



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL
Tuesday, December 2, 2014 - 9:00 AM
Council Chambers – City Hall

Present:

Members of Council:

Mayor Gale Katchur
Councillor Birgit Blizzard
Councillor Sheldon Bossert
Councillor Frank Garritsen
Councillor Stew Hennig
Councillor Arjun Randhawa
Councillor Ed Sperling

Administration:

Kelly Kloss, City Manager
Troy Fleming, General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services
Brenda Rauckman, General Manager, Corporate & Protective Services
Brenda Molter, Director, Legislative Services
Reade Beaudoin, Acting Director, Communications & Marketing
Colleen Wagner, Senior Accountant, Finance
Nicole Auger, General Accountant, Finance
Grant Schaffer, Director, Project Management
Janel Smith-Duguid, Director, Planning & Development
Mirjam Brett, Director, Budget & Long Term Planning
Shannon Andruchow, Senior Accountant, Budget & Long Term Planning
Len Mueller, Senior Accountant, Budget & Long Term Planning
Sheryl Exley, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Katchur called the regular Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

R245-14

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that the minutes of the November 17, 2014 regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

R246-14 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that the minutes of the November 18, 2014 regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 25, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

R247-14 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that the minutes of the November 25, 2014 regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. 2015 Budget

Grant Schaffer, Director, Project Management highlighted the department's 2015 Capital Budget.

R248-14 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that Capital Budget request #15026 – High Profile Toro 5900 Ground Master Mower be funded at \$75,000.00 in the 2015 Budget.

In Favour: Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig

DEFEATED

MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that Capital Budget request #15026 – High Profile Toro 5900 Ground Master Mower be leased for one season.

Councillor Bossert withdrew his motion.

Grant Schaffer, Director, Project Management highlighted the 2015 Utilities Budget.

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 10:35 a.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

R249-14 MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that request #42-0004 – Utility-Foundation Drainage Program in the amount of \$150,000.00 be funded as a one-time expense in the 2015 Budget.

In Favour: Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen

CARRIED

R250-14 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #43-0001 – Utility-Solid Waste Expanded Service Level be amended to increase the revenue amount by \$34,100.00, and further that the rate for the solid waste facility be increased to offset the expenditure.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Ed Sperling

Against: Birgit Blizzard, Arjun Randhawa

CARRIED

R251-14 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that request #43-0006 – Utility-Solid Waste Maintain Service Level be adjusted by an additional \$30,000.00 to allow for a 7-day operation of solid waste services at the Transfer Station.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 12:33 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

R252-14 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that the fee for “Damaged Meter” in the amount of \$250.00 be increased to \$300.00 in the 2015 Fees and Charges Schedule.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nicole Auger, General Accountant, Finance highlighted the department’s 2015 Budget Adjustments.

R253-14 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #12-0054 – Financial Services Position Reclassification in the amount of \$25,000.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

Against: Birgit Blizzard, Stew Hennig

CARRIED

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 2:36 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 2:46 p.m.

Janel Smith-Duguid, Director, Planning & Development highlighted the department's 2015 Budget Adjustments.

R254-14 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that request #61-0002 – Affordable Housing Strategy Update in the amount of \$60,000.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #61-0016 – Planner Position Reclassification in the amount of \$42,813.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget.

Councillor Garritsen withdrew his motion.

R255-14 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that the revenue in request #61-0008 – Increase Permit Revenue be increased in the amount of \$42,000.00 in the 2015 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Ed Sperling

Against: Sheldon Bossert, Arjun Randhawa

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #61-0020 – Land Use Bylaw Refresh in the amount of \$10,000.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget.

Councillor Garritsen withdrew his motion.

R256-14 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #61-0020 – Land Use Bylaw Refresh in the amount of \$10,000.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget, and that Council authorize the City Manager to conduct the Land Use Bylaw Refresh through surplus funds.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Ed Sperling

Against: Arjun Randhawa

CARRIED

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 4:27 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 4:37 p.m.

Grant Schaffer, Director, Project Management highlighted the department's 2015 Capital Projects, and Budget Adjustments.

R257-14 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that request #32-0014 – Facility Infrastructure Planning in the amount of \$30,000.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

Against: Birgit Blizzard, Stew Hennig

CARRIED

R258-14 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that request #72-0041 – Demolition of Old Hospital be removed from the 2015 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Arjun Randhawa

Against: Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Stew Hennig, Ed Sperling

DEFEATED

R259-14 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that Capital Budget request #15010 – Project Management Software in the amount of \$100,000.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Sheldon Bossert, Arjun Randhawa

Against: Birgit Blizzard, Stew Hennig, Ed Sperling

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that the developer's cash in lieu portion in the amount of \$250,000.00 for Capital Budget request #15014 – Southfort Meadows - Parks Amenity Improvement be placed in a reserve until the City of Fort Saskatchewan's Recreation Master Plan is completed.

Councillor Garritsen withdrew his motion.

Councillor Garritsen declared a "*conflict of interest*" regarding Capital Budget request #15031 – Neighbourhood Rehabilitation and abstained from all discussion as he is a property owner on Ross Drive, and left the Council Chambers at 6:02 p.m.

Councillor Garritsen re-entered the Council Chambers at 6:04 p.m.

R260-14 MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that Council further table Council Resolution #221-14 dealing with the Transit Pilot Project to the December 3, 2014 regular Council Meeting.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Adjournment

R261-14 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that the regular Council Meeting adjourn at 6:07 p.m.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Director, Legislative Services