

***CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN***

***REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2024***

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, July 8, 2024 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears (via Zoom), Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, Chris Wyatt (via Zoom 5:00 – 6:19 p.m.), and Darcy Zaharia.

City Administration Present Within the Bar: Brad Hvidston – City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk), and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Regrets: Councillor Quinn Haider

Absent: None

Recording: Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present Mayor Hipsley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley delivered the Treaty 4 Land Acknowledgement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*****R00174-2024**

Goulden/Zaharia

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of July 8, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Zaharia:

1. Congratulated Garrett Karcha, the Sacred Heart High School's Athletic Director, as he was honoured by the Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association with the 2024 Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association Service Award. He was acknowledged by the organization for his dedication to high school sports at the local and provincial level. He currently coaches football and track and field, as well as helps coach baseball, basketball and hockey within the community.
2. Announced that the 2024 Football Canada U16 Western Challenge took place last weekend in Regina, where Yorkton's own Cash McDowell was part of the Saskatchewan team that won gold. He congratulated him and the team, as well as the coaches for all the hard work they put in.
3. Announced that Regina will be hosting the 2024 Football Canada Cup - Canada's National Tackle Football Championship. There are two Yorkton players on the team, Parker German and Royce Rathgeber. Saskatchewan beat Manitoba in their opener yesterday with a score of 36-7 with their next game on July 10. Good luck to everyone!
4. Wished the best of luck to Yorkton's Bree Klemetski and Mackenzie Dixon and the rest of the female U18 Team Saskatchewan Football team as they head to Fredericton later this month to partake in the National Championship from July 20-28.
5. Congratulated Yorkton's Ella Kozak who won the Saskatchewan Junior Women's Golf Championship this past weekend at Deer Park Golf Course with - 13 strokes ahead of the next competitor.
6. Announced that there are quite a few Yorkton events coming up such as Museum Day at the Western Development Museum with crafts and activities on July 10 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m., a Park Party from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Tupper Park also on July 10, Tapps' second annual Big Rig Show on July 13 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., the Yorkton Gardener's Market will be starting up again on Saturdays from July 20 to October 12 from 9:00 a.m. – noon at the Prairie Harvest Christian Life Centre, and lastly the Parkland Racing Association will be having stock car races at the Yellowhead International Speedway on July 20 and 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Congratulated the Yorkton Exhibition on their 157th year, which kicked off with a senior's tea that the Mayor and a few Councillors were able to attend. She thanked Taylor Morrison, the SCAPE group, and staff who put together City Council's floats for the parade, and mentioned that the Visitor's Centre saw many people stopping in and saying great things about our city. She also thanked the Yorkton Exhibition, volunteers and staff and everyone who helped make the event a success.
2. Announced that this August long weekend on the 3rd and 4th is the 66th annual Thresherman's Show and Seniors' Festival held at the Western Development Museum. They will be firing up the old farm equipment as well as one of her favorite events, baking bread in the clay oven. She thanked all the amazing volunteers who help put the event on.
3. Thanked all the staff and volunteers who helped host the Saskatchewan Junior Women's Golf Tournament this past weekend at Deer Park Golf Course. Two friends of the family were golfing in the event and so many people had wonderful things to say about the golf course and clubhouse, and how much they enjoyed the Yorkton Exhibition.

Mayor Hippsley:

1. Congratulated and thanked the Legacy Co-op for hosting the Kiddies Day Parade that was held last Thursday morning. Many people showed up to watch, and it was a lot of fun to see how excited the kids and families were. The parade started at the Legacy Co-op where hotdogs, water and watermelon were available by donation, and the total walk was about 15 minutes long. He also thanked the Yorkton Fire Department and the RCMP for attending as well.
2. Thanked the Yorkton Tribal Council for co-sponsoring the fair this year in recognition and honour of 150 years on Treaty 4 Territory. It was amazing to see all the different Bands' floats, as well as everyone coming together.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2024

*****R00175-2024**

Chyz/Zaharia

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2024

*****R00176-2024**

Wyatt/Goulden

That the Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Chad and Rachel Gregoire – Request to Own Hens Within City Limits

Correspondence from Rachel Gregoire regarding the request to own hens within City limits dated June 25, 2024 was circulated for consideration of Council. Rachel Gregoire presented to Council.

*****R00177-2024**

Wyatt/Goulden

That Council approve the request for harboring urban chickens at this particular residence as a pilot ending September 1, 2025 on the condition that an agreement between the property owner and the city with specifications on responsible management of urban chickens be prepared and executed.

Carried Unanimously.***

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Bylaw and Safety Supervisor – Memo re: Urban Chickens

A memo dated July 8, 2024 from the Bylaw and Safety Supervisor regarding Urban Chickens was circulated for consideration of Council.

*****R00178-2024**

Zaharia/Goulden

That Council receive and file the memo dated July 8, 2024 regarding Urban Chickens from the Bylaw and Safety Supervisor.

Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk exited the bar 5:22 and reentered 5:22 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Items

BYLAWS

- No Items

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Recreation and Community Services – Kinsmen Arena Upgrade Tender

A report dated July 5, 2024 from the Director of Recreation and Community Services regarding the Kinsmen Arena Upgrade Tender was circulated for consideration of Council. Taylor Morrison, Director of Recreation and Community Services, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hippsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Zaharia 5:41 – 5:45, 5:49 – 5:51 p.m.

*****R00179-2024**

Chyz/Goulden

That Council direct Administration to proceed with the Kinsmen Arena Ice Systems Upgrades project with a revised total budget of \$4,308,015.00 to be funded by the Recreation Levy, and award the tender for the project to PCL Construction Management Inc. for \$3,703,411.00, plus applicable taxes, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract. Mayor Hippsley, Councillors Zaharia, Wyatt and Brears opposed.

Defeated.***

*****R00180-2024**

Wyatt/Zaharia

That Council direct Administration to proceed with issuing an ‘Intent to Award’ notice to PCL Construction for the Kinsmen Arena Ice Systems Upgrades project, and further that Administration and PCL Construction explore options to reduce the scope of work resulting in a lower project budget and report back to Council.

Councillors Goulden and Chyz opposed.

Carried.***

Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk) – Election 2024

A report dated June 25, 2024 from the Director of Legislation and Procedures regarding Election 2024 report was circulated for consideration of Council. Jessica Matsalla, Director of Legislation and Procedures, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hippsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Zaharia 6:18 – 6:18 p.m.

*****R00181-2024**

Zaharia/Goulden

That Council approve the remuneration rates for 2024 Municipal Election Officials as attached; and

That Council appoint Amanda Dietz, Assistant City Clerk, as the Returning Office for the 2024 Municipal and In-City School Board elections should the default Returning Officer, Jessica Matsalla, become unable to act or perform her duties; and

That Council operate status quo regarding Nomination Day for the 2024 Municipal and In-City School Board Election on October 9, 2024; and

That Council acknowledge that the following municipal and in-city school board election matters, which fall under Council legislative authority, were reviewed and further direct Administration on the following:

To remain status quo for 2024 Municipal Election operation by maintaining the General Election Bylaw No. 10/2020, which includes the following requirements and provisions:

- **disclosure of campaign contributions and expenses and establish election campaign limits;**
- **criminal record check to form nomination papers;**
- **provides for the use and procedures for Mail-in ballots; but that an amendment to the General Election Bylaw No. 10/2020 be prepared to permit for more mail-in ballots to be processed at the close of Advance Polls.**
- **provides for the use of and procedure for Electronic Vote Tabulation machines;**
- **Listing of occupation of candidates on the ballot and listing candidates in alphabetical order (by surname); and**
- **That the management of a tie vote will be determined in accordance with section 141 of the Local Government Election Act, 2015 (draw names out of a receptacle); and**

- **That voters register at the polls, and a voter registry and list not be prepared for 2024; and**

- **That Council receive and file the information from the City Clerk regarding polling stations/areas (Gallagher Centre to stand as sole polling location for Election Day, Gloria Hayden and City Operations Centre for Advance Polls.)**

Carried Unanimously.***

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00182-2024**

Zaharia/Chyz

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with one matter categorized as “Property”, one matter categorized as “Other” and one matter categorized as “Budgetary” as per *LAFOIP* contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 3,4,5(a)(c)(e) - 6:19 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Hipsley called an 11-minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:19 p.m.

Councillor Wyatt electronically exited Council Chambers as he had another commitment to attend to – 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley called the In-Camera session to order at 6:32 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears (via Zoom), Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, and Darcy Zaharia.

City Administration Present in Council Chambers: Brad Hvidston – City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures, Michael Eger – Director of Planning, Building & Development, Taylor Morrison – Director of Recreation and Community Services, Gord Kennedy – Director of Human Resources, Trevor Morrissey – Fire Chief, Nicole Baptist – Bylaw & Safety Supervisor (6:32 – 7:30 p.m.), and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Guests Present in Council Chambers: Tom Seeley, Sylvia Henheffer 6:32 – 6:47 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Zaharia 6:47 – 6:47 p.m., 7:18 – 7:19 p.m.

*****R00183-2024**

Zaharia/Chyz

**That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda
– 7:49 p.m.**

Carried Unanimously.***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Zaharia 7:50 – 7:52 p.m.

*****R00184-2024**

Chyz/Brears

That Council refer the request from Habitat for Humanity for: the sale of 95 Darlington Street West at half price, to be able to subdivide the lot to permit for two homes on the lot, permission to take 2-4 years to complete the construction of two homes, and that the City of Yorkton consider providing water and sewer connections to the lots on a pro-bono basis, to Administration for review and report back to City Council at a future Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00185-2024**

Goulden/Zaharia

That Council direct Administration to move forward with the recommendations from the Addictions and Mental Health Treatment: Jurisdictional Gap Analysis Report, starting with establishing a strategic plan/framework as noted in the report.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00186-2024**

Goulden/Brears

That Council receive and file the memo from the Director of Recreation and Community Services regarding Revised Golf Cart Lease Pricing.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00187-2024**

Zaharia/Chyz

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 29th day of July, A.D. 2024

Mayor

City Clerk