

MINUTES
OF THE
PICTURE BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, December 16th, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Corporate Services – M. Overbeeke
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 6:30 p.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

397 2412 16 MOVED by Councillor Feist that the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting – November 25th, 2024

398 2412 16 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Papworth that the Regular Council Meeting
minutes of November 25th, 2024 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

4.0 PUBLIC HEARING – None for this meeting

5.0 DELEGATION

5.1 R.C.M.P. – St. Sgt. Mike Numan

Body worn cameras are beginning to be rolled out across the province. The Coaldale-Picture Butte detachment will hopefully be seeing them here in the New Year. RCMP members have attended 46 events this year in the surrounding communities. There has been a significant drop in crime statistics looking at the year over year numbers. This could be due to people making less reports or there being less crimes to report. St. Sgt. Numan suggests that it is the latter option of there actually being less crimes to report. He has not been hearing feedback from the communities that the residents are feeling frustrated in the lack of response from the RCMP when they make a report. The RCMP continue to work with Community groups such as Lethbridge Police to check on and keep the habitual offenders at bay. Council discussed the speeding on Highway Avenue and requested if the RCMP would be able to provide a letter of support to help lobby Alberta Transportation to lower the speed limit in the downtown area. St. Sgt. Numan stated that the RCMP they have done this for other communities like for the Town of Coalhurst with their Highway 3 intersection and would be happy to do that for the Town. St. Sgt. Numan also suggested traffic counting for a week and providing those numbers along with the letters. St. Sgt. Numan will set a date with Keith for Coffee with a Cop in the New Year and include the recent changes to the traffic bylaw.

6.0 REQUESTS FOR DECISION

6.1 Returning Officer

399 2412 16 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Papworth to appoint Michelle Overbeeke as the
Returning Officer and Keith Davis as the Deputy Returning Officer.
CARRIED

6.2 2025-2027 Interim Operating Budget

400 2412 16 MOVED by Councillor de Kok to approve the 2025 interim operating and capital budget that was originally approved March 3, 2024 with the understanding that changes will be made in February 2025 when the new budget is presented to Council.

CARRIED

6.3 Town of Coalhurst – Regional Meeting Request

401 2412 16 MOVED by Councillor de Kok to direct Administration to reply to Town of Coalhurst that the discussed dates work for Council to meet for the Regional Council Workshop.

CARRIED

7.0 MAYOR’S REPORT

7.1 Mayor’s Report

December 2 Attended a Health Professional Attraction and Retention meeting
December 5 Visited Piyami Lodge to deliver Christmas cards
December 5 Attended the Firefighters Awards Ceremony
December 6 Attended Mayors and Reeves meeting
December 9 Attended a meeting with Dr. Edegbe

402 2412 16 MOVED by Mayor Moore that the Mayor’s Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

8.0 COUNCIL’S REPORT

8.1 Council’s Report

Councillor Feist advised Council of her recent activities:

December 5 Attended the Firefighters Awards Ceremony
December 9 Attended Water Availability Engagement Open House in Fort Macleod

Councillor de Kok advised Council of his recent activities:

November 26 Attended Alberta Irrigation Provincial Water Availability Engagement Virtual
November 27 Attended an Economic Development Committee meeting
December 5 Attended an Oldman River Regional Services Commission meeting
December 12 Attended a SouthGrow AGM

Deputy Mayor Papworth advised Council of her recent activities:

November 27 Attended a Green Acres Board meeting
December 2 Attended a Health Professional Attraction and Retention meeting
December 5 Attended the Firefighters Awards Ceremony
December 10 Attended the Piyami Lodge Christmas Party

Councillor Neels advised Council of her recent activities:

November 26 Attended Alberta Irrigation Provincial Water Availability Engagement Virtual
November 29 Attended Midnight Madness event

403 2412 16 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Papworth that the Council Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

9.0 ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

9.1 Emergency Services Report

404 2412 16 MOVED by Councillor Neels to accept the Emergency Services Report as presented.

CARRIED

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE – None for this meeting

11.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 11.1 Food Cycle – Report Cards
- 11.2 Oldman River Regional Services Commission – Christmas Card
- 11.3 Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services – Board meeting minutes – November, 2024
- 11.4 Office of the Minister – Successful application to the Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant

405 2412 16 MOVED by Councillor Feist to receive and file Informational Items 11.1 - 11.4.

CARRIED

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 12.1 FOIP Act Division 2 Section 16 – Municipal Development Plan Costs
- 12.2 FOIP Act Division 2 Section 16 – Tax Incentive Bylaw
- 12.3 FOIP Act Division 2 Section 27 - Legal

406 2412 16 MOVED by Councillor Neels to close the meeting to the public in accordance with Division 2 Section 16 & 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to discuss Municipal Development Plan Costs, Tax Incentive Bylaw and Legal at 7:21 p.m.

CARRIED

C. Johnson left the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

407 2412 16 MOVED by Councillor de Kok to open the meeting to the public at 8:11 p.m.

CARRIED

408 2412 16 MOVED by Councillor Feist to approve Administration's recommendation of options for the Municipal Development Plan and add the scope of Lion's Park conceptual design if it can fit within the allocated budget of \$39,000.

CARRIED

409 2412 16 MOVED by Councillor de Kok to implement a municipal tax incentive for new residential and non-residential buildings based on the following:

- a. 1st year of building completion – 100% refund for the municipal portion of taxes.
- b. 2nd year after building completion – 75% refund for municipal portion of taxes.
- c. 3rd year after building completion – 50% refund for municipal portion of taxes.
- d. 4th year after building completion – 25% refund for municipal portion of taxes.
- e. 5th year and beyond, after building completion – 0% refund for municipal portion of taxes.

This incentive will exempt residential properties built in Sunset Park and to maintain the current tax incentives. The bylaw will apply to all new residential (exempting Sunset Park) and non-residential buildings.

CARRIED

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for January 13th, 2025 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

410 2412 16

MOVED by Councillor Neels that the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Cathy Moore
Mayor

Keith Davis
Chief Administrative Officer