

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2021 11 02**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve B. Guyon called the meeting to order at 12:47 p.m.

**PRESENT**

B. Guyon, Reeve  
R. Swap, Councillor  
D. Wiltse, Councillor  
D. Ekstrom, Councillor  
C. Brooks, Councillor  
A. Heinrich, Councillor  
K. Westerlund, Councillor  
S. McKerry, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
T. Scharfl, Executive Assistant  
J. Grainger, Customer Service/Administrative Assistant  
K. MacInnis, Corporate Communications Coordinator (by telephone)

**URGENT ADDITIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Addition to and Adoption of Agenda**

**908/21-11-02** Moved by D. Ekstrom to approve the agenda with the following additions:

11. Finance

c) Brazeau County Power Agreements

12. General Matters

b) Discussion on Vice President for RMA – K. Westerlund

c) RMA meeting dates – K. Westerlund

d) ASB Process – K. Westerlund

e) Range Road 83 – D. Wiltse

f) Andy Kitching – R. Swap

g) Bill 77 – A. Heinrich

15. Closed session - Timed for 3:00 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**909/21-11-02** Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 Regular Council meeting as amended: page 6 to change C. Swan to C. Swap.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

**Business Arising**

**Follow Up Action List**

S. McKerry reviewed the status of the action items.

**910/21-11-02** Moved by K. Westerlund to bring back motion 840/21-09-21 regarding the high load corridor to the November 16, 2021 Council Agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**911/21-11-02** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Follow Up Action List as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CAO REPORT**

**CAO Report**

**COVID Testing**

S. McKerry presented a request for Council to consider covering expenses incurred for COVID rapid testing where an event is required for County business by staff or Council.

**912/21-11-02** Moved by K. Westerlund to provide governance direction to Administration on the new and unexpected organizational COVID-19 related testing expenses that Brazeau County may incur and that Brazeau County pay for them for staff and Council.

**IN FAVOUR**

K. Westerlund

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Wiltse

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Planning and Development**

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interested and left the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Deputy Reeve D. Wiltse assumed the chair.

**Bylaw 1090-21 to Rezone SE 3-50-6-W5M from Agricultural to Country Residential**

C. Dyck presented Bylaw 1090-21 for first reading.

**913/21-11-02** Moved by A. Heinrich to give first reading to Bylaw 1090-21.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon returned to the meeting at 1:04 p.m. and resumed the chair.

**FINANCE**

**Finance**

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as of September 30, 2021**

**914/21-11-02** Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the Bank reconciliation statement as of September 30, 2021 for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Tax Recovery Sale**

**915/21-11-02** Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the date of February 16, 2022 for the tax recovery auction for the listed properties.

**IN FAVOUR**

C. Brooks  
K. Westerlund  
R. Swap  
B. Guyon  
A. Heinrich  
D. Wiltse

**OPPOSED**

D. Ekstrom

**CARRIED**

**Brazeau County Power Agreements**

C. Swap presented a request to go with Gas Alberta for a power agreement.

**916/21-11-02** Moved by D. Wiltse that Brazeau County goes with Gas Alberta for their power agreement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL  
MATTERS**

**General Matters**

**Council Priority Pre-Budget Discussion**

Council discussed their priorities for the 2022 Budget.

**917/21-11-02** Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration to bring back a comprehensive road maintenance cost report prior to budget discussions.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC  
HEARING**

**Public Hearing**

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 2:02 p.m. Deputy Reeve D. Wiltse assumed the chair.

**Public Hearing Bylaw 1086-21 to Rezone NW 4-49-8-W5M from Agricultural (AG) to Agricultural Holdings (AGH)**

**918/21-11-02** Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council meeting of November 2, 2021 proceed into public hearing at 2:03 p.m. for Bylaw 1086-21.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Dyck presented Bylaw 1086-21 for second and third reading.

Public Input - none

**919/21-11-02** Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council meeting of November 2, 2021 come out of public hearing at 2:05 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**920/21-11-02** Moved by R. Swap to give second reading to Bylaw 1086-21.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**921/21-11-02** Moved A. Heinrich to give third reading to Bylaw 1086-21.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Deputy Reeve D. Wiltse called for a break at 2:08 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:16 p.m.

**Public Hearing Bylaw 1089-21 to Rezone Pt SW 15-49-8-W5M from Agricultural (AG) to Agricultural Holdings (AGH)**

**922/21-11-02** Moved by C. Brooks that the regular Council meeting of November 2, 2021 proceed into public hearing at 2:17 p.m. for Bylaw 1089-21.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Dyck presented information on Bylaw 1089-21 recommending second and third reading not be given as the parcel size may change.

Public Input - None

**923/21-11-02** Moved by A. Heinrich to recess the public hearing for Bylaw 1089-21 until December 7, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon returned to the meeting at 2:25 p.m. and requested Deputy Reeve D. Wiltse to retain the chair so he could make a motion.

**Council Priority Pre-Budget Discussion**

Discussion continued on budget priorities.

**924/21-11-02** Moved by B. Guyon to set aside \$900,000 for the tax rebate program for citizens and business for the 2022 budget year.

**IN FAVOUR**

C. Brooks  
K. Westerlund  
R. Swap  
B. Guyon  
D. Ekstrom  
D. Wiltse

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich

**CARRIED**

**925/21-11-02** Moved by B. Guyon to set aside a minimum of \$350,000 for the Rocky Rapids Water Treatment problems in the 2022 budget.

**IN FAVOUR**

C. Brooks  
K. Westerlund  
R. Swap  
B. Guyon  
D. Ekstrom  
D. Wiltse

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich

**CARRIED**

Reeve B. Guyon resumed the chair 2:56 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**Closed Session**

**926/21-11-02** Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of November 2, 2021 proceed into 'closed session' at 2:57 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Legal Matters Update *FOIP Section 27*
- b) Notification of Commencement of Union Negotiations  
*FOIP Section 19*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

L. Fischer, Public Works Director and C. Swap, General Manager of Finance joined the Closed session at 2:57 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Legal Matters *FOIP Section 27*.

**927/21-11-02** Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of November 2, 2021 come out of 'closed session' at 5:27 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 5:29 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 5:35 p.m.

**928/21-11-02** Moved by D. Wiltse to include Attachment A to Council Agenda under Item 15. b) and that Attachment A shall remain confidential under *Section 24, 25, 29 of the FOIP Act*; and direct Administration to proceed in accordance with the details and direction described within Attachment A.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**929/21-11-02** Moved by C. Brooks to receive the legal update for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Discussion on Candidacy for Vice President of Rural Municipalities of Alberta**

K. Westerlund requested Council's support for her to run for Vice President for the RMA.

**930/21-11-02** Moved by R. Swap to support K. Westerlund to run for Vice President of Rural Municipalities of Alberta.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Bill 77**

**931/21-11-02** Moved by A. Heinrich direct Administration to research Bill 77 and find out if the landowner properties are being impacted by liens.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**932/21-11-02** Moved by K. Westerlund to direct Administration to contact neighbouring counties to see if they would join Council for dinner on November 24, 2021 during convention.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**933/21-11-02** Moved by D. Ekstrom to defer remainder of agenda items to November 16, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**934/21-11-02** Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council Meeting of November 2, 2021 adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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Reeve

  
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Interim Chief Administrative Officer