

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FALHER**

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY, December 14, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

PRESENT : Mayor Donna Buchinski
Councillors Lindsay Brown
Bradley Drouin
Robert Lauzé
Rene Limoges
Daniel Morin

PRESENT: Administration Adele Parker
James Bell
Florita Perez

**PUBLIC ACCESS VIA
TELE-CONFERENCE**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 20-538 Moved by Councillor Brown that the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of 9C. Correspondence.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 20-539 Minutes of November 9th, 2020 Regular Meeting
Moved by Councillor Drouin that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Res. 20-540 213A Bridge
Moved by Councillor Morin to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 20-541 Council Regular Meeting Schedule
Moved by Councillor Limoges to rescind Resolution # 20-481.

CARRIED

Res. 20-542 Moved by Councillor Brown to approve a meeting schedule of the 2nd Monday of the month for 2021 regular meetings of council.

CARRIED

Res. 20-543 Dog at Large
Moved by Councillor Limoges to waive the \$2,000.00 upcoming fines.

CARRIED

- Falher Intermunicipal Library**
Res. 20-544 Moved by Councillor Drouin to accept item as information. CARRIED
- Fire Services Agreement**
Res. 20-545 Moved by Councillor Limoges to send a letter to MD of Smoky River to extend the current Fire Services Agreement by one year as specified in the agreement as we have not received a formal notice of termination as outlined in the agreement. CARRIED
- MD Grant Projects**
Res. 20-546 Moved by Councillor Drouin to accept item as information. CARRIED
- Smoky River Transportation**
Res. 20-547 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to approve Smoky River Transportation Program Policy and Procedures as presented. CARRIED
- Res. 20-548** Moved by Councillor Brown to approve Smoky River Transportation Board Agreement as presented. CARRIED
- RCMP**
Res. 20-549 Moved by Councillor Drouin to accept item as information. CARRIED
- FINANCIAL**
- Bank Reconciliation – General Account**
Res. 20-550 Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending November 30, 2020 be approved as circulated. CARRIED
- Income Statement**
Res. 20-551 Moved by Councillor Drouin that the Income Statement for the period ending November 30, 2020 be accepted as information. CARRIED
- Appointment of Auditors**
Res. 20-552 Moved by Councillor Limoges to rescind Resolution # 19-404. CARRIED
- Res. 20-553** Moved by Councillor Morin to appoint the accounting firm of JDP Wasserman & Associates as the Town of Falher's 2020 Auditors. CARRIED
- Janitorial Agreement**
Res. 20-554 Moved by Councillor Drouin to increase the contract amount by \$5.00 a month to \$375.00 for 2021 Janitorial Agreement. CARRIED
- Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST)**
Res. 20-555 Moved by Councillor Morin to amend the 2020 Budget to include \$111,018.00 under Revenue – Provincial Conditional Transfer. CARRIED
- BYLAWS & POLICIES**
- Land Use Bylaw Amendment Application**
Res. 20-556 Moved by Councillor Morin to deny a property rezoning request application for property located at #012 – 1st Avenue NW, Falher, AB. CARRIED

- Res. 20-557** **Policy 201 – Leave Without Pay**
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to approve revised Policy 201 – Leave Without Pay as presented.
 CARRIED
- Res. 20-558** **Policy 301 – Employee Benefits**
 Moved by Councillor Drouin to approve proposed change to Policy 301 – Employee Benefits as presented.
 CARRIED
- Res. 20-559** **Policy 302 – Group RRSP**
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to repeal policy 302 – Registered Retirement Savings Plan as presented.
 CARRIED
- Res. 20-560** **Policy 308 – LAPP Membership**
 Moved by Councillor Morin to approve Policy 308 – LAPP Membership as presented.
 CARRIED
- Res. 20-561** **Policy 614 – Snow Removal**
 Moved by Councillor Morin to update Policy 614 – Snow Removal and come back to council in January’s council meeting to get feed back from Public Works with regards to guidelines when we would need snow removal.
 CARRIED
- Res. 20-562** **Policy 619 – Energy**
 Moved by Councillor Drouin to approve Policy 619 – Energy as presented.
 CARRIED
- Community Services**
- Res. 20-563** **2021 Campground Fees**
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to approve 2021 Campground Fees as presented.
 CARRIED
- Res. 20-564** **Curling Club**
 Moved by Councillor Morin that the Director of Community Services send a letter to Curling Club Committee to answer their questions.
 CARRIED
- Res. 20-565** **Walking Path**
 Moved by Councillor Drouin that Town deny the request to clear a path to the track (behind the baseball diamonds), however, they could get someone else or coordinate with Administration & Public Works to do the job but at their own expense.
 CARRIED
- Meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:28 p.m.
- NEW BUSINESS**
- Res. 20-566** **Airport Interim Budget**
 Moved by Councillor Morin that the vote be recorded.
 CARRIED

Res. 20-567 Moved by Councillor Morin to pay \$1,762.00/month for a maximum of 3 months payable at one time and no further funds will be issued until the Airport agreement is completed.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Brown, Drouin, Lauze, Limoges and Morin

CARRIED

Community Association for Professional Services (CAPS)

Res. 20-568 Moved by Councillor Drouin with the intent to support CAPS for six (6) months with the dollar amount to be determined at the next council meeting, January 11th, 2021.

CARRIED

Municipal Energy Manager Program

Res. 20-569 Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Office COVID 19 Update

Res. 20-570 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Broadband Support

Res. 20-571 Moved by Councillor Drouin to offer a letter of support with the condition of no financial commitment.

CARRIED

James Bell left the meeting at 9:46 p.m. and returned at 9:46 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

MLA Loewen

Res. 20-572 Moved by Councillor to Limoges to accept item as information.

CARRIED

City of Cold Lake

Res. 20-573 Moved by Councillor Brown to accept this item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 20-574 Moved by Councillor Brown that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Buchinski

- Airport/ICF – November 10, 2020
- Smoky River Water Commission – November 17, 2020
- Government Town Hall – November 18, 2020
- Heart River Housing – November 19, 2020
- Smoky River Water Commission – November 23, 2020

Councillor Brown

- FCSS Board – October 28, 2020
- Falher Library – November 18, 2020

Councillor Drouin

- No Report

Councillor Lauzé

- Economic Development – October 27, 2020
- Physician Recruitment – November 2, 2020

Councillor Limoges

- Smoky River Water Commission – October 26, 2020
- Smoky River Waste Commission – October 26, 2020
- Smoky River Water Commission – November 23, 2020

Councillor Morin

- AUMA Convention – September 23-25, 2020

Res. 20-575 Moved by Councillor Limoges that the Committee Reports be accepted as information. CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report

Res. 20-576 Moved by Councillor Drouin that the Director of Public Works report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED

Director of Community Services Report

Res. 20-577 Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Director of Community Services report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List

Res. 20-578 Moved by Councillor Morin that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer In-Training Report and Action List

Res. 20-579 Moved by Councillor Drouin that the Chief Administrative Officer In – Training report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL

In Closed Session

Res. 20-580 Moved by Councillor Morin that the council go into a closed session at 9:54 p.m. to discuss Personnel as per Section 17 of FOIP. CARRIED

Florita Perez left the meeting at 9:54 p.m.
Public Access Via Tele-Conference Muted

Out of Closed Session

Res. 20-581 Moved by Councillor Brown that the council return to an open meeting at 10:05 p.m. CARRIED

Extend Meeting

Res. 20-582 Moved by Councillor Lauzé at 10:05 p.m. that the meeting be extended. CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 10:05 p.m. and reconvened at 10:07 p.m.
Public Access Via Tele-Conference Unmuted

Ernie Marchildon

Res. 20-583 Moved by Councillor Drouin to move forward with retaining Ernie Marchildon as employee to work three (3) days a week for 2021 at the discussed rate. CARRIED

Adele Parker – Contracted Services

Res. 20-584 Moved by Councillor Brown to move forward with contracted services of Adele Parker on an as needed basis for 2021 at an hourly rate equivalent to her current rate. CARRIED

MSP Funding

Res. 20-585

Moved by Councillor Morin to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Laptop

Res. 20-586

Moved by Councillor Brown to sell the previous CAO laptop to Adele Parker for \$100 to be coded to 1-2-1200-220 (Printing and Subscriptions).

CARRIED

Interim 2021 Budget

Res. 20-587

Moved by Councillor Drouin to pass the 2020 Budget as the Interim Budget for 2021.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – January 11, 2021

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator