

**TOWN OF MAGRATH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024
6:00 PM**

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.
- 2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION – Councillor Bourelle
- 3) PUBLIC FORUM - none
- 4) DELEGATIONS - none
- 5) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2024-01-15 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried

- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2024

2024-01-16 Motion from Councillor Baril to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried

- 7) BUSINESS FROM MINUTES - none
- 8) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Bylaw # 1303A – Amendment to Bylaw #1303 - 2024 Fees & Rates

2024-01-17 Motion from Councillor Baril for 1st reading of Bylaw #1303A.
Carried

2024-01-18 Motion from Councillor Baril to have 2nd reading of amended Bylaw #1303A.
Carried

2024-01-19 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to introduce Bylaw #1303A for third and final reading.
Carried Unanimously

2024-01-20 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to approve 3rd reading of Bylaw #1303A..
Carried

b) Dog Fancier's License Appeal

2024-01-21 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to grant the appeal of the applicant and approve the issuance of a dog fancier's license to Stephanie Odland subject to all applicable fees.

Mayor Cook requested a recorded vote:

Yeas – Bourelle, Zaugg
Nays – Baril, Cook, Ralph

Motion Defeated 2 - 3

Councillor Ralph left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

c) Public Works tender review – Road basing, curb, sidewalk, and gutter at Heritage Road.

2024-01-22 Motion from Councillor Baril to accept the low bid submitted by Jenex Contracting.

Carried

9) FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Payables Cheques #20230057 to #20240117

2024-01-23 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to approve the accounts payable report as presented.

Carried

b) November 2023 Bank Reconciliation

2024-01-24 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve the November 2023 Bank Reconciliation.

Carried

c) December 2023 Bank Reconciliation

2024-01-25 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve the December 2023 Bank Reconciliation.

Carried

10) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Alberta Treasury Board – filed as information only
- b) Federation of Canadian Municipalities

2024-01-26 Motion from Councillor Baril to receive the FCM correspondence as information. Carried

- c) Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services Engagement Team

2024-01-27 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to receive the Alberta Public Safety correspondence as information. Carried

- d) Magath Minor Baseball

2024-01-28 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to send a response letter to Magrath Minor Baseball outlining the rate change as per Bylaw #1303A. Carried

11) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

- Town Administration staff are continuing to complete the year-end financial changeover. Documents for the EMS and Water Commission have been submitted and work is now underway for the Town's financial year-end.
- Snow clearing and Removal from priority areas has required most outdoor staffing hours this past week.
- The food services tenant at the community center opened to the public on January 18th.
- FCSS reports that the corn hole league has been very well received by participants. The plaque for this building acknowledging the donation of the curling club has been ordered and will be installed once received.
- Operations has hired a contractor to build the shop storage building. Construction will begin once the materials arrive.

James Suffredine, CAO

2024-01-29 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to accept the Administrator's Report as presented. Carried

12) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- a) Ken Baker – away

- b) Gerry Baril
 - Chinook Foundation
 - have been holding interviews to replace the retiring Diamond Willow Lodge Manager, Gloria Alston.
 - Received 21 applications and are interviewing 8 for the position.

- c) Josh Bourelle
 - Water Commission
 - approved \$133,000 to replace filtration train #3 in 2024.
 - Approved contracting MPE to prepare a grant application for twinning the waterline from the water treatment plant to the Town.
 - The operation of the plant is very well managed by the water plant staff.
 - The Local Society Coordinating Committee – will be holding their first meeting of the year on February 1.

- d) Darryl Christensen – away

- e) Cynthia Ralph – away

- f) Aaron Zaugg
 - Museum
 - Their AGM will be on February 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
 - They are interested in putting a sign on the Irrigation Pavilion but will present it to the Council before they take any action on this.
 - The board is working on some ways they can participate in town celebrations this year.

13) MAYOR'S REPORT

- CMRSWA – they have a strategic planning meeting upcoming.

14) ADJOURNMENT

2024-01-30 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Carried



Mayor – Byrne Cook



CAO – James Suffredine