

**TOWN OF MAGRATH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024
HELD AT 6:00 PM
Town of Magrath Council Chambers**

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

- 2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION – Mayor Cook

- 3) PUBLIC FORUM
 - a) Bylaw 1311 – LUB Amendment – R1 Residential to C2 – Highway Commercial

2024-10-55 Motion from Councillor Baker to open the Public Forum at 6:02 p.m. Carried

- Jason Comin – provided an overview of the reasoning for the rezoning application
- Tom Spackman – concerned of safety with increased traffic in driveway by the senior's centre
- Dennis Quinton – what is the Town's plan for commercial zoning along the highway?
- Lois Harris – concerned with the negative valuation on her adjacent property
- Ed Vogel & Ferron Killian – concern for the effect on their adjacent property

2024-10-56 Motion from Councillor Bouelle to close the Public Forum at 6:42 p.m. Carried

- b) Bylaw 1314 – Amend Bylaw 1264 – Council Procedure

2024-10-57 Motion from Councillor Ralph to open the Public Forum at 6:42 p.m. Carried

2024-10-58 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to close the Public Forum at 6:44 p.m. Carried

- Tom Spackman questioned Council about Hometown Christmas and where it was going to be held. The Senior's like to participate but when it is held at the school, there is no traffic at the Senior's Center so it is not worth the effort to participate.

4) DELEGATIONS - none

5) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2024-10-59 Motion from Councillor Christensen to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried

6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: October 8, 2024

2024-10-60 Motion from Councillor Baker to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
Carried

7) BUSINESS FROM MINUTES - none

8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Bylaw 1311 – LUB Amendment – R1 Residential to C2 – Highway Commercial

2024-10-61 Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve 2nd reading of Bylaw 1311 – LUB Amendment with the instruction that the Administration contact Mr. Comin to see if he would be amenable to changing the zoning to C1 – Central Commercial
Carried

- b) Bylaw 1314 – Amend Bylaw 1264 – Council Procedure

2024-10-62 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to approve 2nd reading of Bylaw 1314 – Amending Council Procedure Bylaw 1264.
Carried

2024-10-63 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to approve 3rd and Final reading of Bylaw 1314 – Amending Council Procedure Bylaw 1264.
Carried

9) FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Payables Cheques #20241514 to #20241580

2024-10-64 Motion from Councillor Ralph to approve the financial report as presented.
Carried

10) CORRESPONDENCE - none

11) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Highlights for Town Operations include the following items:

- Minor Roof repairs have been scheduled at the Community centre.
- Curb and sidewalks have been poured at both Heritage and 1st Ave N projects. Driveway tie-ins and asphalt repaving on 1st Ave N are now underway.
- The residential irrigation network is now blown out and winterized
- The Town office will be closed for a portion of the day on October 24th as staff participate in a regional emergency management exercise.
- We have had just over 40 people sign up for e-billing and 11 requests for exemption based on our notice.

James Suffredine, CAO

- Request approval from the Council to switch the Town Credit Card to a Business Rewards credit card.

2024-10-65 Motion from Councillor Baker to approve the change of the Town Credit Card to a Business Rewards credit card

Carried

12) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- a) Ken Baker

➤ Golf Board:

- They have had a successful year.
- They are working on a CFEP Grant to help with the replacement of the irrigation system.
- They are willing to have hunters on the golf course but hunters must call ahead to book their spot.

➤ Special Events:

- Remembrance Day program will be at the Senior's Centre at 10:30 a.m. then move to the Cenotaph at 11:00 a.m.
- Hometown Christmas
 - We have informed all the downtown businesses of the date change.
 - Santa will be arriving on a sleigh led by a drumline

- b) Gerry Baril – nothing
- c) Josh Bourelle – nothing
- d) Darryl Christensen
 - Chinook Arch – their building has a problem with the flooring lifting and it will have to be repaired.
- e) Cynthia Ralph
 - Chinook Foundation:
 - Diamond Willow Parking:
 - Wilde Brothers Engineering sent out a request for proposals to four companies on October 1 to build the 17-stall parking lot in front of Diamond Willow. A pre-bid meeting was held on October 8th and bids closed on October 15. The RFP called for work excluding pavement to be completed by December 15th and pavement to be completed by July 1st, 2025. Darin Wilde has been handling the bidding process and the board has decided to go with Jenex.
 - It is important to note that Board Chairman Wayne Harris recused himself from all discussions regarding this process.
 - Diamond Willow Lodge is full and has a growing waiting list. The waiting list for singles remains at 12.
 - Chinook Foundation just went through an Operational Review and the housing advisors are planning to meet with the CAO and Board Chairman to review the results.
 - The Lift Station has been giving the Lodge issues and it is going to be fixed with the hopes that the government will reimburse as quickly as possible.
 - Reminder to CAO James Suffredine to send a board appointment letter to Becky Doig after the Organizational Meeting.
 - The 2025 Budget will be finalized in November. Things to consider are COLA, Town requisitions etc.
- f) Aaron Zaugg
 - Museum
 - Will be open during Remembrance Day services.
 - Fright Night will be at the School – October 28, 2024
 - Will be open during Hometown Christmas and will be selling fudge.
 - They will be holding art exhibits over the next few months.
 - They are working on a Hutterite exhibit.

13) MAYOR'S REPORT

- Fire Prevention Grant – look at applying for the trail and Rod & Gun land to have goat grazing.
- Town Hall Tours and information session – the grade 6 classes will be attending Town Hall for tours tomorrow – three groups will come separately between 12:30 and 2:00. If any Councillors wish to participate, they are welcome.
- SouthGrow –
 - Will have their AGM this Thursday
 - Items of discussion have centered on tourism, EV charging stations, data storage facilities, park development, senior housing and low-cost housing.


14) ADJOURNMENT

2024-10-66 Motion from Councillor Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Carried



Mayor – Byrne Cook



CAO – James Suffredine