylaw to rescind Tax Incentive Bylaw 779-21 and Residential Tax Incentive Policy 1550 by rescinded. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 128.2024 Moved by Mayor Ebden that the interim budget be amended by decreasing the total dollar amount of grants given to community organizations by \$5,000 and further that administration bring a recommendation with respect to payment amounts to the individual groups for consideration by Council. **Carried.**

Res. 129.2024 Moved by Mayor Ebden that Administration be asked to prepare a bylaw changing the number of councillors on Council from the current seven (7) to five (5). **Motion Defeated.**

Res. 130.2024 Moved by Councillor Pacholek that the real estate listings agreement with Remax for Town lots in McDonald Heights not be renewed when it expires in 2024 and further that the interim budget be amended accordingly. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 131.2024 Moved by Councillor Pacholek that administration be asked to prepare a bylaw to amend Council Procedural Bylaw in order to decrease the Council Per-Diem by 3.7%, which is the amount of CPI increase Council originally increased the Per-Diem for 2024. **Motion Defeated.**

Res. 132.2024 Moved by Councillor Engen that Council adopt the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget with the amendments to the Interim Budget as directed. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Ebden called for a five minute recess. Time: 8:40 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

6. Bylaws /Policies 6.1 Bylaw 796-24 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

Res. 133.2024 Moved by Councillor Meyers that Bylaw #796-24 be given first reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 134.2024 Moved by Mayor Ebden that a Public Hearing with respect to Bylaw #796-24 be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2024. **Carried Unanimously.**

7. Reports 7.1 Management Report for May 27, 2024

Res. 135.2024 Moved by Councillor Engen that the Management Report for May 27, 2024, be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.2 Financial Report – AP May 16 & 22, 2024

Res. 136.2024 Moved by Councillor Engen that the Financial Report be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

8. Committee & Board Reports 8.1 Councillor Pacholek reported on the Central Alberta Economic Partnership. Councilor Palm-Fraser reported on Parkland Regional Library. Mayor Ebden gave an update on the Eckville High School Grad, ATCO Cup and Communities in Bloom.

Res. 137.2024 Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted. **Carried Unanimously.**

9. Correspondence, Information Items

- 9.1 Consent Agenda:
- A. CAMA – Long Service Recognition Award
 - B. AB Munis Strength in Members
 - C. Canada Summer Jobs

Res. 138.2024

Moved by Councillor See that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

- 10.1 None

11. Closed Session

- 11.1 Section 17: Disclosure harmful to personal privacy.

Res. 139.2024

Moved by Mayor Ebden that the meeting move into closed session, excluding all persons except Council Members, CAO and Deputy CAO to discuss an item with Section 17 of the FOIPP Act: Disclosure harmful to personal privacy. Time 9:18 p.m. **Carried Unanimously**

Res. 140.2024

Moved by Councillor See that the meeting revert back to open session. Time 9:27 p.m.

12. Committee of the Whole

- 12.1 None

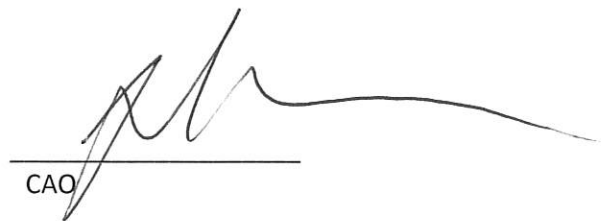
13. Adjournment

Res. 141.2024

Mayor Ebden adjourned the meeting. Time 9:28 pm. **Carried Unanimously.**



Mayor



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