

**TOWN OF MAGRATH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
6:00 PM**

Present at the meeting were Mayor Byrne Cook in the Chair and the following Council members in attendance: Ken Baker, Gerry Baril, Josh Bourelle, Darryl Christensen, Cynthia Ralph and Aaron Zaugg; CAO James Suffredine, Trevor Millward and Carolyn Law from Administration.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00
- 2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION – Councillor Baker
- 3) PUBLIC FORUM - none
- 4) DELEGATIONS
 - a) Jordan Brame – Magrath Minor Baseball
 - Made a presentation outlining the growth of Magrath Minor Baseball and the present need for additional ball diamonds to accommodate all the teams for practicing and games. Discussed the use of the arena for the batting cage for pre-season training and requested a reduced rate for use of the building.

5) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2024-01-01 Motion from Councillor Baril to adopt the agenda with the addition of
8)c) Closed Session [FOIPP Section]Carried

6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: December 12, 2023

2024-01-02 Motion from Councillor Ralph to approve the minutes of the December
12, 2023, regular council meeting.Carried

7) BUSINESS FROM MINUTES - none

8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Committee Appointments

2024-01-03 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to assign Councillor Christensen to
attend the Magrath Irrigation District meetings as a representative from
Council.Carried

2024-01-04 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to appoint Councillor Baril as an alternate for the Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority board. Carried

b) Bylaw 1304 – Amendment to Bylaw 1266 Boulevard and Lane Use and Care

2024-01-05 Motion from Councillor Baril to accept 1st reading of Bylaw 1304. Carried

2024-01-06 Motion from Councillor Christensen to accept 2nd reading of Bylaw 1304. Carried

2024-01-07 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to introduce Bylaw 1304 for 3rd and final reading. Carried Unanimously

2024-01-08 Motion from Councillor Ralph to accept 3rd and final reading of Bylaw 1304. Carried

9) FINANCIAL REPORTS

c) Payables Cheques #20231968 to #20240056

2024-01-09 Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve the payable report as presented. Carried

10) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Alberta Environment – Drought plan

2024-01-10 Motion from Councillor Baker to accept the Alberta Environment correspondence as information. Carried

11) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Highlights since the last council meeting for Town Operations include the following items:

- Town Administration staff are completing the year-end financial changeover.
- The Community Center sign, and flooring were installed in the building. The bouncy house has also arrived in preparation of a party rental package.

- Town frontline staff have been working on completing ICS 100 training as part of the emergency preparedness plan.
- The potable water notice was updated with information regarding geosmin found in the lab results.
- I have re-engaged working with Terralta regarding renewable energy feasibility. I will be looking at working with them in a consultancy role to prepare an RFP for the Council's review before tendering.

James Suffredine, CAO

- 2024-01-11 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve an additional \$30,000.00 for the construction of the Town Shop equipment storage building. Carried
- 2024-01-12 Motion from Councillor Ralph to accept the Administrator's Report as presented. Carried

12) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- a) Ken Baker
- Recreation Committee – sponsored skating for Hometown Christmas
 - Golf Board – will get updated financial statements for the 2023 golf season.
 - Magrath Days – 125 years celebration will have a steering committee comprised mostly of Town Staff and will bring in organizations for specific activities.
 - Operations/Logistics – James Suffredine
 - Food Trucks – Jessica Hehr
 - Fundraising – Ken Baker
 - Events – Ryan O'Neill & Tonia Smith
 - Celebration 125 will be mostly the same as usual Magrath Days with an increased focus on parade entrants.
- b) Gerry Baril – nothing to report.
- c) Josh Bourelle
- The Local Society Co-ordinating Committee will be up and running with their initial meeting in the next 2 weeks.
- d) Darryl Christensen

- 2024-01-13 Motion from Councillor Christensen to appoint Stephanie Poitress to the Library Board for a three-year term. Carried

e) Cynthia Ralph

- Ag Society – President Kelly Millward has resigned from the board. The reorganization of the board took place at their meeting. The new board is:
 - President – Tammy Berezay
 - Vice President – Josh Heggie
 - Secretary – Cynthia Ralph
 - Members – Ryan Anderson and Sylvia Bullock
- Garbage Cans – in the recent vandalism of some garbage carts, who is responsible for the cost of the repairs? The Town policy is that the Town will provide one garbage cart per household. Any loss or damage is the responsibility of the homeowner.

f) Aaron Zaugg – nothing to report.

13) MAYOR'S REPORT

- SouthGrow – The Mayor forwarded an email from SouthGrow's presentation to Mayors and Reeves outlining the various programs they are working on. They are looking for ideas for a \$1,000.00 grant.
- AHS – The Mayor is continuing to work with AHS on restoring health services in Magrath.
- The mayor would like administration to consider alternate locations for future senior housing development.

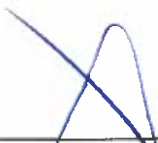
14) ADJOURNMENT

2024-01-14 Motion from Councillor Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Carried



Mayor – Byrne Cook



CAO – James Suffredine