

Minutes

A public council meeting held at the Massey Drive Town Hall on Tuesday September 26th, 2023 with the following in attendance:

Mayor: Don Brown

Deputy Mayor: Penny Piercey

Councilors: Kerry Ryland

Roger Targett

Dianna Wiseman

Gary Warren

Elizabeth Chaulk

Clerk/Manager: Rodger Hunt

Assistant Town Clerk: Pennie Oke

Residents:

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7PM

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Targett/Ryland

106-23 Be it resolved that council will accept the minutes of the September 12th, 2023 public council meeting as presented.

Motion Carried Un

Mayor Brown presented the labor and safety reports. Councilor Targett asked if the staff had been given the reward/incentive for having so many days accident free. Rodger H. said not yet but they will be. It has been 4723 days without an accident on the job.

Piercey/Chaulk

107-23 Be it resolved that council will accept the labor report and the safety report as presented.

Motion Carried Un

Council reviewed the accounts payable and discussed the water and sewer bill from the City of Corner Brook. Deputy Mayor Piercey asked that the existing contract with the City be pulled out so council could review it before negotiations have to begin on a new one.

Piercey/Targett

108-23 Be it resolved that the clerk will pay the bills in the amount of \$118,852.19 as presented and council will ratify the bills paid since the last meeting in the amount of \$21,111.99.

Motion Carried Un

Council discussed the possibility of purchasing Expression Swings for the playgrounds located at the Allen Gillespie Community Park and the Mama Dawe Sports Complex.

Targett/Chaulk

109-23 Be it resolved that council will purchase 2 Expression Swings, one each for the Allen Gillespie Community Park and one for the Mama Dawe Sports Complex.

Motion Carried Un

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Deputy Mayor Piercey said she would speak to the Recreation Committee about purchasing a third swing.

Councilor Chaulk mentioned that while walking Tipping's Pond walking trail she noticed some platforms have holes and rotting wood on them and that there are some stumps and such lifting up on the trail that may be tripping hazards. Rodger H. said that with the work done on the dog park this summer not much work got done on the trail and he wasn't sure how much would get done the fall.

Targett/Warren

110-23 Be it resolved that council will ratify the permits issued since the last meeting as follows:

1. Ron Burton-13 Albert Street-add 16'x14' shed extension to 12'x16' existing shed

2. Madonna Gill-11 Mountainview Road-build wooden platform and place 10'x10' storage shed on platform

Motion Carried Un

Councilor Warren said that last year they discussed saving money by not sending a lot of council to the MNL Conference when it is out of town. He thinks that the \$250 per day to attend MNL functions needs to be revisited. Councilor Chaulk said that when council was discussing the reimbursement policy they were going to follow Pasadena's policy which state the reimbursement is only for someone who will have lost wages by attending and that council wanted to change their policy so that everyone was reimbursed. Councilor Ryland stated that that was a portion of the expense but not the biggest portion. Mayor Brown said that representation is important at the MNL events but council can review its policy on reimbursement and number of people that the town will send out of town.

He then told council that he started going to recreation meetings to help the group with POTH but had not been voted on by council to be the recreation liaison. Councilor Wiseman said when Deputy Mayor Piercey took on the recreation president's role she said she would be the liaison but could never seem to make the meetings and we just took advantage of you as the liaison. Deputy Mayor Piercey said that she was probably at fault as I tended to look at Councilor Warren as my council support. Councilor Warren said he had no problem being the council liaison if council wanted him to do it.

Wiseman/Chaulk

111-23 Be it resolved that council will appoint Council Warren as the Recreation Committee liaison.

Motion Carried Un

Councilor Targett thanked the Recreation Committee, Council and staff for an awesome job on the dedication to Al. He suggested a couple of trees, maybe one on each side would be nice. Mayor Brown told council that he had been approached by a family member about planting a tree in Al's memory. Councilor target said he was going to mention taking the flower baskets down but noticed that the staff had already done it. He asked when the town would be ordering for the spring. Rodger H. said they are in the process of doing the order and they will be sending

The town a quote with pictures. Council discussed other possibilities of purchasing flowers depending on what is sent and how much it will cost. He then reminded Council that this week is National Truth and Reconciliation Week and he was very happy to see the Reconciliation Flag on the flag pole at the bottom of the hill. Councilor Targett asked to have the website updated as he noticed some things have not been added like the Basketball camp and the new walking trail. Rodger H asked him to go back and look as he had added a lot of new things and pictures the last couple of days. He asked if there was anything the town could do to get the property next door to cleanup. Council will discuss in committee of a whole. He then asked about the handout that council was going to do up and send out to residents about water conservation. Council discussed.

Rodger H. told council that he had a visit from a resident on Mountainview Road concerning the wobble sign at the bottom of Mountainview Road. Council discussed and decided that they would move the crosswalk a little next year so that it will not be a problem. He then told council that security cameras needed to be replaced on the town hall and public works building. Council discussed and decided to put a PTZ camera on the town hall and 2 dome cameras on the public works building. He then informed council that the composters had arrived and that he was planning to put them up by the community garden in the back near the watering hose. He then said it would cost the town anywhere from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to get the old plow truck to pass inspection. He asked council if they wanted to spend the money or to sell the truck. Council discussed.

Wiseman/Targett

112-23 Be it resolved that council will sell the old plow truck.

Motion Carried Un

Rodger H. Told council that the town has 16 tables and the fire department has 4 but that 25 tables were needed for the craft fair. Council discussed and Deputy Mayor Piercey said that recreation was looking for some 6ft and 4ft tables.

Ryland/Targett

113-23 Be it resolved that council will purchase 10 new tables for the town hall.

Motion Carried Un

Councilor Ryland asked if the land on the corner of Miller Crescent and Country Lane was a green space for Miller Crescent. Rodger H. told him that it is a building lot and in lieu of green space on Miller Crescent, the developer did the work on the back lot where Come Home Year took place and the public works building is now located. He then asked about the sidewalks for Miller Crescent. Rodger H. said he would call the next day for an update. He then asked if the town was fully staffed for the winter. Rodger H. gave council an update.

Councilor Chaulk said she would do the Accessibility Planning Training on Thursday if she could get in. the staff said they would check and let her know. She then said that Canada Post had moved the mailbox up at the end of Massey Drive and asked if the town had been asked about moving it. Rodger H said they called and said they were moving it and that the town had no say that Canada Post had the right to move it wherever they wanted to. Councilor Chaulk said that it is dangerous where it is with cars having to stop there. Rodger H asked council

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If they wanted to ask Canada Post to move it and where did they want the mailbox moved to. Council discussed and Councilor Chaulk said maybe up at the top of where you go down to the parking lot of Tipping's Pond. Council agreed and Rodger H. said he would call and ask.

Councilor Wiseman no new business

Deputy Mayor Piercey asked when the fire extinguishers in the town hall were being inspected. Rodger H said it has been done and that there were a few that needed to be replaced. She asked what had happened up on Mountainview Road with a resident burning brush. Rodger H. said that the resident now has a burn permit. And that he would update council more in Committee of a Whole meeting. She was very pleased with the turn out for the Allen Gillespie Community Park dedication. She was not sure when they were going to have Massey Drive Day as she had to meet with the recreation committee to plan.

Mayor Brown said he was also pleased with the wonderful turn out for the dedication. He was pleased that all council members were there it was a great tribute to Al. He informed council that he along with the Town Manager met with Inspector Wentzel of the RNC. The mayor gave council an update on the meeting and that the RNC is ready to start patrolling Massey Drive as soon as they get the go ahead. Inspector Wentzel said that as soon as a turnover date is announced the RNC will come in and meet with council. He also said that if the town would like to write a letter to the Minister to ask that he not wait until June for the turnover that the RNC is ready. Council agreed to write the minister.

Councilor Chaulk told council that they never finished the policy document and asked that they try and get it finished the next couple of meetings. Council agreed

Mayor Brown set the next meeting for Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 7PM

114-23 **Ryland/Piercey**
Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at 8:30PM
Motion Carried Un

Mayor

Assistant Town Clerk