

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at the Town Office Large Boardroom

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. Mayor Chichak presiding.

Adoption of Agenda: 21-042 Moved by Councillor Schlosser
That the Agenda be adopted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes from the January 25, 2021 Regular Electronic Meeting of Council: 21-043 Moved by Councillor Chauvet
That the Minutes from the January 25, 2021 Regular Electronic Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Input Session: No written submissions were received from members of the public with a request to address Council.

Family Day Winter Fun: The Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff had organized several COVID-19 events to celebrate Family Day.
Councillor McAree arrived for the meeting at 4:02pm.
21-044 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts
That Council accept Family Day Winter Fun as information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Library Operating Grant Agreement: The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Whitecourt Library Board had sent a letter advising that it would like to have the annual operating grant agreement placed on the Joint Liaison Committee Agenda.
21-045 Moved by Councillor Chauvet
That Council direct Administration to forward the Library Operating Grant to the Joint Liaison Committee.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fire Engine No. 3: The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Fire Engine No. 3 was recently retired from service and went to auction on GovDeals but did not receive any bids. Council discussed the options of re-advertising the vehicle, or selling or donating the vehicle to the Lethbridge Rotary Club for the Los Amigos Project, which provides used emergency equipment to communities in Mexico.
21-046 Moved by Councillor McAree
That Council authorize the donation of Fire Engine No. 3 to the Rotary Club as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports: Councillor Pickard that he had attended the Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meeting, along with Councillors Connell and McAree. Other

meetings attended included the Municipal Planning Commission, the Reynolds Mirth Farmer law seminar and the AUMA President’s Summit on Policing

Deputy Mayor Hilts attended the construction kick off event for the Christenson Urban Village project, noting that the development will be an asset for seniors within the region and community; and that there may be partnership opportunities available with the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation.

Mayor Chichak attended the Business Support Network, where she provided a community update. The first meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee was attended along with Councillor McAree and there is a very enthusiastic group of youth on the committee who are looking for ways to give back to the community. She also attended a Golden Triangle Meeting, where it was noted that increased deadfall had to be cleaned up due to high winds. The Mayor also attended the Reynolds Mirth Farmer presentation and an AUMA Policing Workshop; as well as attending a briefing on Arbitration. Mayor Chichak commented on the Christenson Urban Village, which will bring 50 dementia units to our community, along with independent living for seniors.

21-047 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That the Councillor Reports be accepted as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

Councillor Chauvet brought forward the letter from the MD of Bonnyville regarding the need for a stronger western Canadian municipal advocate.

21-048 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council support the MD of Bonnyville initiative for a Western Canadian federal lobby group that would be separate from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Votes in Favour of the Motion: Councillor Chauvet

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Mayor Chichak, Deputy Mayor Hilts, Councillors Connell, McAree, Pickard and Schlosser.

- MOTION DEFEATED.

21-049 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts

That the following items be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 74019 – 74158;
- b) January 20, 2021 Letter from MD of Bonnyville – Need for a Stronger Western Canadian Municipal Advocate;
- c) February 2, 2021 Press Release re COVID-19 Update for Whitecourt;
- d) February 2, 2021 Woodlands County Council Recap;
- e) February 3, 2021 Letter from High River re Reinstatement of 1976 Coal Development Policy;
- f) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- g) Council’s Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Closed Meeting:

21-050 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for Council Committee Appointments. Time: 4:30pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-051 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for Land. Time: 4:31pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-052 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for Intermunicipal Agreements. Time: 4:31pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Chauvet declared a possible conflict of interest on the Land item as he is a local realtor and excused himself from the discussion. Time 5:25pm.

21-053 Moved by Mayor Chichak

That Council revert to Regular Meeting. Time: 5:30pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Chauvet returned to the meeting at 5:35pm.

21-054 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council appoint members to Council Committees as follows:

Whitecourt Tourism Committee:

Public Member:	• Term to expire in October 2022: Cianna Hunter
Mayor	• Term to expire in October 2021: Maryann Chichak
Council Member	• Term to expire in October 2021: Ray Hilts
Chamber of Commerce	• Term to expire in October 2021: Rachel Bachman

Whitecourt Library Board

Public Member	Term to expire in October 2023: Norm Hodgson
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Subdivision and Development Appeal Board:

Public Member	Term to expire in October 2024: Elva Roche
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and direct Administration to re-advertise for any remaining vacant positions.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Chauvet declared a possible conflict of interest as he is a realtor and vacated the meeting at 5:37pm.

21-055 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a sales agreement to purchase Lots 1, 2, and 3; Block 15; Plan 4273KS.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Chauvet returned to the meeting at 5:38pm.

21-056 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council accept Intermunicipal Agreements as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Committee Appointments (Closed Meeting):

Land (Closed Meeting):

Intermunicipal Agreements (Closed Meeting):

Adjournment:

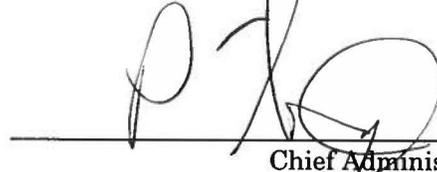
21-057 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:38pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer