

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

ATTENDEES: Mayor Colby, Councilors Allan, Ball, Fricke, Ratz & Wilcox, Director of Legislative & Corporate Services Shannon Allison, Director of Planning & Development Kirk Williscroft, CAO Rick Blair & Executive Assistant Kayleigh Van Es

ABSENT: Councilor Roberts

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Colby called the meeting of Monday, June 10, 2024, to order at 7:01 p.m.

ADDED ITEMS: **Financial Update to New Business 8.c**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion 218/24 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adopt the Regular Council agenda of June 10, 2024, as amended. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion 219/24 Motion by Councilor Ball to adopt the Regular Council minutes of May 27, 2024, as presented. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: **1. Regional Policing Study Update**
CAO Blair updated Council on the progress of the study.

Motion 220/24 Motion by Councilor Ratz to accept the Regional Policing Study Update as information. **CARRIED**

DELEGATIONS: Nil

BYLAWS & POLICIES: **1. Beekeeping Application Form**
CAO Blair spoke to the application form that the town has to take precautions to ensure proper beekeeping. Administration is in the process of modifying the present Livestock Bylaw to allow beekeeping. The Bylaw will reference a Policy, which will then include the application.

Councilor Wilcox mentions that the City of Airdrie is conducting a pilot project and wonders if that is a more effective approach. R. Blair responds that the Bylaws and Policies must still be in place, regardless of whether it is a Pilot Project. S. Wilcox also inquires whether the neighbors consent is required before issuing the permit, to which an answer is yes, in order to obtain a permit, all adjacent neighbors must sign the consent.

Councilor Fricke inquired whether the Bylaw Officers and Peace Officers will enforce the Bylaw. And when asked if they would require more training, R. Blair responded that while they will be the enforcers, no further training is required because they are merely ensuring conformance.

More information will be brought to the Policies & Priorities committee.

Motion 221/24 Motion by Councilor Fricke to accept the Beekeeping Application Form as information. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS: **1. Richard Dais Scholarship 2024**
Council agreed to grant one anonymous student \$600 for their essay submission for the Richard Dias Scholarship.

Motion 222/24 Motion by Councilor Ratz to recommend anonymous essay number four as the winner of the 2024 Richard Dais Scholarship. **CARRIED**

2. Citizenship Award 2024
Council agreed to grant one anonymous student \$100 for their essay submissions for the Citizenship Award.

Motion 223/24 Motion by Councilor Allan to recommend anonymous essay number one as the winner of the 2024 Citizenship Award. **CARRIED**

3. Financial Update

S. Allison gave Council an update on the financials for 2024. Stating that taxes are due on June 30, 2024. Capital projects are well underway, on time and within budget. Working on grant funding applications. Financial reports will be completed this week.

Motion 224/24

Motion by Councilor Fricke to accept the Financial Update as information.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****1. Policies & Priorities Committee**

-Next Meeting June 20, 2024.

2. Mountain View Regional Waste Commission

-Next Meeting July 22, 2024. Tipping fees have increased and back on track.

3. Mountain View Regional Water Commission

-Next meeting June 19, 2024. Everything is going well, and the drought threat is lessening. Working on drought policies and plans.

4. Mountain View Seniors' Housing

-Council reviewed the key messages from the meeting on May 9, 2024. Next meeting June 13, 2024.

5. Red Deer River Municipal Users Group

-Next meeting TBD.

Motion 225/24

Motion by Councilor Allan to accept all Committee Reports as information.

CARRIED**COUNCILOR REPORTS:****Councilor Allan**

-June 2, 2024, attended the Carstairs Heritage Festival. Stating that the event was very well executed.

-June 5, 2024, accepted a cheque on behalf of the Town of Carstairs from TC Energy for a new automated CPR device at the Carstairs Fire Department.

Councilor Ball

-June 2, 2024, attended the Carstairs Heritage Festival. Once again, the event was carried out very well.

-June 6-9, 2024, attended the FCM Conference in Calgary. Participated in a Storm water pond tour of a Nautilus pond.

Councilor Fricke

-June 2, 2024, attended the Carstairs Heritage Festival.

-June 6-9, 2024, attended the FCM conference in Calgary. The seminar revealed that many available grants exclude rural towns, and that it is beneficial to collect community and housing needs assessments as they reflect different figures from Statistics Canada. A. Fricke expressed appreciation that the community is being proactive by doing a housing needs assessment and census. Some of the other topics discussed were future rural connectivity as well as health and safety of Council and staff.

Councilor Ratz

-June 2, 2024, attended and volunteered at the Carstairs Heritage Festival. The new parade route was a big success, attracting between 1500 and 2000 people. Approximately 3000 persons were in attendance of the event. M. Ratz would like to thank the town staff for their assistance with set-up and take-down.

-June 6-9, 2024, attended the FCM conference in Calgary. A Seminar regarding AI technology was noteworthy, since it reduces the amount of time spent on simple tasks. Also, of note was the presentation on harassment and workplace health and safety.

Councilor Wilcox

-May 16, 2024, attended Parkland Regional Library board meeting where the budget was presented.

-May 16, 2024, attended the Policies & Priorities Committee meeting.

-May 20, 2024, attended the Carstairs Public Library Board Meeting. They're looking into updating the website.

-June 1, 2024, participated in the Carstairs Parade of garage sales.

-June 2, 2024, attended and volunteered at the Carstairs Heritage Festival.

-June 6-9, 2024, attended the FCM Conference in Calgary. Notable was the Planet Youth Booth. As well as noting the informative seminar on harassment in the work place.

Mayor Colby

-June 2, 2024, attended the Carstairs Heritage Festival.

-June 6-9, 2024, attended the FCM Conference in Calgary. Despite the fact that most issues are beyond the scope of our town, the Harassment session was very informative.

Motion 226/24

Motion by Councilor Allan to accept all Councilor Reports as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Kiwanis Music Festival Letter

Council reviewed the letter notifying Council of the HSS Choir's successes and their recommendation to move on to the Canada West Music Festival in Victoria, British Columbia this July.

Motion 227/24

Motion by Councilor Wilcox to accept the Kiwanis Music Festival Letter as information.

CARRIED

CAO'S REPORT:

-June 4, 2024, met with HSS school treasurer Melissa Copley to discuss bus loop safety. We will schedule a meeting for further discussion.

-June 2, 2024, attended the Carstairs Heritage Festival.

-June 6-10, 2024, attended the FCM conference in Calgary. Also noting the harassment seminar. Networked with many communities near and far.

Motion 228/24

Motion by Councilor Ball to accept CAO's Report as information.

CARRIED

COUNCILOR CONCERNS:

1. Council Allan

Not a concern, but wanted to mention the positive feedback at the Carstairs Heritage Festival.

2. Councilor Fricke

Not a concern, but wanted to mention to Council that Adrenalin Motors will hold their Grand Opening on July 13, 2024, beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by community events from 12:00 to 3:00, including BBQ, face painting, dessert trucks, and car rides.

Motion 229/24

Motion by Councilor Ratz to accept Councilor Concerns as information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

CLOSED MEETING:

CONFIDENTIAL Section 237 of the MGA states that Councils and Council Committees must conduct their meetings in public unless the matter to be discussed is within one of the exceptions to disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) (s. 16 to 20).

Motion 230/24

Motion by Councilor Allan that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss personnel as per Section 17 of FOIP at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Motion 231/24

Motion by Councilor Ball to come out of the closed meeting session at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING:

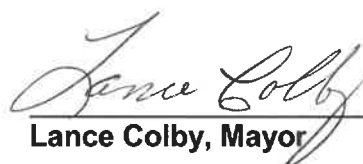
Monday, June 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 232/24

Motion by Councilor Ball to adjourn the meeting of June 10, 2024, at 8:42 p.m.

CARRIED


Lance Colby, Mayor


Rick Blair, CAO