

Council Present: Mayor Tyler Warman, Councillors: Darin Busk, Julie Brandle, Shawn Gramlich, Rebecca King, Brice Ferguson, and Joy McGregor

Staff Present: Brian Vance - CAO, Laurie Skrynyk – Director of Planning and Development, Roland Schmidt – Director of Finance, and Briana Lachance - Recording Secretary

Media Present: Lakeside Leader

Others Present: Residents

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tyler Warman

Motion #001-20: Moved by Councillor Busk

That the Regular Meeting of Council Agenda for January 7, 2020 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes of Previous meeting:

a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council December 17, 2019

Motion #002-20: Moved by Councillor Brandle

That the Regular Meeting of Council minutes of December 17, 2019 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

CAO Update

Safety:

- 2019 data from incident and inspection reports is currently being analyzed to identify trends, and documented for review.
- All TOSL work sites now have their emergency response plans in place.
- There are no new reported incidents.

Economic Development:

- Ads for an Economic Development Officer have now been extended to January 20.
- The Request for Expression of Interest for an Economic Development Contractor is due January 13. I have been fielding questions, so there is some interest.

Finance:

- **General** – Working on Budget Binder.
- **Taxes** – Sending out final warning letters for tax sale on January 10th. List has been reduced to 2 properties for sale.
- **Payroll** – Prepping for T4's. Updating payroll tables with new rates.
- **Utilities** – Working with Diamond on year end updates that did not apply properly. Had issues with emailing utility invoices.

Operations and Utilities:

Public Works

Did a complete snow removal including residential over the Christmas period. Snow clearing and sanding is ongoing.

Utilities

No major issues during the Christmas period. Catching up on maintenance and testing.

Planning and Development:

- Held the January MPC meeting last night. Three development permit applications were reviewed and approved.
- On October 7, 2019 the Town's Downtown and Main Street Area Plan and Urban Design Handbook were awarded the Award of Merit from the Alberta Professional Planners Institute. The Consultants working on the plan were Green Space Alliance and ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd.
- Held the second Focus Group Session today for the FireSmart LUB amendments. During this session we reviewed "What we Heard" through the public consultation process and the draft regulations being suggested as a result of those comments.
- Reviewing department documents, forms, form letters, templates, etc. to ensure they are current.
- Completing and preparing to close the files for the hotel demolitions.

Fire Department:

- We had 443 calls for the year which is the most ever.
- We had 19 calls since December 19 with majority being MVC's and Duty Officer calls. This is one of the busiest periods ever.
- The rest of the crew are getting geared for new training season, with Medical being top for January's priority for all halls followed by Dangerous Goods. Maintenance is visiting all the halls to see how they fared over the Christmas season with equipment and doing inspections and vehicle checks. Operations are looking at strategies on how to make our processes more efficient to stay on top of all the needs of the fire hall. We have a couple volunteer members who were recently sent over to assist in Australia. We wish Stephen Willis and Russ Murphy a safe trip.

Projects:

Lift station C Force main: Reviewing 90% drawing and tender specifications/contract. Meeting with Vanderwell's next week regarding coordination of work near the Gathering Place.

Raw Waterline: Currently working with contractors and engineers on the resolution of claims. Sewage Lagoon Upgrades: Winterization of the site completed, won't be much activity this winter.

Hotel Demolition: Demolition of two hotel sites completed by the contractor.

Daycare Demolition: The site is fenced. The contractor is salvaging and sorting the materials that were existing in the building, full project completion is anticipated in 2-3 weeks.

Community Services

- **Enforcement:**
 - Animal control is keeping the peace officers busy on shift and on weekends. Call volume was higher near Christmas and New Year's. A couple to these files relate to Animal Protection Act matters.

- Both Peace Officers responded to the library regarding a male sleeping. There was an altercation and the subject resisted arrest. The subject was charged for being in possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and breaching a recognizance. He was examined by EMS then transported to the Slave Lake RCMP Detachment. Both Peace Officers didn't sustain any injury and the incident was reported to the AB Justice & Solicitor General as per the reporting requirements.
- **Aquatics:**
 - Our winter swimming lesson set starts this week.
 - We are hosting a fitness challenge for the month of January- each time a patron attends a lane swim or aqua-fit class they get their name put into a draw.
 - We hosted a Wibit Warrior public swim on Friday, January 3. Around 80 attended the swim.
- **FCSS:**
 - No programming over the Christmas break. Programming starts back up this week.
- **Parks & Facilities:**
 - Broken pipe in overhead heating unit caused flooding in the Sheriff's prisoner bay and Children Services officers in the GOA.
 - Completed some extra deep cleaning at the MRC during the reduced operational hours over the Christmas break, showers, washrooms, dressing rooms.
 - Completed filter changes for the winter on all buildings.
 - Completed the repair to the heater at the entrance to the MRC.
 - Diesel fuel theft from the generator at the Legacy Centre. Unknown individuals cut the lock off the fuel cap and removed diesel. Unknown when this occurred as well.
 - New MRC and Parks supervisor (Lester Perrott) started Monday January 6, 2020.
- **Recreation & Programming:**
 - We have launched a Winter 2020 Courses and Programs brochure. It features 27 different workshops and courses customers can sign up for between January and April. The upcoming January workshops include:
 - Stroller Rollers
 - Tumble Tots
 - Tone & Burn
 - Power Walking
 - Budgeting
 - Photography
 - Seniors iPhone Class
 - Adult Learn to Skate
 - We have also enabled Active Net to accept online registrations and payments, not only for these courses but for PD Day camps as well.
 - 2 spin bikes and 2 rowers are assembled and ready for public use at the track. Canadian Tire supported this purchase by offering discounts on this equipment as well as portable equipment (dumbbells, kettlebells, etc – still to be placed at the track. Waiting for a cabinet to be built).
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Jan 10-11: Women's Winter Wellness (Legacy)
 - Jan 13: RCMP Community Forum (Legacy)
 - Jan 16: Stage North (Legacy)
 - Jan 19-Feb 2: SL Musical Theatre (Legacy)
 - Jan 25-26: Girls Hockey Tournament (MRC)
 - Jan 24-26: Slave Lake Adult Soccer Tournament (MRC)

Reports and New Business

- a) Commercial Advertising Policy – Garry Roth, Director of Community Services

Motion #003-20: Moved by Councillor Busk

That Council approve the revised Commercial Advertising Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

- b) Hiring Policy – Brian Vance, CAO

Motion #004-20: Moved by Councillor McGregor

That Council table the Hiring Policy for discussion for Feb 11, 2020 COW meeting.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

- a) Traffic Safety Coalition

Motion #005-20: Moved by Mayor Warman

That Council directs administration to change the current school zone times from the provincial standard to an all day 7:30am – 5pm school zone effective Feb 1

DEFEATED

Items for Discussion:

- a) Municipal Elected Officials Course

Discussion – March 9, 2020 was date decided on.

Mayors Corner:

- It was quiet over the holiday. Good break!
- Reached out to the Eastern District Commander from St Paul regarding the rural policing for spring. Still concerned with crime in Slave Lake. Would like to see additional crime reduction units. Was advised that plans are being worked on and it will happen in stages.
- FireSmart Workshop was held today in council chambers (2nd one). Good discussion. Just trying to find a level of acceptance for all and economic costs on ideas brought forth.
- A meeting with 5 leaders from the MD of Lesser Slave River, Town of Slave Lake, Sawridge First Nation, MD of Opportunity and Bigstone Cree Nation was to be held on Thursday (postponed to Feb) to discuss working together.
- On January 22 & 23 an AUMA Summit in Edmonton is being held for Mayors and CAO's to discuss funding, future funding, budgets, running municipalities & costs, sharing strategies and how to advocate for things.
- On January 25th a round table is being held with the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture to discuss wildfires
- Finalizing budget discussions coming up in the next few weeks.
- January is busy month with everyone back to work.

do that. Going to invest in capital (roads, parks & facilities, drinking water, treated water etc.). Happy to have budget like this when we are up against rising costs as well as inflation, last minute decisions by Alberta Government that have had impact on the budget. End of day, impact to taxpayers is going to be minimal. Amazing accountability to taxpayers. Probably one of the smallest increases across the province. Hopefully will be sharing that next week with the public.

In Camera:

Motion #013-20: Moved by Councillor Busk

That Council moves this meeting of Council "In Camera" at 7:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Motion #014-20: Moved by Councillor Ferguson

That Council moves this meeting of Council out of "In Camera" at 7:55 p.m.

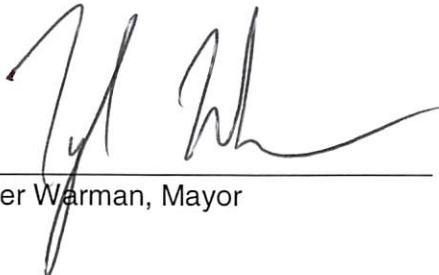
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Adjournment:

Motion #015-20: Moved by Councillor Ferguson

That Council Adjourns the January 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:56 pm.

CARRIED



Tyler Warman, Mayor



Brian Vance, Chief Administrative Officer