



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 PM - Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore AB

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Pat Fule, Councillor Melissa Langmaid, Councillor Debbie Mitzner, Councillor Jason Montgomery, Councillor Denise Peterson, Councillor Richard Wegener, and Councillor Brent Wiley

STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin Scoble (Chief Administrative Officer), Jamie Dugdale (Director of Infrastructure, Operations, and Development Services), Mark Pretzlaff (Director of Community and Protective Services), Kara Rusk (Director of Strategic, Administrative, and Financial Services), and Johnathan Stratthdee (Manager of Legislative Services)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fule called the November 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 321.11.24

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council adopt the November 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. BUSINESS

4.1. 2025 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget Deliberation

Resolution No. 322.11.24

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss items related to section 24(1)(a) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 6:08 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 323.11.24

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council move out of Camera at 6:45 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 324.11.24

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council add \$10,000 to the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce to support an MOU for them to host three (3) events – the Stampede Parade, Business Awards Night and Trade Show.

FOR: Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: Mayor Fule

CARRIED

Resolution No. 325.11.24

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council direct Administration to remove \$300,000 from the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Spray Park Recirculation System;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to use the \$148,100 Surplus in the 2025 Proposed Budget to reduce the tax increase.

Resolution No. 326.11.24

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council amend the motion to remove \$300,000 from the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Spray Park Recirculation System, to direct Administration to rework the budget, having the grant used towards another project, so that taxes may be reduced.

Resolution No. 327.11.24

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council take a 10-minute recess.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Mayor Fule reconvened the November 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Resolution No. 326.11.24

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council amend the motion to remove \$300,000 from the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Spray Park Recirculation System, to direct Administration to rework the budget, having the grant used towards another project, so that taxes may be reduced.

FOR: Councillor Montgomery and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

DEFEATED

Resolution No. 325.11.24

Moved by Councillor Wiley

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AND THAT Council direct Administration to use the \$148,100 Surplus in the 2025 Proposed Budget to reduce the tax increase.

FOR: Councillor Montgomery and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

DEFEATED

Resolution No. 328.11.24

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss items related to section 24(1)(b)(i) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 7:32 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: Councillor Montgomery and Councillor Wiley

CARRIED

Resolution No. 329.11.24

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council move out of Camera at 8:04 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 330.11.24

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council direct Administration decrease the 2025 Operating Budget (\$39,369, 500) by \$148,100 for a balanced budget of \$39,221,400, with a reduction in the tax increase from 4.5% to 3.62%.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 331.11.24

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council direct Administration bring the 2025 Fees Bylaw (Bylaw No. 24-25), back to decrease the increase in utility fees from 4% to 3%.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Montgomery, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

DEFEATED

5. **CLOSED MEETING**

None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fule adjourned the November 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 8:40 p.m.



Mayor



Director of Strategic, Administrative
and Financial Services