



THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held March 9, 2020
in Council Chambers

Present:

Mayor Houston, and Councillors Acker, Gruhlke, McKenzie, Oldham and Stevenson

Absent:

Councillor Rothe

Also In Attendance:

Simon Farbrother, City Manager
Wendy Boje, General Manager of Corporate Services
Corey Levasseur, General Manager of Planning and Infrastructure
Jennifer Hetherington, Manager of Corporate Communications
Dave Walker, Manager of Economic and Business Development
Louise Frostad, Chief Financial Officer
Mark Hussey, Director of Engineering
Janine Peter, Director of Community Social Development
Paul Simons, Director of Facilities and Fleet Management
Pat Inglis, Manager of Environmental Science and Transit
Kevin Stener, Director of Public Works
Darlene Christie, Controller
Erin McKeown, Community Development Officer
Carolynn Grey, City Clerk
Marj Bradshaw, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

STAFF INTRODUCTION

City Manager Farbrother introduced Wendy Boje as the new General Manager of Corporate Services for the City of Spruce Grove.

1. AGENDA

039-20 (CS) Moved by Councillor Acker that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Unanimously Carried



2. CONSENT AGENDA

040-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke that the recommendations contained in the following reports be approved:

- Item 3.a. February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Item 10.d. Bylaw C-1106-20 - Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw – First Reading
- Item 11.d. 2019-2020 Council Board and Committee Appointments, Revised
- Item 12.a. Various Board and Committee Meeting Minutes

Unanimously Carried

3. MINUTES

- a. February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

That the February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Non-Statutory Public Hearing - Bylaw C-1107-20 Municipal Utility Services Bylaw Amendment

Mayor Houston called the Public Hearing to order at 6:08 p.m. on Bylaw C-1107-20 Municipal Utility Services Bylaw Amendment.

Administration provided an overview of the proposed bylaw amendment.

Joe Acker with the Grove Seniors Village Housing Cooperative Ltd. came forward to indicate the cooperative is opposed to the proposed bylaw amendment. Mr. Acker noted that the cooperative is currently responsible for the maintenance and replacement of all stormwater facilities on the property and that an additional fee in the form of a stormwater management user fee would be unfair.

Todd Kulych of Hamilton Court came forward to state he is opposed to the proposed bylaw amendment and asked that Council consider a different funding model to support stormwater management fees.



5. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations scheduled on the agenda.

6. DELEGATIONS

a.i. NAIT Permaculture CORE Program

Kenton Zerbin and Kurtis Ewanchuk with NAIT provided Committee with an overview of the CORE Program that NAIT is offering in the fall of 2020 which focuses on sustainable agriculture and ecosystems.

Mayor Houston thanked the presenters for their report.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Michael Marcuk of Church Road came forward to inquire if the proposed development of a baseball park along Pioneer Road and Highway 16A will include the deforestation of trees in the area.

Mayor Houston and Administration provided Mr. Marcuk with responses to questions.

8. COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS AND UPDATES

No Council Updates were provided.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

There were no Administrative Updates provided.

10. BYLAWS

a. C-1107-20 - Municipal Utility Services Bylaw Amendment

041-20 (P&I/CS)

Moved by Councillor Oldham that second reading be given to Bylaw C-1107-20 - Municipal Utility Services Bylaw Amendment.

In Favour Opposed

Gruhlke
Houston
McKenzie
Oldham
Stevenson

Carried



Mayor Houston called for a recess at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Houston reconvened the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

b. C-1108-20 - 2020 Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment

042-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Oldham that second reading be given to Bylaw C-1108-20 - 2020 Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment.

In Favour Opposed

Gruhlke
Houston
McKenzie
Oldham
Stevenson

Carried

c. C-1111-20 - Land Borrowing Bylaw Amendment

043-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that second reading be given to Bylaw C-1111-20 - Land Borrowing Bylaw Amendment.

Unanimously Carried

044-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that third reading be given to Bylaw C-1111-20 - Land Borrowing Bylaw Amendment.

Unanimously Carried

d. C-1106-20 - Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

That first reading be given to C-1106-20 - Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw.

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Regional Transit Services Commission

045-20 (P&I)

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to provide notice in writing to the Deputy Ministers of Transportation and Municipal Affairs for the Province of Alberta that



045-20 cont'd.

the City of Spruce Grove supports enactment of a regulation under the Municipal Government Act creating a Regional Transit Services Commission for the Edmonton Metropolitan Region including Spruce Grove as a Commission member, provided that the governance, financial and operating models for the Commission are consistent with the recommendations in the Ernst & Young report entitled, "Accelerating Transit in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region: Building a Regional Transit Services Commission."

Unanimously Carried

b. Specialized Transit Services Dissolution

046-20 (CAPS)

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke that the City of Spruce Grove accept and approve the dissolution of the Specialized Transit Service effective March 27, 2020 and thank them for their decades of outstanding service to the community.

Unanimously Carried

c. City Centre Business Association - Public Markets

047-20 (EBD)

Moved by Councillor Acker that \$10,000 be provided to the City Centre Business Association to support City Centre public market events, and that the funds be allocated from 2020 Council Contingency.

Unanimously Carried

d. 2019 - 2020 Council Board and Committee Appointments, Revised

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

That the revised 2019-2020 Internal Board and Committee appointments be approved as presented.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Various Board and Committee Meeting Minutes

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

That the various Council board and committee meeting minutes presented be received as information.



048-20

Moved by Councillor Oldham that Council go into Closed Session at 8:41 p.m. under Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, regarding disclosure harmful to personal privacy.

Unanimously Carried

13. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Community Road Safety Advisory Committee Public Member Appointments
- b. Conversion Therapy - Legal Opinion
- c. Property Acquisition Proposal

049-20

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that Council come out of Closed Session at 9:27 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

050-20 (CAPS)

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke that Administration notify the Community Road Safety Advisory Committee applicants of their status on the committee and that the decision be ratified publicly at the March 23, 2020 Council Meeting.

Unanimously Carried

051-20 (EBD)

Moved by Councillor Acker that Council authorizes Administration to finalize negotiations for the acquisition of property on terms and conditions as discussed in camera.

Unanimously Carried

ADJOURNMENT

052-20

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that the Regular Meeting adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

MAYOR

RECORDING SECRETARY