

**TOWN OF MAGRATH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024
6:00 PM**

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.
- 2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION – Councillor Christensen
- 3) PUBLIC FORUM
- 4) DELEGATIONS
 - RCMP – Sgt. Noss reviewed the quarterly statistics and provided information on the detachment’s areas of focus and planned programs for the upcoming year.

5) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2024-05-01 Motion from Councillor Bouelle to adopt the agenda with the addition of 8)d) Alberta Municipalities Advocacy
Carried

- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: April 23, 2024

2024-05-02 Motion from Councillor Baker to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
Carried

7) BUSINESS FROM MINUTES

- 8) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) 2024 Operating and Capital Budget

2024-05-03 Motion from Councillor Baker to approve the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget as presented.
Carried

b) 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw #1306

- 2024-05-04 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve 1st Reading of Bylaw #1306.
Carried
- 2024-05-05 Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve 2nd Reading of Bylaw #1306.
Carried
- 2024-05-06 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to move to 3rd Reading of Bylaw #1306.
Carried Unanimously
- 2024-05-07 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to approve 3rd and Final Reading of Bylaw #1306.
Carried

c) Water Shortage Response Plan Policy

- 2024-05-08 Motion from Councillor Baker to approve the Water Shortage Response Plan Policy.
Carried
- 2024-05-09 Motion from Councillor Baril to enter Level 1 – Voluntary Reduction of Water Use.
Carried

9) FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Payables Cheques #20240492 to #2024597

- 2024-05-10 Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve the financial report as presented.
Carried

10) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Alberta Municipalities – Regional Meeting

- 2024-05-11 Motion from Councillor Baril to assign Mayor Cook and CAO Suffredine to attend the Regional Meeting to be held in Stirling on June 26.
Carried

b) Magrath Grad 2024 Events Committee

- The decision has been tabled requiring further information from the Grad Committee. They are required to have adequate insurance for the event, provide a scope of the activities, they must abide by the

rules laid out by the Recreation Foreman for the use of the facilities and provide notification to the adjacent landowners.

2024-05-12 Motion from Councillor Baker to accept as information and request more information from the Grad Committee. Carried

c) RCMP – Quarterly Statistics

2024-05-13 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to accept the quarterly statistical report as presented. Carried

11) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Highlights for Town Operations include the following items:

- Further Emergency Management Training was taken in Cardston for section chiefs as part of the regional CCREMA plan.
- The Town has entered into a land purchase agreement for Block 31, Plan 3985J.
- Recent Rains required the Town to request that residents limit the amount of water entering the sewer for a brief period on May 8th. The stormwater system performed well, as expected.
- ATCO is near completion of lowering the 1st Ave N gas line necessary to continue the road widening, drainage, and sidewalk upgrade.
- The Budget and Tax Rate Bylaw have been prepared as requested by Council for Approval.
- The Water Usage Policy has been completed for the Council's approval.

James Suffredine, CAO

2024-05-14 Motion from Councillor Baril to accept the Administrator's Report. Carried

12) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

a) Ken Baker

➤ Recreation Committee

- They are planning for the fishing derby to be held on June 15.
- They were successful in securing a \$10,000 grant for football lights.

➤ Golf Board

- the season has started off well even though the recent rain has slowed things down a bit, they are doing well.

- b) Gerry Baril – nothing to report.
- c) Josh Bourelle
 - MPC
 - Approved an application for a height waiver for a detached garage.
 - Refused an application for ground-mount solar collector that was requesting a height waiver from 6' to 13'
- d) Darryl Christensen – nothing to report.
- e) Cynthia Ralph
 - Ag Society
 - They have a timed barrel racing event this weekend with food trucks coming.
 - They are making plans for Magrath Days and have secured food trucks for that event as well.
 - Chinook Foundation
 - The lodge was approved for \$150,000 for the roof fascia rotting issues and \$50,000 for window replacement in Villa 1.
 - The CAO has completed the final module of the Chartered Institute of Housing Diploma in Housing
- f) Aaron Zaugg – nothing to report.

13) MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor requested the following items be included in the next committee meeting agenda:
 - CAO Review
 - ICF discussions
 - Video for tourism
 - Policy Review

14) ADJOURNMENT

2024-05-15 Motion from Councillor Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Carried

Mayor – Byrne Cook

CAO – James Suffredine