

TOWN OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 22, 2020
7:00 PM

Call to
Order: Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Rod Raymond
Deputy Mayor: Nathan Raymond
Councillors: Cory Gilbert
Ken Poffenroth
Ivor Foster

CAO: Christine Burke

Delegation: Leduc County Community Services – Dean Ohnesty, Carol Tabone and Sara Russell

Public at large

AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / ADOPTION

Additions: 10.1 Communities in Bloom Invitation
7.3 Municipal Conversation - Leduc Regional Housing Foundation

2020 - 171 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to accept the agenda as amended.
Carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2020 – 172 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to accept the minutes of 2020 – 05 -26 Regular Meeting, 2020-06-02 Committee of the Whole Meeting, 2020-06-09 Regular Meeting, 2020-06-16 Committee of the Whole Meeting and 2020-07-14 Committee of Whole Meeting minutes as presented.
Carried

PUBLIC HEARING

DELEGATION

5.1 Leduc County Community Services - Dean Ohnesty, Carol Tabone and Sara Russell

Mr. Ohnesty, Ms. Tabone and Ms. Russell provided updates to Council on Leduc County FCSS activities as part of the multi municipal partnership agreement.

Ms Tabone and Ms Russell left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

5.2` Leduc County Cost Share Agreement

Mr. Ohnesty presented Council a proposed revised draft of the recreation cost share agreement.

Key changes highlighted as

- Payment to be made via two payments rather than the current three
- Introduction of a Cost Sharing Agreement Planning & Consultation Committee

Next steps – Council to review in more detail and administrations from the two communities to bring final documents to the two Councils. Target date to have in place, January 2021.

Mayor Raymond thanked Mr. Ohnesty for attending.

Mr. Ohnesty left the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

BYLAWS

BUSINESS

7.1 Municipal Affairs Late Submission request – Request for Decision

CAO Burke advised Council that, pursuant to Section 278 of the Municipal Government Act, municipalities must submit their financial information return to the Minister by May 1 of each year. In 2020 this deadline had been deferred by ministerial order to October 1, 2020 due to the pandemic. Following delays in preparation due to staff shortages and our auditor leaving his position with Metrix LLP before the audit was completely finalized, it would result in financial reporting not being submitted by the October 1 deadline.

CAO Burke recommended that Council support a request to Municipal Affairs for an extension to October 31, 2020.

2020 – 173 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to direct Administration to write to Municipal Affairs and request a 30 day extension to October 31, 2020 to submit the required Financial Information Return.
Carried

7.2 Municipal Stimulus Program – C.F.O. Sloboda

Ms. Sloboda presented a presentation to Council on the Towns' financial situation up to the end of 2018 (2019 audit reports not yet available) to provide information on how best to proceed to try to access dollars from the Municipal Stimulus Program.

2020 – 174 Moved by Council Gilbert that Administration proceed to prepare the Municipal Stimulus Program application as presented.
Carried

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORTS

C.A.O. / ACTION TRACKER & ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

9.1 FCSS September Report

2020 – 175 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to accept as information
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Communities in Bloom Invitation

Invitation to attend the Grand Opening of a new addition to Thorsby Network of Trails was provided to Council.

Due to the short timeline, it was agreed that Council members would be responsible to check their availability to attend and advise Communities in Bloom directly.

FINANCIAL

CLOSED SESSION

2020 – 176 Moved by Council Gilbert to move to closed session at 9:28 p.m. as per Section 24(1) (d) and invite CFO Sloboda to join Council.
Carried

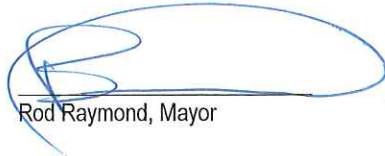
2020 – 177 Moved by Councillor Foster to return to the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:53 p.m.
Carried

2020 – 178 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to move to closed session at 9:54 p.m. as per Section 24(1) (d) and invite CAO Burke to join Council
Carried

2020 – 179 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to return to the Regular Meeting of Council at 10:25 p.m.
Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN

2020 - 180 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at 10:25 p.m.
Carried



Rod Raymond, Mayor



Christine Burke, C.A.O.

October 27, 2020
Date Adopted