

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF BROOKS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AT THE CITY OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Barry Morishita
Councillor Dan Klein
Councillor Bill Prentice
Councillor Norm Gerestein
Councillor Joel Goodnough
Councillor Jon Nesbitt

STAFF: Amanda Peterson, Deputy CAO
Amy Rommens, Manager of Administration/Recording Secretary
Shelley Thomas, Manager of Finance
Jessica Surgenor, Manager of Community Development
Bruce Thiessen, IT Supervisor
Alicia Bartlette, Manager of Planning and Engineering
Libin Joseph, HR Manager
Todd Smith, Facilities Supervisor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Madeleine Baldwin, ORRSC
Acting S/Sgt Bruce McDonald, Brooks RCMP
Stu Richardson, Infrastructure Manager, Alberta Transportation
Jerry Lau, Infrastructure Manager, Southern Region, Alberta Transportation
S. Stanway, Brooks Bulletin

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Barry Morishita called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

AGENDA

21/045 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PETRIE that “the agenda be adopted, as amended to include:


9h) EID Expansion Limit Plebiscite Letter of Support

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

21/046 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRENTICE that “the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held February 1, 2021 be approved”.

MOTION CARRIED

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BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

There was no business arising out of the Minutes.

RCMP REPORT – JANUARY 2021

21/047 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GOODNOUGH that “the January 2021 RCMP Report be accepted as information”.

MOTION CARRIED

Acting S/Sgt McDonald left at 4:47 p.m.

DELEGATION

21/048 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GERESTEIN that “the Commercial Safety Rest Area Project presentation be accepted as information”.

MOTION CARRIED

J. Lau and S. Richardson left at 5:07 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 21/05

- Mayor Morishita called the hearing to order at 5:26 p.m.
- M. Baldwin explained that the Bylaw is an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to provide clarity on the length of time that an election sign can be posted; changing the wording from “signs shall not be posted for more than 60 days” to “signs shall not be posted prior to 60 days before the election, by-election or plebiscite”.
- Persons speaking in favour of the proposed Bylaw – None present
- Persons speaking in opposition of the proposed Bylaw – None present
- A. Rommens noted that no written comments or submissions were received either.
- Mayor Morishita adjourned the hearing at 5:29 p.m.

21/049 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GERESTEIN that “Bylaw No. 21/05, being a Bylaw of the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw No. 14/12, being the Land Use Bylaw be introduced and read a first time.

MOTION CARRIED

21/050 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRENTICE that “Bylaw No. 21/05 be read a second time”.

MOTION CARRIED


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21/051 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PETRIE that “Bylaw No. 21/05 be given three readings at this meeting”.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21/052 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NESBITT that “Bylaw No. 21/05, being a Bylaw of the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw No. 14/12, being the Land Use Bylaw be read a third time and adopted”.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

21/053 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN that “the following items of correspondence be received as information:

- a) Update - Council Conference and/or Workshops and Council Committee Reports
- b) Notes - Council Committee – February 9, 2021

MOTION CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

21/054 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NESBITT that “the Accounts Payable listing presented in the amount of six hundred twenty-four thousand, eight hundred eighty-seven dollars and fifteen cents (\$624,887.15) be hereby approved”.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS

Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Committee

21/055 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GERESTEIN that “Marcy Rudyk be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a first, three-year term, commencing February 17, 2021 and ending February 16, 2024”.

MOTION CARRIED

Elemental Energy, Brooks Solar II Community Benefit Contribution

21/056 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GERESTEIN that “the City of Brooks

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enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Elemental Energy for the creation of a Community Benefit Fund”.

MOTION CARRIED

Regional Assessment Review Board Clerk Agreement

21/057 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NESBITT that “the City of Brooks enter into the Regional Assessment Review Board Clerk Agreement with the County of Newell, Town of Bassano, Village of Duchess and Village of Rosemary”.

MOTION CARRIED

Appointment of Regional Assessment Review Board Clerks

21/058 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PETRIE that “Amy Rommens, Cathy Slaney and Shannon Biette be appointed as Regional Assessment Review Board Clerks for a one-year term, as per the Regional Assessment Review Board Clerk Agreement”.

MOTION CARRIED

February 2021 Financial Variance Report

21/059 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PETRIE that “the February 2021 Financial Variance Report be accepted as information”.

MOTION CARRIED

Request for the Province to Consider Easing COVID-19 Restrictions on a Regional Basis

21/060 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRENTICE that “the City of Brooks request the Province of Alberta to consider easing COVID-19 restrictions on a regional basis, where warranted”.

MOTION CARRIED

COVID-19 Updates and Initiatives and Other Updates

21/061 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN that “the COVID-19 Updates and Initiatives and Other Updates be accepted as information”.

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EID Expansion Limit Plebiscite Letter of Support

21/062 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GERESTEIN that “the City of Brooks draft a letter of support for the EID Expansion Limit Plebiscite”.

MOTION CARRIED

BYLAWS

Bylaw 21/06 – Flashing Warnings Lights on School Buses

21/063 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN that “Bylaw No. 21/06, being a Bylaw of the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta, to regulate and control the use of flashing warning lights and stop arms on school buses be introduced and read a first time”.

MOTION CARRIED

21/064 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GOODNOUGH that “Bylaw No. 21/06 be read a second time”.

MOTION CARRIED

21/065 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PETRIE that “Bylaw No. 21/06 be given three readings at this meeting”.

MOTION CARRIED UNANMOUSLY

21/066 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NESBITT that “Bylaw No. 21/06, being a Bylaw of the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta, to regulate and control the use of flashing warning lights and stop arms on school buses be read a third time and adopted”.

MOTION CARRIED

Bylaw 21/07 – Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw

21/067 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN that “Bylaw No. 21/07, being a Bylaw of the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw 14/12, being the Land Use Bylaw be introduced and read a first time”.

MOTION CARRIED

21/068 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GERESTEIN that “a Public Hearing be held on March 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to gather public input regarding Bylaw 21/07”.

MOTION CARRIED

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ADJOURNMENT

21/069

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GOODNOUGH that "the meeting adjourn at 6:30 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer