

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT: Mayor Donna Buchinski
Councillors Lindsay Brown
Robert Lauzé
Gaetane Pizycki
Roger Remillard
Administration James Bell
Florita Perez

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Res. 24-137 Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

- a) **Nord OUEST FM - Chùk Odenigbo & Gilbert Aubin – 7:00 p.m. – 7:17 p.m.**
- Discussed about their Annual Fundraising campaign to collect donations and presented sponsorships and advertising options that will allow the station to continue to offer quality programming for the next year.
- b) **Honey Festival – Baseball Tournament – Michelle Phillips – 7:17p.m.- 7:53 p.m.**
- Discussed about the 2024 Baseball Tournament taking place during Honey Festival.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 24-138 Minutes of April 10th, 2024, Regular Meeting
Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 10th, 2024, be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

Business Arising

Res. 24-139 Emergency Evacuation Facility Use Agreement
Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.
CARRIED

Res. 24-140 Horses – Animal Control Bylaw 10-03
Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.
CARRIED

FINANCIAL

Res. 24-141 Bank Reconciliation – General Account
Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending April 30,2024 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

Income Statement

- Res. 24-142** Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Income Statement for the period ending April 30, 2024, be accepted as information. CARRIED

Airport Financials

- Res. 24-143** Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept the Airport Financial for the period ending March 31, 2024 as presented. CARRIED

EFT Exchange Date Funding

- Res. 24-144** Moved by Councillor Pizycki to approve administration's use of the Exchange Date Funding EFT Credit instead of the Liquidity Limit, with a business Level Limit of \$100,000.00. CARRIED

Road Expansion

- Res. 24-145** Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information. CARRIED

Budget 2024

- Res. 24-146** Moved by Councillor Remillard to adjust the 2024 Budget as follows:
- Change on levy increase on municipal tax rate:
 - from 1.63% to 1.62%
 - Change on the taxation splits:
 - Residential – from 60.69750% to 60.69100%
 - Non – Residential – from 39.30250% to 39.30900%
 - And adjust the ASFF requisitions from \$253,936.00 to \$245,844.19. CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES**Bylaw No. 24-02 Rate of Taxation**

- Res. 24-147** Moved by Councillor Lauzé to have first reading of Bylaw No. 24-02. CARRIED

- Res. 24-148** Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 24-02 be given a second reading. CARRIED

- Res. 24-149** Moved by Councillor Pizycki that Bylaw No. 24-02 be presented for a third reading. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Res. 24-150** Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 24-02 be given a third and final reading. CARRIED

Land Use Bylaw

- Res. 24-151** Moved by Councillor Lauzé to approve Land Use Bylaw Steering Committee Members Mayor Donna Buchinski and Councillor Lindsay Brown receiving a '4+ Hour Meeting' honorarium for reviewing the Town of Falher Land Use Bylaw Draft. CARRIED

- Res. 24-152** Moved by Councillor Remillard to hold a public hearing for the Town of Falher Land Use Bylaw on June 26th at 7pm, at the Town of Falher Council Chambers. CARRIED

- Res. 24-153** Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information. CARRIED

- Res. 24-154** **Policy 405 – Use of Town Vehicles**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to approve the amended Policy 405 – Use of Town Vehicles as presented. CARRIED
- Community Services**
- Res. 24-155** **Big Red Slide**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information. CARRIED
- Res. 24-156** **Honey Festival 2024**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept all of the requests of the Honey Festival Committee for the 2024 Honey Festival along with a donation of ½ the rental of the Arena Dry pad back to The Honey Festival Committee. CARRIED
- Res. 24-157** **Pool Update**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information. CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**
- Res. 24-158** **AbMunis Summer Municipal Leaders Caucus**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information. CARRIED
- Res. 24-159** **Baseball Diamonds Fire**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information. CARRIED
- Res. 24-160** **Land Sale**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to proceed with the offer to sell 0.038 acres, more or less, of Lot A, Plan 3015KS (Within Southwest Quarter section 9 Township 78 Range 21 W of 5 Meridian) for \$1.00 to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors. CARRIED
- Res.24 - 161** **Lift Station Project Tenders**
 Moved by Councillor Brown to accept AGS Mechanical Contractors Ltd. tender for the 2024 Lift Station Project with credits, to the amount of \$1,215,500. & the 2024 Gravity Sewer Replacement in the amount of \$207,455. CARRIED
- Res. 24-162** Moved by Councillor Brown to have Administration's POST-TENDER COST ESTIMATE for the LIFT STATION UPGRADE WITH CREDIT FOR GENERATOR DELIVERY at \$ 1,465,500.00 as well as Administration's POST-TENDER COST ESTIMATE for the GRAVITY SEWER REPLACEMENT at \$226,545, reflected in the 2024 Capital Budget with the total finances acquired & applied changing from \$1,680,000 to \$1,692,045. CARRIED
- Res. 24-163** **Weed & Pest Inspection Appeal Committee**
 Moved by Councillor Brown to accept the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 Intermunicipal Agreement for Weed Inspection Service as presented. CARRIED
- Res. 24-164** Moved by Councillor Lauzé to appoint Denis Boucher, Richard Limoges, Andre Lussier, Darcy Tokarz and Lucien Houle as the Town of Falher appeal committee under Sect. 14 (5) of the Agricultural Pests Act and the appeal panel under Sect. 19(1) of the Weed Control Act effective until the end of this Calendar Year. CARRIED

Res. 24-165

Moved by Councillor Remillard to appoint Shayne Steffen, David Skinner, and Susan Ouellette as Inspectors under Section 7 of the Weed Control Act & Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act for the 2024 calendar year or until termination of their employment.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE**General Correspondence****Res. 24-166**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTSMayor Buchinski

- Water Commission – March 26, 2024
- SR Transportation– March 29, 2024
- LUB Review – April 3, 2024
- ICF Fire Services Agreement– April 4, 2024
- SR Emergency Management– April 9, 2024
- SR Water Commission/GOA– April 11, 2024
- MMSA executive Committee – April 12, 2024
- Heart River Housing – April 18, 2024

Councillor Brown

- FCSS Board – March 27, 2024
- Falher Library – April 2, 2024
- LUB Committee meeting – April 3, 2024
- IC Fire Department – April 4, 2024
- SRRHCPARC – April 11, 2024
- Volunteer Appreciation Event – April 19, 2024
- FCSS AGM – April 24, 2024

Councillor Lauzé

- No Report

Councillor Pizycki

- Honey Festival – April 11, 2024

Councillor Remillard

- No Report

Res. 24-167

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Committee reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Director of Community Services Report**Res. 24-168**

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. 24-169**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – June 12, 2024

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

 Mayor

Municipal Administrator