

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt
held on Monday, March 11, 2019

Present: Mayor Chichak; Deputy Mayor Hilts; Councillors Chauvet, Connell, McAree, Pickard, and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Ashcroft.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Chichak presiding. The Mayor noted that Bill Eberhardt passed away and encouraged Council to share a moment of silence. Councillor McAree noted that Mr. Eberhardt had been a familiar face at Council meetings for over 25 years.

Adoption of Agenda: 19-083 Moved by Councillor Schlosser
That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes from the February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council: 19-084 Moved by Councillor Chauvet
That the Minutes from the February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Input Session: There were no members of the public who wished to address Council.

Mayor For A Day Initiative: The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the Youth Advisory Committee will be hosting the Mayor For A Day Initiative on March 25, 2019. The Committee received 16 submissions from Grade 6 students from Ecole St. Joseph School and Percy Baxter School.
19-085 Moved by Councillor Connell
That Council accept the Mayor For A Day Initiative as information, and appoint Tammy Knitter and Brooklyn Galliot to participate in the Mayor For A Day Initiative on March 25, 2019. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2018 Project List: The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the 2018 project list was updated with project status and anticipated completion dates.
19-086 Moved by Councillor Schlosser
That Council accept the 2018 Project List for information. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2019 Budget Open House Overview: The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the 2019 Budget Open House provided information to the public on the interim budget, and noted that attendance was higher than previous years.
19-087 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts
That Council accept the 2019 Budget Open House Overview as information. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Trade Fair 2019: The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the Whitecourt Trade Fair was scheduled for May 10, 11, 12, 2019. The Town of Whitecourt's booth will be promoting recycling, and the upcoming Spring Clean Up and Take It or Leave It Campaigns.

19-088 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council authorize Council Members' attendance at Trade Fair 2019 scheduled for May 10 to 12, 2019; and be authorized to attend the Meet & Greet event on Friday, May 10 at 9:00 p.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Canada Day Street Closure Request:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that a letter was received from the Royal Canadian Legion requesting street closures for the Canada Day Parade on Monday, July 1, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

19-089 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council approve the noted street closures for the Canada Day parade on Monday, July 1, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; subject to the conditions of Policy 31-005 - Parade/Procession/Demonstration/Events.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements (Closed Meeting):

19-090 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts

That Council defer discussion on Intermunicipal Agreements as per Sections 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Chauvet noted that he attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast; the Budget Open House, the 2019 Annual Economic Forum, the Teen Challenge Golden Triangle Tour, and a cheque presentation to EastLink Park.

Councillor Schlosser noted that he attended the Joint Intermunicipal Collaboration Meeting.

Councillor Connell noted that he attended the Notice of Merit Hearing - Proposed Town of Whitecourt Annexation, the Budget Open House, and the 2019 Annual Economic Forum.

Councillor McAree noted that he attended the Notice of Merit Hearing - Proposed Town of Whitecourt Annexation, the 2019 Annual Economic Forum, and the Budget Open House.

Deputy Mayor Hilts reported that he attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, a Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting, the Budget Open House, the 2019 Annual Economic Forum, the Joint Intermunicipal Collaboration Meeting, and a Communities In Bloom Committee meeting.

Mayor Chichak reported that she attended a conference call regarding the Housing for Health Grant for Fit Cities/Towns, the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, a Teen Challenge banquet, the Notice of Merit Hearing - Proposed Town of Whitecourt Annexation, a CBC interview on the R&R Foundation, an Edmonton Airport Tour, the Budget Open House, and the 2019 Annual Economic Forum. She also judged a 4-H public speaking event.

19-091 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

19-092 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts

That Council accept the following items as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques #065713 - #065878;
- b) Letter dated January 22, 2019 from Alberta Municipal Affairs to Mayor Rennie, Woodlands County regarding a grant application under the Mediation and Cooperative Processes component of the 2018/19 Alberta Community Partnership;
- c) Letter dated February 19, 2019 from Honourable Anderson, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Municipal Sustainability Initiative;
- d) Letter dated February 26, 2019 from Honourable Anderson, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding a grant application under the 2018/2019 Fire Services Training Program;
- e) Letter from Honourable Miranda, Minister of Alberta Culture and Tourism regarding applications to host the 2022 Alberta Winter Games or the Alberta Summer Games;
- f) February 26, 2019 Press Release – Whitecourt Town Council Update;
- g) Woodlands County Minutes for February 5, 2019;
- h) Alberta Rural Health Quarterly;
- i) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- j) Council’s Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed. Time: 7:38 p.m.

The meeting reconvened. Time: 7:49 p.m.

19-093 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into a Closed Meeting to discuss Intermunicipal Agreements as per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP). Time: 7:50 p.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Administrative Officer Smyl was present during the Closed Meeting to provide administrative advice.

19-094 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 8:50 p.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements (Closed Meeting):

19-095 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the Intermunicipal Agreement item as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

19-096 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 8:51 p.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approved as per Motion 19-098

Mayor

Approved as per Motion 19-098

Chief Administrative Officer