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1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Chapman called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Chad Ramsey
Susan Creelman

Suzanne Lutz
Rebecca Rogers-Laing
Pam Osborne

Staff: Dale Bogle, CAO
Leah Bennett
Mayor Lloy

Erin Richard

REGRETS / ABSENT:

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

Councillor Osborne asked to add 9.j. Discuss Demolition Extension
On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for April 27th, 2023 – Combined Council Meeting with the changes as discussed

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

The motion to approve the minutes for 2023 04 27 were deferred pending further review to decipher what was said as it was hard to hear.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Osborne:

I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for May 2nd, 2023 – Special Council Meeting

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6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

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7. Presentations

NIL

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. Winding River Early Learning Center

9. Business

- a. Appointment of temporary Development Officer(s)

Randi explained that with CAO Bogle no longer being here, Council would have to appoint someone in this place until a replacement CAO is hired. She suggested herself as Development Officer and Leah Bennett as Assistant Development Officer until a new CAO is hired.

Councillor Osborne questioned what the end date would be for the temporary positions and Randi responded that we are unsure as we do not know when a new CAO will be in position and ready to take on the roll.

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Creelman:

I so move that Council approve the appointment of Randi Buchi as Development Officer and Leah Bennett as Assistant Development Officer.

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- b. Policy 2002-12 Remuneration and Expenses of Council, Committees, Boards and Agencies

Randi explained the three Committee of the Whole or Council meetings missed in a calendar year, that \$50 will be removed from the stipends.

- c. Committees – Dissolution and Assignment to vacancies

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Osborne:

I so move that Council approve the dissolution of all internal committees with the exception of Council, Committee of the Whole, Audit, Planning and Advisory, Business & Tourism, AD HOC HR Committee and By-law and Policy as presented

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The motion to appoint to vacant committees has been deferred to Committee of the Whole



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d. Tender process for tax sale

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Rogers-Laing:

I so move that Council approve a call for tenders for property for the upcoming 2023 tax sale, in accordance with the MGA section 141.2

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e. Boundary Review

NSUARB has recommended seeking legal counsel on the Municipal Boundary review process. Subsequently Charles Thompson has suggested that the process be restarted and that the approval for the 2022 application be rescinded. We have restarted the Municipal Boundary process with a public engagement survey to be distributed in June with the results to be presented to council in July for discussion and approval.

Deferred until we find out how to rescind – deadline is extended until 31 July 2023

Councillor Osborne stated the survey did not catch everyone, can we do an open house in addition?

Randi replied that the survey was digital and a paper copy was mailed to everyone in B0N 2J0, to cover everyone.

Councillor Osborne asked how do we rescind a motion?

Randi will look into that and if we can have public engagement if the motion is not passed to rescind. That will give us time to find how to rescind.

Councillor Osborne asked if it had to be complete prior to NSUARB 1 year prior to election?

Randi stated that no timeline was given to her.

Councillor Rogers-Laing spoke but could not make her out.

f. CBCL Report Discussion

Councillor Creelman asked if a discussion with staff would be possible, not at Committee of the Whole?

Randi asked if she had a timeline in mind and Councillor Creelman stated some time in June, within a month.

g. Descope ICIP Project Funding

Randi reviewed 6 options. The financial information included in the package indicates that the prudent decision is to reach out to the province to request a descope of the Riverside / Pleasant Hill / Lewis St project. Staff recommends removing Pleasant Hill and Lewis St from the scope of the project with the full funding to be applied towards Riverside Ave. When the next round of ICIP funding opens, we will apply for Pleasant Hill and Lewis St refurbishment.



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On the motion of Councillor Lutz and Councillor Ramsey:

I so move that Council approve the request to descope the ICIP funding from Riverside Avenue, Pleasant Hill and Lewis Street to Riverside Ave only.

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h. Job description CAO – Verbal Update

Councillor Creelman stated that the HR Committee met in regards to hiring a new CAO on April 26, May 1st, 3rd, 9th, 11th, 19th & 24th. Four of those meetings included Patrick Hartlin to discuss the needs of the town in a new CAO, which included input from the staff and Council.

i. Water Operating Budget

The Water Operating Budget was bypassed in the April 27th, 2023 Council Meeting for approval by Council.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Lutz:

I so move that Council approves the 2023 – 2024 Water Operating Budgets totaling \$665,362 as presented

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j. Extend Demo Order for 6 months

It was decided to take the Dangerous and Unsightly order to Pat Boyce to confirm if we can do this or not and we will bring to Committee of the Whole.

10. By-laws and Policies

NIL

11. Citizen Comments

NIL

12. Mayor Report

Deputy Mayor Report

Attended Several HR meetings



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13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Lutz – nothing

Councillor Ramsey – Great to see Carey Price (Goalie – Montreal Canadiens) fishing on the Stewiacke River last weekend

Councillor Osborne –

Betty Dickie turns 100 this weekend and there is a birthday party being held for her at the Community Center on Sunday

Councillor Rogers-Laing - nothing

Councillor Creelman –

United Way Day of Caring at Mastodon Ridge 2 June from 10 – 11:30am with a Senior Tea and Social

14. In-Camera Session

NIL

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL

16. Adjournment

Adjournment called at 8:15pm.

Read and approved this 22 day of June, 2023



Mayor



CAO

