

MINUTES
OF THE
PICTURE BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, September 11th, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor C. Moore Deputy Mayor H. de Kok Councillor C. Papworth
Councillor T. Feist

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer – K. Davis
Director of Emergency Services – F. West
Administrative Assistant – C. Johnson

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moore called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

242 2309 11 MOVED by Deputy Mayor de Kok that the agenda be approved as amended.
Move 5.3 Dr. Aaron Low to Closed Session
CARRIED

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting – August 28th, 2023

243 2309 11 MOVED by Councillor Feist that the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 28th, 2023 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

4.0 PUBLIC HEARING – None for this meeting

5.0 DELEGATION

5.1 S/Sgt Mike Numan – RCMP Report

S/Sgt Numan went over Quarter 1 statistics which covers April – June 2023. When he pulled the statistics for only Picture Butte for the past eight months there were 255 files opened. That is pretty low. Moving and non-moving traffic violations were a big part of those files with other common police files, including mischief and well being checks. S/Sgt Numan encourages the residents to keep calling in with any and all complaints or to use the reporting app when possible. The more statistics they have to work with, the better they can staff the area. There is a new detachment clerk here in Picture Butte working full-time. Getting a full staff of officers has been a struggle. When new officers come in, more officers go out.

M. Numan left the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

5.2 Picture Butte Library Board

Cheryl Garratt, Library Manager approached Council with a request to increase the request from Council in 2024. The library has been using their savings the last few years to subsidise their operating budget. A hit to the budget in recent years has been seen in memberships. Lethbridge, who serves Lethbridge County, has been offering free library cards. This has decreased the fees that the library receives from the County residents. The bulk of funding is provided by grants. The government believes the bulk of funding should be provided by the municipality and supplemented by grants. According to a document presented by Cheryl, titled Public Library Funding 2018 Local Appropriation to Municipal and Intermunicipal Library Boards,

when compared to other municipalities of the same population size Picture Butte does not give enough per capita. Cheryl is asking for Council to consider increasing the requestion for the library to \$42,000 for 2024 from \$20,000.

C. Garratt left the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

6.0 REQUESTS FOR DECISION

6.1 Councillor Thomson committee appointments

244 2309 11 MOVED by Deputy Mayor de Kok to postpone the Organizational meeting until the 13th of November, at the latest, and make new Council appointments then.

CARRIED

6.2 Bylaw No. 939-23 Service Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw

245 2309 11 MOVED by Councillor Feist to approve the first reading of Bylaw No. 939-23 Service Fees, Rates, and Charges Bylaw.

CARRIED

246 2309 11 MOVED by Deputy Mayor de Kok to approve the second reading for Bylaw No. 939-23 Service Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

CARRIED

247 2309 11 MOVED by Mayor Moore for permission to conduct third and final reading of Bylaw No. 939-23 Service Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

248 2309 11 MOVED by Councillor Papworth to approve the third and final reading of Bylaw No. 939-23 Service Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

CARRIED

6.3 Library Board Appointment

249 2309 11 MOVED by Councillor Feist to appoint Crystal Neels to the Picture Butte Library Board for a three year term.

CARRIED

7.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

7.1 Mayor's Report

September 8 Attended a Mayors and Reeves meeting

September 11 Attended Lethbridge Regional Waste Management and Services Commission meeting

September 11 Attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting

250 2309 11 MOVED by Mayor Moore that the Mayor's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

K. Davis entered the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

8.0 COUNCIL'S REPORT

8.1 Council's Report

Deputy Mayor de Kok advised Council of his recent activities:

September 11 Attended Municipal Planning Commission meeting

Councillor Feist advised Council of her recent activities:

September 6 Attended a Family and Community Support Services meeting

September 7 Attended an Oldman River Regional Services Commission meeting

September 11 Attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting

Councillor Papworth advised Council of her recent activities:

September 11 Attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting

251 2309 11

MOVED by Councillor Feist that the Council Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

9.0 ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

9.1 CAO Report

252 2309 11

MOVED by Deputy Mayor de Kok to accept the CAO Report as presented.

CARRIED

9.1.1 Director of Emergency Services Report

253 2309 11

MOVED by Councillor Feist to accept the Director of Emergency Services Report as presented.

CARRIED

Dr. Low entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association – AGM Invitation

254 2309 11

MOVED by Deputy Mayor de Kok to receive and file 10.1 Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association – AGM Invitation.

CARRIED

10.2 Village of Stirling's Alberta Community Partnership Intermunicipal Collaboration FCSS grant application

255 2309 11

MOVED by Councillor Feist to approve participating with the Village of Stirling in applying for an Alberta Community Partnership Intermunicipal Collaboration Funding grant, to fund the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS community needs assessment project.

CARRIED

11.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11.1 Barons Legion Week

256 2309 11

MOVED by Councillor Papworth to receive and file Informational Item 11.1 Barons Legion Week.

CARRIED

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

12.1 FOIP Act Division 2 Section 24 - Dr. Aaron Low – AHS

257 2309 11

MOVED by Deputy Mayor de Kok to close the meeting in accordance with Division 2 Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to discuss AHS Ambulatory Care Closure at 7:51 p.m.

CARRIED

258 2309 11

MOVED by Councillor Papworth to open the meeting to the public at 8:48 p.m.

CARRIED

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for September 25th, 2023 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

259 2309 11

MOVED by Deputy Mayor de Kok that the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Moore

Keith Davis
Chief Administrative Officer