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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on May 14, 2024, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jamie Hoover
Councillor Edna Coulter
Councillor Marina Appel
Councillor Laura Svab
Councillor Brenda Dennis

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management and Protective Services
Marco Jadie, IT Tech
Danielle Nealon, Executive & Legislative Coordinator
Hannah Delisle, Legal Assistant Practicum Student

REGRETS

Deputy Mayor Jim Sands
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager

MEDIA

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff Sgt. Andrew Allan, RCMP

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of May 14, 2024, and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement was read to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty Six Territory.

ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

Removal of Regular Agenda Business item 6.8 Request for Decision, Blackfalds Xing Sanitary Trunk (NE-22-39-27-W4) Project Award and the items were renumbered accordingly.

140/24 Councillor Svab moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for May 14, 2024, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

141/24 Councillor Coulter moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for May 14, 2024, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2024
- **Council Reports**
None

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- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, Enforcement and Protective Services Monthly Report - April 2024
 - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - April 2024
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2024
 - Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2024
- **Information**
 - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - April 22, 2024
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights - April 25, 2024
- **Correspondence**
 - Email from M. King - National Police Federation, Re: Bill 11 Resolutions at Alberta Municipalities - April 26, 2024
 - Letter from NRDRWSC, Re: Provincial Drought Management Education and Communication - May 2, 2024
 - Email from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada - May 9, 2024, Re: Celebrate Citizenship Week May 13 to 19, 2024

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**DELEGATION****Introduction of Staff Sgt. Andrew Allan**

Director Morrison introduced and welcomed Staff Sgt. Andrew Allan to the Blackfalds RCMP Detachment.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

BUSINESS**Request for Decision, Mayor Hoover - Notice of Motion, McKay Ranch Area Structure Plan**

Following the Notice of Motion that was put forward by Mayor Hoover on April 23, 2024, CAO Isaak brought forward an accompanying administrative report supporting the motion.

Mayor Hoover handed the Chair over to Councillor Appel.

- 142/24** Mayor Hoover moved That Council gives unanimous approval to raise the matter of the McKay Ranch Area Structure Plan sooner than the six (6) month time period outlined in Bylaw 1289.23 – Council Procedural Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Appel returned the Chair to Mayor Hoover.

- 143/24** Councillor Appel moved That Council waive the Area Structure Plan Submission Fee when the McKay Ranch Area Structure Plan is brought back to Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, Proposed Bill 20 - Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act**

CAO Isaak brought forward for discussion the News Release from Alberta Municipalities regarding the new proposed Bill 20, the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*.

- 144/24** Councillor Coulter moved That Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Premier and copies to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Ric McIver and MLA, Jennifer Johnson, on behalf of the Town of Blackfalds recommending that the Government of Alberta rescind Bill 20, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, due to extensive concerns raised by municipal leaders across

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Alberta, including Blackfalds Council, AND THAT the Government of Alberta engage municipal governments through a collaborative and trust-based consultation process to update the *Local Authorities Election Act* and *Municipal Government Act* to assist municipal governments to effectively govern in the interests of their residents and deliver on the future needs of each community in Alberta.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 145/24** Councillor Appel moved That Council direct Administration to release a Media Release regarding the letter recommending that the Government of Alberta rescind Bill 20, the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Bylaw 1308.24 - Valley Ridge Area Structure Plan

Director Weran, on behalf of Manager Tejkl, presented the Valley Ridge Area Structure Plan Bylaw for Council's consideration of First Reading and subsequent setting of a Public Hearing for June 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

- 146/24** Councillor Dennis moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1308.24 - Valley Ridge Estates Area Structure Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 147/24** Councillor Svab moved upon giving First Reading to Bylaw 1308.24, That a Public Hearing date be set for June 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Bylaw 1309.24 - Valley Ridge Phase 6 Redistricting

Director Weran, on behalf of Manager Tejkl, brought forward for First Reading Bylaw 1309.24, being a Bylaw to redistrict Phase 6 of Valley Ridge and subsequent setting of a Public Hearing for June 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

- 148/24** Councillor Svab moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1309.24, to redistrict Pt. NW 27-39-27-W4M to Residential High Density District (R-4).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 149/24** Councillor Coulter moved upon giving First Reading to Bylaw 1309.24, That a Public Hearing date be set for June 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Proposed Subdivision S-01-24 Valley Ridge Phase 6

Director Weran, on behalf of Manager Tejkl, brought forward for Council's consideration a Subdivision Application to subdivide out a parcel within Phase 6 of Valley Ridge.

- 150/24** Councillor Svab moved That Council, being the designated Subdivision Authority for the Town of Blackfalds, is satisfied that the proposed subdivision meets the relevant considerations, and move to APPROVE the subdivision of Pt. NW 27-39-27-W4M subject to the following conditions:

1. That pursuant to Section 84 of the *Land Titles Act*, the subdivision, as shown on the attached sketch, is registered by Plan of Survey.
2. That pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the *Municipal Government Act*, all outstanding property taxes are to be paid, or some other arrangements satisfactory to the Town of Blackfalds for payment thereof be made.
3. That pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the

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developer enters into a Development Agreement with the Town concerning the servicing and development of the subdivision and payment of off-site levies.

4. That pursuant to Section 655(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, that the owner/developer register utility easement right of way as per the requirements of the Town of Blackfalds and/or utility companies concurrent with or prior to registering the subdivisions Plan of Survey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, Intranet Project**

Director de Bresser introduced for Council's consideration, the implementation of a staff intranet.

- 151/24** Councillor Dennis moved That Council directs Administration to implement a staff-wide Intranet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, 2024 Spring Budget Adjustments**

Director de Bresser brought forward for approval the recommended spring adjustments to the 2024 Budget.

- 152/24** Councillor Appel moved That Council move to approve the 2024 Operating Budget Adjustments, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 153/24** Councillor Coulter moved That Council move to approve the 2024 Capital Budget Adjustments, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, Aspen Lakes West School Site Capital Project Revisions**

Director Weran brought forward the proposed revisions to the Aspen Lakes West School Site.

- 154/24** Councillor Coulter moved That Council increase the 2024 Capital Budget by \$2.4 million for the Aspen Lakes West School Site Project, formally called the Catholic School Services Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 155/24** Mayor Hoover moved That Council authorize the CAO to proceed with contract negotiations with the developer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, Town of Sylvan Lake 1913 Days Parade Invitation**

Legislative Coordinator Nealon brought forward an invitation received from the Town of Sylvan Lake for the 1913 Days Parade.

- 156/24** Mayor Hoover moved That Council sends regrets for the 1913 Days Parade Invitation and extends best wishes to the Town of Sylvan Lake for a successful parade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, Stettler Steel Wheel Stampede Parade Invitation**

Legislative Coordinator Nealon brought forward an invitation received from the Town of Stettler for the Steel Wheel Stampede Parade.

- 157/24** Councillor Dennis moved That Council sends regrets for the Stettler Steel Wheel Stampede Parade Invitation and extends best wishes to the Town of Stettler for a successful parade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Request for Decision, Proclamation, World Family Doctor Day – May 19, 2024

Legislative Coordinator Nealon brought forward a request to proclaim May 19, 2024, as World Family Doctor Day.

158/24 Councillor Appel moved That Council proclaim May 19, 2024, as World Family Doctor Day in Blackfalds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 8:12 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

- **Leung Road Capital Project - FOIP Section 24(1) Advice from Officials**
- **Land Donations - FOIP Section 24(1) Advice from Officials**

159/24 Councillor Svab moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:17 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session Attendance: Mayor Jamie Hoover, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab, Councillor Brenda Dennis, CAO Kim Isaak and Director Preston Weran.

160/24 Councillor Coulter moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 9:23 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 9:23 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: Mayor Jamie Hoover, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab, Councillor Brenda Dennis, CAO Kim Isaak and Director Preston Weran.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hoover adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 9:23 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, CAO