



THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held September 28, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Present:

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

Also In Attendance:

David Wolanski, Interim City Manager
Wendy Boje, General Manager of Corporate Services
Corey Levasseur, General Manager of Planning and Infrastructure
Louise Frostad, Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Hetherington, Manager of Corporate Communications
Mark Hussey, Director of Engineering
Bill Sabey, Transit Specialist
Carolynn Grey, City Clerk
Lindsay O'Mara, Deputy City Clerk
Marj Bradshaw, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. AGENDA

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Councillor Rothe - Library Director Announcement – Councillor Statements and Updates – Item 8.a.

Interim City Manager - Spruce Ridge Gardens – Stage 3 – Closed Session Item 13.a.

195-20 (CS) Moved by Councillor Rothe that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Unanimously Carried

2. CONSENT AGENDA

196-20 Moved by Councillor Acker that the recommendations contained in the following reports be approved:



- Item 3.a. September 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and September 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- Item 12.a. Various Board and Committee Meeting Minutes

Unanimously Carried

3. MINUTES

- a. September 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and September 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

That the September 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and the September 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings scheduled on the agenda.

5. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations scheduled on the agenda

6. DELEGATIONS

- a. Council Delegation - TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre - 2021 Budget Presentation

Lenny Richer, General Manager and Lonnie Stewardson, Chair of the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre provided Council with an update on the 2021 Operational and Capital Budget for the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre.

197-20

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke that Mr. Richer and Mr. Stewardson be thanked for their presentation and that the 2021 Budget Presentation be received as information.

Unanimously Carried



b. Council Delegation - Searle Turton, MLA for Spruce Grove - Stony Plain

Searle Turton, MLA for Spruce Grove - Stony Plain came before Council to provide an update on the relaunch of the province's economy and highlights of several projects he's currently working on.

198-20

Moved by Councillor Acker that Mr. Turton be thanked for his report and that it be received as information.

Unanimously Carried

7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Brenda Cryer, representing the Prescott Learning Centre School Council, asked a question via telephone concerning the Prescott Learning Centre - Pioneer Road Crosswalk agenda item as it relates to current traffic and safety issues.

Mayor Houston acknowledged her inquiry and indicated that the item would be discussed later in the meeting.

Mayor Houston called for a recess at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Houston reconvened the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

8. COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS AND UPDATES

a. Library Director Announcement

Councillor Rothe provided an update on the recent appointment of Ms. Leanne Myggland-Carter to the position of Director of Library Services for the Spruce Grove Public Library.

199-20

Moved by Councillor Rothe that his update be received as information.

Unanimously Carried

9. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

a. COVID-19 Pandemic Update

The Interim City Manager provided Council with a brief update on the status of existing COVID-19 cases in the region and the City's ongoing plans for the community in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.



200-20

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that the COVID-19 Pandemic Update be received as information.

Unanimously Carried

b. COVID-19 Financial Update

Administration provided Council with a report on the financial impacts resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

201-20

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke that the COVID-19 Financial Update be received as information.

Unanimously Carried

10. BYLAWS

- a. There were no Bylaws scheduled on the agenda.

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Natural Gas Franchise Fee Increase for 2021

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that notice be given to ATCO Gas of a franchise fee increase from 30% to 35% effective January 1, 2021.

Unanimously Defeated

b. Prescott Learning Centre - Pioneer Road Crosswalk

202-20 (P&I)

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that Council direct Administration to install appropriate crosswalk lights at the Prescott Learning Centre crosswalk on Pioneer Road and that Council contingency funds up to \$16,000 be used to pay for the installation.

Unanimously Carried

c. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)

Administration provided Council with an overview of the COVID-19 Resilience Stream, under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).



12. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Various Board and Committee Meeting Minutes

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

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

203-20

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that Council go into Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. under section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000 c F-25.

The following persons were also in Closed Session to provide information or administrative support:

David Wolanski, Corey Levasseur, Wendy Boje, Jennifer Hetherington, Louise Frostad, Carolynn Grey, Lindsay O'Mara and Marj Bradshaw.

13. CLOSED SESSION

a. Spruce Ridge Gardens – Stage 3

204-20

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that Council come out of Closed Session at 9:51 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

205-20(CM)

Moved by Councillor Acker that Administration bring forward a report on Spruce Ridge Gardens – Stage 3 on October 26, 2020 for Council's consideration.

Unanimously Carried



ADJOURNMENT

206-20

Moved by Councillor Oldham that the Regular Meeting adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

MAYOR

RECORDING SECRETARY

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