

**TOWN OF MAGRATH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024
6:00 PM**

Present at the meeting were Mayor Byrne Cook (via Zoom Online Link), Deputy Mayor Ken Baker assumed the Chair in the absence of Mayor Cook, and the following Council members were in attendance: Gerry Baril, Josh Bouelle, Darryl Christensen, Cynthia Ralph and Aaron Zaugg; CAO James Suffredine, and Carolyn Law from Administration.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.
- 2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION – Councillor Zaugg
- 3) PUBLIC FORUM
 - Norma Zobell and Sharon Nilsson
 - Brought forward many concerns that the Town does not have jurisdiction over and were told that these concerns would be passed on to the appropriate entity for their discussion.
 - Concerns that involve the Town included potholes, speed bumps in front of the school and the lack of flowers adorning the Town Hall.
 - Council discussed the concerns presented and determined the following:
 - The Town has a pothole repair plan in place but is waiting for appropriate weather conditions.
 - The speed bumps will remain as they are and will be painted in the summer along with the regular line painting protocols.
 - Flowers will be planted along the east side of Town Hall in the spring.
- 4) DELEGATIONS - none
- 5) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2024-03-01 Motion from Councillor Baril to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried

- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2024

2024-03-02 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Carried

- 7) BUSINESS FROM MINUTES - none

8) NEW BUSINESS

a) Bylaw 1305 – Amendment to Bylaw 1239A – Livestock and Poultry

2024-03-03 Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve 2nd reading of Bylaw #1305 with the amendments to 1) remove “the Council of” and 2) add “as per the current fees and rates schedule”.
Carried

2024-03-04 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve 3rd and final reading of Bylaw #1305.
Carried

b) Memorandum of Agreement – Ministry of Transportation & Economic Corridors

2024-03-05 Motion from Councillor Ralph to direct Administration to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors.
Carried

9) FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Payables Cheques #20240249 to #20240302

2024-03-06 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to approve the financial reports as presented.
Carried

10) CORRESPONDENCE

a) GOA Public Safety and Emergency Services

2024-03-07 Motion from Councillor Ralph to receive the correspondence.
Carried

11) ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

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

- Framing construction on the Public Works vehicle storage is ongoing it is anticipated that the exterior building will be assembled in the next 2 weeks.
- All external budget numbers are now known. A draft 2024 operating and capital budget will be presented to the Council at the next committee meeting.
- The Ice plant at the arena was shut off at the end of operations on Saturday, March 9th.

- I have been working with the landowner to get a letter stating there is no objection to the annexation however it appears as though an objection will be brought by a utility company concerned about the loss of its franchise area which will mean the application will require a hearing.
- I have enrolled in a short 3-day continuing education course provided by the Local Government Administration Association of Alberta entitled: *Leading with Impact: Psychological Safety and Communication Mastery*. This course is scheduled over 3 weeks in April.

James Suffredine, CAO

- Solar Project update – we may change the scope of the project to multiple smaller projects rather than 1 large project and develop in stages.

2024-03-08 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to accept the Administrator's Report as presented.

Carried

12) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

a) Ken Baker

- Recreation Committee
 - will hold their AGM on March 28, 2024.
- Celebrations -
 - An ATM has been booked for people to get cash should there be internet issues for the tradeshow transactions.
 - Fundraising information will be forthcoming in the next week.

b) Gerry Baril

- Garden City Seniors
 - Have been approved for a casino for fundraising.
 - They have had low attendance at the weekly dinners.
 - They are in a good position financially.
- Chinook Foundation
 - He has recorded the concerns mentioned by Norma Zobell and Sharon Nilsson and will take them to the Board for discussion.

c) Josh Bourelle

- Local Society Coordinating Committee
 - There was mostly no show for their last meeting.
 - It was suggested that floats in the parade tell the historical story of Magrath.
- Municipal Planning Commission
 - 2 applications were reviewed:
 - Oversized shop addition
 - Secondary suite addition

- d) Darryl Christensen
 - Magrath Irrigation District
 - The snowpack is still very low and will likely lead to drought conditions this summer.
 - It is higher than the 2001 drought level and is still climbing so there is hope the drought will not be too extreme.

- e) Cynthia Ralph
 - Ag Society
 - The facility needs repairs and maintenance.
 - Requested that the Town haul out the manure in May so they can do some corral upgrades before the summer busy season.
 - They have been approved for a casino in August for fundraising.
 - They are advertising sponsorship signs - \$750.00 per sign.
 - The concern about the Gentleman's Ride was discussed and they will be continuing with the ride – under their insurance.
 - They have food trucks booked for the celebration rodeo day:
 - Mamma Laws
 - Fluff & Stuff
 - Pizza truck
 - They are working on a new website.

- f) Aaron Zaugg
 - Museum – AGM will be on March 25 at 6:00 p.m.

13) MAYOR'S REPORT

- Chief Mountain Regional Waste
 - The mayor is unable to attend the meeting tomorrow. Councillor Baril will attend the meeting.
 - Strategic Planning Session is in a couple of weeks.
- SouthGrow
 - Mayor is unable to attend the meeting but probably don't need anyone to be there for this meeting.

14) ADJOURNMENT

2024-03-09 Motion from Councillor Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Carried



 Mayor – Byrne Cook



 CAO – James Suffredine