

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 8
April 20, 2021

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

CHRIS IRVIN – MAYOR
LAUREN HANCHAR – COUNCILOR
JOHN DEVRIES – COUNCILOR
THOMAS SLAGER – COUNCILOR
ERIN LABONTE – COUNCILOR

PUBLIC

R.Wilkinson
J.Carlson
S.Russo
J.Holt
G.Sundby

ADMINISTRATION

CAM LOCKWOOD – CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Irvin.

AGENDA

MOTION 021-08-50

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include:
233 Canyon Boulevard

-CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 021-08-51

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar
that:

The minutes be adopted from the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 6, 2021.

-CARRIED-

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 021-08-52

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar
that:

The Open Payables in the amount of \$114,844.08 be paid.

-CARRIED-

REPORTS

CAO REPORT

Administration informed Council that a fire had occurred at 207-10th Street South and had destroyed the building. The Town of Watson Lake plowtruck was located inside the building. The John Deere grader had been removed so did not sustain any damage. A claim has been submitted through the Insurance Company for replacement of the 1997 Freightliner underbody.

Issues with the frozen waterline at the recplex is not going well and may have to be put on hold until such time that the ground thaws and the line can be excavated.

Administration is working with the Department of Tourism on negotiating a multi-year renewal of the lease agreement for space at the Recreation Complex.

The construction of the Municipal Services Building is on schedule with a July 21st date to turn the keys to the facility over to the Town.

An updated landscape plan will be made available to Council. Administration is researching various funding options to assist with the costs.

The YG Infrastructure Branch has been in discussion for potential locations for the installation of the dry hydrants.

YG Infrastructure Branch has approved \$10,000,000 in funding and work should commence on the infrastructure projects by next year.

Phase II of the Environmental Assessment on 807 Lakeview Avenue, the former Lakeview Apartments property has been completed. The Town is in discussion with Yukon Housing Corporation to transfer ownership of the property.

BY-LAWS

MOTION 021-08-53

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

By-Law 21-04, being a by-law to amend Schedule "A" of the Fees & Charges By-Law 20-19 be tabled to the May 4th Council meeting.

Council discussed the bylaw and agreed to review for any changes and reintroduce at the May 4th Council meeting. Administration discussed adding a fee for lift assists when amending the bylaw.

-CARRIED-

NEW & UNFINISHED

**DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES
POLICY #21-03**

MOTION 021-08-54

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar
that:

The Development Incentive Policy #21-03, be accepted as presented

-CARRIED –

**ADMIN REPORT
STREET LIGHTS**

Administration introduced a report for Council with recommendations regarding the installation of street lights on Ravenhill Drive since receiving concerns with children walking to school and the minimal lighting in the school zone. Administration has been in conversation with Atco and was provided with a quote of \$38,300 for the installation of 5 metal street lights with underground wiring. Administration has been in discussion with Yukon Hospital Corporation and they have agreed to provide financial assistance to offset 1/3 of the cost. A letter has also been sent to Liard First Nation requesting assistance.

MOTION 021-08-55

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

The recommendations for the installation of street lights on Ravenhill Drive be approved.

-CARRIED –

**RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

MOTION 021-08-56

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Hanchar
that:

The Recreation Advisory Committee funding meeting minutes of March,2021 be approved as presented.

-CARRIED-

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Mayor Irvin addressed the annual spring clean-up and suggested that in an effort to encourage residents to clean the community, the spring clean-up be offered both May & June this year.

MOTION 021-08-57

Moved by Councilor Devries, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

The Town annual spring clean-up be offered for residential properties the months of May and June, 2021.

-CARRIED-

233 CANYON
BOULEVARD

Administration informed Council that the Town has received title to 233 Canyon Boulevard through the tax lien process. The Town does not require the property and suggest it be listed for sale through public auction for a reserve bid of the outstanding taxes.

MOTION 021-08-58

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager
that

Administration proceed with the sale of 233 Canyon Boulevard through public auction.

-CARRIED-

**COUNCILOR
OPEN FORUM**

Mayor Irvin thanked the Fire Department for their due diligence in responding to the fire that occurred in the community and the extra man hours spent to ensure the safety of the community.

Council Devries enquired about the resolutions that were presented at the AYC meeting and what opportunity the Town will have to provide input. Administration advised that the AYC Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 8th at which time Council will have the opportunity to vote on the resolutions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 021-08-59

Moved by Councilor Hanchar, seconded by Councilor Slager
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 pm.

- CARRIED -

Chris Irvin – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk