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1. Call to Order

Mayor George Lloy called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm due to issues with Zoom

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Mayor George Lloy

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Susan Creelman
Pam Osborne
Chad Ramsey (7:04pm)

Suzie Lutz
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Staff: Erin Richard
Leah Bennett

REGRETS / ABSENT:

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

Changes suggested for the Agenda included:

- Addition of 9.g. – Reference of 10.c. from November 9th, Committee of the Whole that was deferred to December 14th, Combined Council. Councillor Osborne wanted to defer to January Committee of the Whole in order to have time to review the original package for November 9th, Committee of the Whole
- Addition of 9.h. – Riverside Ave Update
- Addition of 9.i. – New Year's Levee discussion

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to approve the Agenda with the above amendments for December 14th, 2023 – Combined Council Meeting

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes

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On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

I so move to approve the Minutes as presented from November 9th, 2023 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

I so move to approve the Minutes as presented from November 23rd, 2023 – Council Meeting

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

NIL

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. Letter of Thanks to Town from Stewiacke Visitor Information Centre
- b. Funding Announcement – Communities, Culture and Heritage

9. Business

- a. Electing Deputy Mayor
Councillor Creelman nominated Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Osborne nominated Councillor Lutz for Deputy Mayor.

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Creelman:

I so move to approve the appointment of Leah Bennett as scrutineer for the vote.

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Secret ballot process followed.

Vote:

Deputy Mayor Chapman – 4

Councillor Lutz – 3

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

I so move to approve the election of Councillor Chapman as Deputy Mayor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Ramsey:

I so move to approve that the ballots be destroyed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Municipal Capital Growth

Erin updated that CAO Brown has asked for approval for staff to apply for funding prior to the deadline of December 13th, 2023 to which they did. Just need to approve the submission of the Waste Water Expansion / Upgrade.

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to approve a resolution of Council supporting the submission of the Waste Water Expansion / Upgrade project, for funding of 5million dollars, consideration under MCGP.

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c. Extended Producer Responsibility

Councillor Creelman added that she was at an event that Mr. Redden was at, but he wanted to reach out to CAO Brown but never did connect. Councillor Creelman wants to thank Erin and Randi for the extra work.

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Creelman:

I so move that Council instruct staff to prepare registration to 'Opt In' and participate in the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging, Paper Products, and Packaging-like products (PPP)

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d. Applications Citizen Appointment

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Erin noted that another application was received today but the package was already completed. With that the decision was to defer to January 11th, 2024 Committee of the Whole and to advertise with a deadline of December 31st, 2023 for all application submissions.

Decision – YAY – 5 NAY – 2

e. Signing Authority

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Osborne:

I so move to approve Erin Richard as a second admin signing authority for the Town of Stewiacke
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. CAO Recruitment Update

Mayor Lloy stated that HR Committee had met twice and we are actively seeking a new CAO.

g. Proposed Amendments for Downtown

Councillor Osborne asked that we defer to January as she did not have her information in front of her. Agreed to defer.

h. Riverside Update

Mayor Lloy read Jeff's report stating that there will be a base of asphalt will be down along with the manhole covers secured. Once this is done, Public Works will be cleaning up.

i. New Year's Levy

It was decided that because the Legion is not having one due to the fact that last year they lost money. HRM is not doing one due to the fact of the homeless situation. It was decided with a full consensus that Town of Stewiacke would not have a New Year's Levy this year.

10. By-laws and Policies

NIL

11. Citizen Comments

There was one message in regards to amendments being published in text as well as the downtown

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development of the old Foodland.

12. Mayor Report

- Nov 25 – CARMA Craft Fair
- Nov 26 – Mayor's Leadership Award at the Storm Banquet
- Nov 27 – HR Committee Meeting
- Dec 2 – Various events with Stewiacke Celebrates Christmas
- Dec 5 – Met briefly with Mr Brown who resigned as CAO
- Dec 5 – Met with Christine Blair
- Dec 6 – Emergency Meeting with Town Council
- Dec 7 – Emergency Meeting with Town Council
- Dec 8 – Met with Solicitor Charles Thompson
- Dec 11 – HR Committee Meeting
- Dec 12 – Letter to residents regarding interim and CAO search
- Dec 13 – Met with Valerie Pottie-Bungay
- Would like to thank Council and Staff

Deputy Mayor Report

- 2 HR Meetings
- Business & Tourism
- Christmas Day in Stewiacke
- Library Board meeting

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Lutz –

- Christmas in Stewiacke
- Happy Holidays

Councillor Osborne –

- 3 page report from NSFM that was distributed
- Business meeting – thank you to Councillor Creelman for the invitation
- CARMA Craft Show

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- Christmas in Stewiacke
- Congratulations to Councillor Rogers-Laing and street for best float
- Congratulations Deputy Mayor on her elected seat
- Many Library Board Meetings
- Merry Christmas to everyone

Councillor Rogers-Laing –

- Christmas in Stewiacke
- Met with Peter from Whistlers

Councillor Creelman –

- Many meetings
- TIANS had recent awards and Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Bill Hay from Mastodon Ridge
- Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Chapman
- Merry Christmas

Councillor Ramsey –

- nothing

14. In-camera Session

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Creelman:
I so move to approve to go 'In-camera' at 7:50pm.

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:
I so move to approve to come out of 'In-camera' at 8:24pm.

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL


16. Adjournment

Adjournment was 8:25 pm



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Read and approved this 29 day of January, 2023^{4th}


Mayor


CAO