

Minutes of the Town of Olds Special Closed Council Meeting held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town of Olds Boardroom, at 4512 – 46 Street, Olds AB.

PRESENT – ELECTED OFFICIALS:

In the Chair, Mayor Michael Muzychka

Councillor Heather Ryan; Councillor Mary Jane Harper; Councillor Mary Anne Overwater; Councillor Wanda Blatz; Councillor Debbie Bennett and Councillor Mitch Thomson.

PRESENT for the Regular meeting of Council – STAFF:

Acting Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Director of Community Services, Doug Wagstaff participated by telephone.

ABSENT– ELECTED OFFICIALS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muzychka called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Bennett, “to accept the Special Closed Council meeting agenda for October 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., as presented.”

Motion Carried 20-404

3. CLOSED SESSION

FOIP Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

Moved by Councillor Ryan, “that Council move to closed session in accordance with section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under FOIP Section 17 at 2:04 p.m. with a Mr. Michael Solowan, from Brownlee Law in attendance.”

Motion Carried 20-405

Acting CAO, Doug Wagstaff left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Councillor Thomson recused himself due to being the Respondent in the Code of Conduct Complaints and left the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Mr. Solowan left the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “that the meeting reconvene to the regular Council meeting at 4:03 p.m.”

Motion Carried 20-406

Acting CAO, Doug Wagstaff rejoined the meeting via telephone at 4:03 p.m.

RISE AND REPORT

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “that Council accept the findings of the independent investigator reports in reference to the Council Code of Conduct Complaints against Councillor Mitch Thomson.”

Motion Carried 20-407

Councillor Bennett, “moves to release the Code of Conduct Investigation reports to the public including posting of the reports on the Town of Olds website subject to FOIP regulations.”

Motion Carried 20-408

Councillor Ryan, "moves that based upon Councillors Thomson's violations of the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw that Olds Town Council impose the Following sanctions: Council issues Councillor Thomson a formal letter of reprimand, and the removal of Councillor Thomson from the Deputy Mayor Rotation schedule for 2021."

Motion Carried 20-409

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Councillor Thomson is hereby censured for his inappropriate behaviour and misconduct and Council expects Councillor Thomson to honor his oath of office and abide the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw throughout the remainder of his term in office."

Motion Carried 20-410


Councillor Thomson rejoined the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Mayor Muzychka read the motions to Councillor Thomson.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that this meeting adjourn at 4:14 p.m."

Motion Carried 20-411



Michael Muzychka,
Mayor



Michael Merritt,
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved the twenty-sixth day of October, 2020.