

MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt
held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at Town Office

Present – via
Teleconference:

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

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mayor Chichak. Mayor Chichak reviewed the procedures and processes for managing the electronic meeting.

2020 Final Budget:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Corporate Services to review proposed changes to the 2020 Final Budget, and answer questions of Council.

Council discussed amendments made to the budget, and the budget summary for 2020. It was noted that the budget presented proposed a decrease to the tax rate of .7% for 2020

20-121 Moved by Councillor Hilts

That Council forward the 2020 amended Budget for adoption at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2019 Estimated
Operating Surplus:
that reflected

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that Administration was preparing for 2019 year-end, and as part of the process determined that there was an overall surplus of 0.1% for the year.

The Director of Corporate Services reviewed reasons for the surplus.

20-122 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the 2019 estimated operating surplus item as information and recommend that the surplus funds be allocated to the Infrastructure Reserve for \$35,084.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2020 Final Budget
(Closed Meeting):

20-123 Moved by Deputy Mayor McAree

That the Special Meeting of Council go into a Closed Meeting to discuss the 2020 Final Budget as per Sections 16, 17, 21, and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 10:11 a.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Smyl, Director of Corporate Services Barney, Director of Safety Tymchyshyn, Director of Community Services Grande, Director of Planning and Development Loberg, Director of Infrastructure Services Zaman and Legislative Manager Gallant were present during the Closed Meeting to provide administrative advice.

20-124 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council revert to the Special Meeting of Council. Time: 11:16 a.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

20-125 Moved by Councillor Hilts

That Council include the 2020 Closed Meeting Budget Amendments in the 2020 Budget Amendments, and forward to Council for adoption at the next Regular Meeting of Council

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

20-126 Moved by Councillor Connell

That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 11:18 a.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approved as per Motion 20-129

Mayor

Approved as per Motion 20-129

Chief Administrative Officer