



## **CITY OF PRINCE ALBERT**

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**

# **MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021, 4:05 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Greg Dionne  
Councillor Charlene Miller  
Councillor Terra Lennox-Zepp  
Councillor Tony Head  
Councillor Don Cody  
Councillor Dennis Ogrodnick  
Councillor Blake Edwards  
Councillor Dawn Kilmer  
Councillor Ted Zurakowski

Sherry Person, City Clerk  
Jim Toye, City Manager  
Jason Maier, Finance Manager  
Wes Hicks, Director of Public Works  
Nykol Miller, Capital Projects Manager  
Jeff Da Silva, Engineering Services Manager  
Cheryl Tkachuk, Director of Financial Services  
Jerri Hoback, Assistant Director of Financial Services  
Mohammad Kraishan, Engineering Services Manager  
Melodie Boulet, Executive Assistant, City Manager's Office

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor G. Dionne called the meeting to order.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

0176. **Moved by:** Councillor T. Head

That the Agenda for this meeting be approved, as presented, and, that the presentations, delegations and speakers listed on the Agenda be heard when called forward by the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

## 5. FUND BUDGET FOR REVIEW

PowerPoint Presentation was provided by Cheryl Tkachuk, Director of Financial Services.

### 5.1 2021 Water Utility Fund Operating and Capital Budget (RPT 20-485)

0177. **Moved by:** Councillor T. Zurakowski

1. That the Administration, Billing and Meter Maintenance Functional Area be decreased by \$12,000; and,
2. That Administration move towards electronic utility billing as a default similar to other utility suppliers, while still allowing paper copies to be available upon request.

**CARRIED**

0178. **Moved by:** Councillor D. Cody

That Administration review whether the \$134,000 budgeted amount for street sweeping should be allocated within the utility budget for the 2022 Budget deliberations, including any other transfer amounts allocated from the General Fund to the Water Utility Fund.

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 5:32 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:06 p.m.

0179. **Moved by:** Councillor T. Zurakowski

That the Septic Rebate Program be discontinued on July 1, 2021 at a budgeted savings of \$45,000.

**CARRIED**

0180. **Moved by:** Councillor B. Edwards

1. That the new Water Crane Software be removed at a budgeted savings of \$25,000; and,
2. That Administration provide a report regarding the benefits of installing the Water Crane Software, including a rate review, for consideration by members of Council by July 1, 2021.

**CARRIED**

0181. **Moved by:** Councillor B. Edwards

That the Sewer Line Replacement Program be capped at \$135,000 at a budgeted savings of \$115,000.

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 7:34 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

0182. **Moved by:** Councillor B. Edwards

That all fleet increases be removed in the Water Utility Fund Budget related to the six percent (6%) fleet rate increase, at a budgeted savings of \$28,040.

**CARRIED**

0183. **Moved by:** Councillor B. Edwards

That the City residential water and sewer utility rates be set at a zero percent (0%) increase.

**CARRIED**

0184. **Moved by:** Councillor T. Lennox-Zepp

That the Water Consumption Rate and the Sewer Consumption Charge for consumers outside the City's corporate limits, excluding the Rural Water Utility, be allocated at 175% times the In-City Utility Rates.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

0185. **Moved by:** Councillor T. Lennox-Zepp

That UCNF-01 – Central Avenue River Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street Revitalization be approved at a cost of \$690,000 to be funded from Debt Financing.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**6. ADJOURNMENT – 8:31 P.M.**

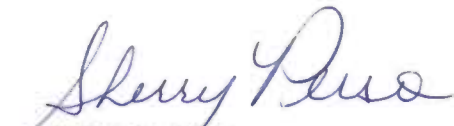
0186. **Moved by:** Councillor T. Zurakowski

That this Committee do now adjourn until Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**



MAYOR GREG DIONNE



CITY CLERK

MINUTES ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2021.