



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES
Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 6:00 pm
Council Chambers & Zoom Access**

In Person: Mayor McDonald (5:50 pm), CAO Fuller (5:45 pm), Councillor Northey (5:50 pm), Councillor McIntosh (5:50 pm), Deputy Mayor Orom (5:50 pm)

Absent with notice: Public Works Foreman Taylor and Secretary Morrison

Public Zoom: Councillor Gust (5:50 pm), Al Middleton (6:00 pm), L. Turcotte (6:00 pm), Candace Ipad (6:00 pm), Sherry Letendre (6:00 pm)

Recording Secretary: CAO Fuller

Press by zoom: Stu-ECA Review (6:00pm), Kevin Sabo (6:00 pm)

Public: none

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor McDonald at 6:01 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CAO Fuller requested to include an addition of 10.2 Legal – Resident Letters to Council – FOIP Section 18; to the January 3, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council agenda.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Orom to approve the January 3, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council Agenda with the addition of 10.2 Legal – Resident Letters to Council – FOIP Section 18.

MOTION #001-2024

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

4. DELEGATIONS - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the December 18, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

MOTION #002-2024

CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Alberta Municipal Affairs – Local Government Fiscal Framework Program

6.2 Alberta Environment and Protected Areas- 2024 Drought Emergency Plan

6.3 Alberta Municipal Affairs – Assessment Model Review

6.4 Utility Safety Partners – Request to submit a letter of Support to MLA

6.5 Fortis Alberta – 2024 Estimated Distribution & Transmission

Councillor McIntosh requested Item 6.2, 2024 Drought Emergency Plan be discussed as New & Unfinished Business - 7.2 Drought Emergency Plan and 6.4 Utility Safety Partners – letter to MLA be discussed at 7.3 Utility Safety Partners.

7. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Family & Community Support Service Funding 2024

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to provide Family and Community Support Services funding in the sum of \$63,699.55 to Bashaw & District Support Services.

MOTION #003-2024

CARRIED

7.2 Alberta Environment and Protected Areas – 2024 Drought Emergency Plan

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to communicate with the Highway 12/21 Regional Water Commission to consider investigating Bashaw as an Emergency Water Source.

MOTION #004-2024

CARRIED

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Orom to review the Water Restriction Bylaw as step one of communicating with residents regarding a drought emergency plan.

MOTION #005-2024

CARRIED

7.3 Utility Safety Partners – Request to submit a letter of support to Member of Legislative Assembly

MOVED by Councillor Northey to direct administration to generate a letter of support to Bashaw’s local MLA to for improved Damage Prevention legislation.

MOTION #006-2024 CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS – action to be considered.

9. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS – Action to be considered.

Public Zoom Connections were disconnected from the meeting at 6:19 pm.

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to enter closed meeting of council for 10.1 Personnel – Cost of Living Increase – FOIP Section 17 and 10.2 Legal – Resident Letters to Council – FOIP Section 18.

MOTION #007-2024 CARRIED

10. CLOSED MEETING OF COUNCIL

10.1 Personnel-Cost of Living Increase-FOIP Section 17

10.2 Legal-Resident Letters to Council

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Orom to move out of closed meeting of council at 7:35 pm.

MOTION #008-2024 CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Northey to approve a 3% cost of living adjustment for Town of Bashaw staff, except for the Chief Administrative Officer.

MOTION #009-2024 CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to generate FOIP redacted versions of the letters addressed to Council to be reviewed by Council prior to being released publicly.

MOTION #010-2024 CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to include Municipal Councils and Library Boards; the nine roles and responsibilities of Council on the next council agenda.

MOTION #011-2024 CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. NEXT MEETING: January Meeting Date 17, 2024 – 6:00 pm

13. ADJOURNMENT – Councillor Gust adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER