

**TOWN OF VERMILION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

IN PERSON:

Mayor Gregory Thronson
Councillor Kevin Martin
Councillor Robert Snow
Councillor Joshua Rayment
Councillor Robert Pulyk
Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Lucas
Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Benjamin McPhee
Director of Community Services Michael van der Torre
Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel
Manager Economic Development Mary Lee Prior
Executive Assistant Andrea Wilkinson

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE:

Deputy Mayor Paul Conlon
Councillor Kirby Whitlock

REGRETS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gregory Thronson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk "That the Agenda be accepted as presented." **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council – January 16, 2024

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment "That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of January 16, 2024 be accepted as presented." **CARRIED.**

4. BYLAWS

4.1. 1-2024 Borrowing Bylaw - Operating Expenses - Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion give first reading to Borrowing Bylaw – Operating Expenses 1-2024." **CARRIED.**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Martin "That Council for the Town of Vermilion give second reading to Bylaw 1-2024." **CARRIED.**

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment "That Council for the Town of Vermilion proceed to third and final reading to Bylaw 1-2024." **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk "That Council for the Town of Vermilion give third and final reading to Bylaw 1-2024." **CARRIED.**

4.2. Bylaw 1-2024 Borrowing Bylaw - Operating Expenses

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Public Commentary

Mayor Gregory Thronson opened the public commentary session at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Thronson welcomed Mr. Roger Salt into the public commentary session. Mr. Salt commended Council for following up on the provincial water restrictions and notifying public. He brought forward ideas of the Town putting out information to residents on preparing for potential upcoming drought conditions.

Mayor Gregory Thronson thanked Mr. Roger Salt for his comments and input.

Mayor Thronson welcomed Mr. Erwin Warkentin into the public commentary session. Mr. Erwin Warkentin also addressed Council regarding potential upcoming drought. Mr. Warkentin suggested the idea of rain barrels being purchased in bulk and made available to residents for purchase at cost.

Mr. Warkentin also addressed the concern of public participation in Committees. He inquired about the Environment Committee and administration will provide him with further information on committees and public participation.

No emails or written correspondence received.

Mayor Gregory Thronson declared the public commentary session closed at 6:19 p.m.

- 5.2. Backhoe Purchase - For Information
- 5.3. 2024 Airport Sustainability Presentation - For Information
- 5.4. Request for Decision - Implementing Photo Radar

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment "That Council for the Town of Vermilion directs administration not to proceed with exploring photo radar options for the Town of Vermilion at this time." **CARRIED.**

Motion # 24/02/06

- 5.5. Bylaw 2.24 Urban Hens - For Information

6. **FINANCIAL**

- 6.1. Accounts Payable for the period of January 6, January 17 – February 6, 2024

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment "That Council for the Town of Vermilion accept as information, the listing of accounts payable for the period January 6, January 17 – February 6, 2024, for \$569,764.98." **CARRIED.**

Motion # 24/02/07

7. **COUNCIL ROUND TABLE**

- 7.1. The Mayor and Councillors held a round table on recent activities since the last meeting, including:
 - Mayor/Deputy Mayor Meeting – January 16, 2024
 - Library Board Meeting
 - PSM Lawyers Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting – January 25, 2024
 - MLA Rowsell Meeting with Council – January 26, 2024
 - Town Hall with Environment Minister
 - Northeast Alberta Information HUB Ltd. Board Meeting - February 6, 2024
 - Roles and Responsibilities/Effective Meetings Workshop – February 8, 2024
 - RCMP Town Hall – January 25, 2024
 - Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Board Meeting
 - Vermilion & District Housing Foundation Board Meeting
 - Vermilion & District Housing Foundation Strategic Planning Meeting – January 26, 2024
 - Vermilion River Regional Alliance AGM
 - Rotary Breakfast – January 18, 2024
 - Prairie Vision Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting – January 19, 2024
 - Physician Meeting
 - Vermilion Mental Health & Wellness Symposium – January 24, 2024
 - CBC Interview – January 30, 2024

The Mayor and Councillors highlighted the following upcoming meetings and events, including:

- Finance and Governance Committee Meeting – February 13, 2024
- Economic Development Committee Meeting – February 14, 2024
- Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Webinar – February 15, 2024
- Alberta Municipalities Sustainability and Environment Meeting
- Alberta Central East Water Corporation Meeting Board Meeting
- East Central 911 Call Answer Society Board Meeting
- Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth & Opportunity Board Meeting – February 7, 2024
- Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting – February 7, 2024

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1. Submit a Resolution - Alberta Munis 2024 Convention
- 8.2. County of Vermilion River – Agenda of January 30, 2024

Correspondence was accepted as information.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

- 9.1 Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 17 (2) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
Personnel

Moved by Councillor Kevin Martin “That Council for the Town of Vermilion go in closed session at 7:17 p.m.” **CARRIED.**

MOTION #24/02/08

Manager Economic Development Mary Lee Prior, Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Benjamin McPhee, Director of Community Services Michael van der Torre and Executive Assistant Andrea Wilkinson left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk “That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:55 p.m.” **CARRIED.**

MOTION #24/02/09

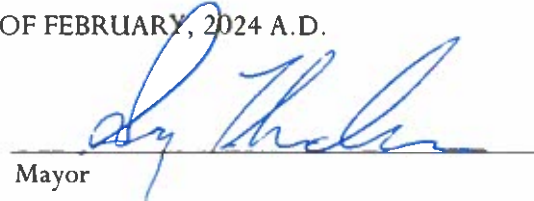
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Being the Agenda matters concluded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED ON THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024 A.D.



Chief Administrative Officer



Mayor