



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley
October 13, 2020**

Date & Place: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley, held beginning Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:45am, in the Bentley Municipal Office.

In Attendance Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Joan Dickau
Councillor Doug Talsma
Councillor Cora Knutson
Councillor Neil Maki
CAO Marc Fortais

Call to Order Mayor Greg Rathjen called the council meeting to order at 6:45pm

Agenda **Motion 178/2020** Moved by Councillor Knutson, "THAT the agenda of the October 13, 2020 Council Meeting be accepted."
Carried

Previous Minutes **Motion 179/2020** Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 22, 2020 be confirmed."
Carried

Financial

a) **Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques 20200648 to 20200697**

Motion 180/2020 Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT cheques numbered 20200648 to 20200697, except cheque 20200676 be received as Information." It should be noted that Deputy Mayor Dickau declared a potential conflict of interest in regard to cheque 20200676.

Motion 181/2020 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "That cheque number 20200676 be received as information." It should be noted that all council members voted other than Deputy Mayor Dickau.

Carried

New Business

a) **Bentley Minor Hockey Rate Reduction Request with delegation from Minor Hockey (Mr. Bobby Mckinlay and Mr. Kelly Mckinlay)**

- A presentation and summary report was presented by CAO outlining the request and formal letter received from Minor Hockey requesting a rate reduction. The presentation outlined considerations for mayor and council when considering the request.

- At 6:55pm Mr. Bobby Mckinlay presented a summary of the current situation for minor hockey with no increased fees and the impacts of COVID-19 that minor hockey would have a significant shortfall in revenue and loss for the 2020 to 2021 season. He also confirmed that minor hockey had reserves and that those reserves were accumulated over a long course of time and it was minor hockey's hope not to deplete the reserves.
- Mayor and Council advised Minor Hockey that they could not approve a rate reduction for minor hockey at this time. It was felt that this would not create a level playing field for other users. Mayor and Council also advised Minor Hockey to find ways to fundraise in a COVID environment that are different then the norm and do what they can to offset any potential loss of revenue. They also stated that if at the end of the season, Minor Hockey was still in a deficit situation and they could show what they did to mitigate their loss, to come back to Council with their ask and any supporting information to help with their request. The delegation left at approximately 7:08pm and there was no motion of Mayor and Council.

b) Tax Service to manage property tax arrears recovery

Motion 182/2020 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT the report presented by CAO Marc Fortais be accepted as information."

Carried

c) Proposed 2021 Budget Parkland Regional Library

Motion 183/2020 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT Mayor and Council approve the municipal per capita requisition for the Parkland Regional Library System remain the same for the 2021 fiscal year as it was in 2020 at \$8.55 per capita; AND

THAT Mayor and Council supports the 2021 proposed Parkland Regional Library Budget as presented."

Carried

Correspondence

- a) **Lacombe County Council Highlights September 24, 2020**
- b) **3rd Quarter report Lacombe Enforcement**
- c) **3rd Quarter RCMP Crime Statistics**
- d) **Municipal Survey on RCMP Police Services in Alberta**
- e) **Parkland Regional Library System Moving Notice**

Motion 184/2020 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT Mayor and Council receive correspondence item a) to e) as information."

Carried

Council Reports

- a) **Mayor Rathjen**
- b) **Deputy Mayor Dickau**
- c) **Councillor Knutson**
- d) **Councillor Talsma**
- e) **Councillor Maki**

Motion 185/2020 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT the September Council Reports be received as information."

Other Business/Council Question Period: None

Adjournment: **Motion 186/2020** Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT the regular meeting of council be adjourned. Time: 8:12 pm."

Carried



Mayor Greg Rathjen



Marc Fortais

