MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LEDUC
COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 7, 2019

Present: Mayor B. Young, Councillor B. Beckett, Councillor G. Finstad,
Councillor B. Hamilton, Councillor L. Hansen, Councillor T. Lazowski,
Councillor L. Tillack

Also Present: P. Benedetto, City Manager, S. Davis, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Mayor B. Young called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
   MOVED by Councillor G. Finstad
   That the agenda be adopted as presented.

   Motion Carried Unanimously

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND RELATED BUSINESS
   3.1 Select Items for Debate
       The following items were selected for debate:

       9. BUSINESS

       9.1 Grants to Organizations

       9.2 2020 Public Budget Deliberations

       10. BYLAWS

       10.1 Bylaw No. 1015-2018 - Energy Efficiency Project Debenture Bylaw (2nd &
           3rd Readings)

   3.2 Vote on Items not Selected for Debate
       Votes recorded under item headings.
4. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

4.1 **Approval of Minutes of the Council Meeting held September 23, 2019**

**MOVED by** Councillor T. Lazowski

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held September 23, 2019, be approved as presented.

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

5. **RECOGNITION ITEMS**

There were no Recognition Items for the agenda.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

There was no Public Commentary.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no Public Hearings for the agenda.

8. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Presentations for the agenda.

9. **BUSINESS**

9.1 **Grants to Organizations**

J. Cannon, Director, Finance, outlined some of the amendments made to the Budget Binder relative to Grants to Organizations.

J. Kamlah, Director, Recreation and Community Development, and J. Cole, Chair, Leduc Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Board made a PowerPoint presentation (Attached to Agenda). The presentation outlined:

- Previously approved grants
- 2020 new funding requests and recommendations
- Total funding requests for 2020, 2021 and 2022


9.2 **2020 Public Budget Deliberations**

9.2.1 **Mayor’s Welcoming Remarks**

Mayor B. Young provided opening remarks prior to the 2020 Budget Deliberations.
9.2.2 City Manager's Introduction

9.2.2 and 9.2.3 have a combined presentation. Minutes have been recorded under 9.2.3.

9.2.3 Financial Overview

P. Benedetto, City Manager, made opening remarks and congratulated the Budget Team for winning the Government Finance Officers’ Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

P. Benedetto, J. Cannon, Director, Finance, and I. Sasyniuk, General Manager, Corporate Services, made a PowerPoint presentation (Attached to Agenda), which included:

- Council's request for early engagement into the budget process;
- Micro/Macro Fiscal Environment;
- Balancing today’s needs with an understanding of future requirements;
- Remaining competitive within the region with a focus on long-term;
- Provincial funding ($7.5M);
- Airport Tax Share ($3.5M);
- Balancing Social and Fiscal Philosophy;
- 2020 Budget Survey;
- Economic Development - Increased Regional and Global Focus;
- What does the 2020 Budget provide?:
  - alignment with Council's Strategic Goals
  - high value proposition
  - competitive and affordable user fee rates
  - low-non-res taxes
  - large selection of services offered
  - wide variety of businesses
  - maintaining City's infrastructure
  - reduce surplus to lower tax requirement
• Proposed multi-year rate;
• 2020 operational revenue ($104M);
• 2020 operational expenses ($90M);
• Financial drivers:
  o population growth
  o residential growth - actual and projected
  o non-residential growth - actual and projected
  o non-residential vacancy rates - Industrial Park
  o permit revenue - sustainable and non-sustainable
  o Capital Region - CPI
• Future growth and contributed assets;
• Other capital considerations - contributed assets;
• Council direction - March 18, 2019:
  o continue to look for new revenue opportunities
  o reduce operational expenses
  o re-prioritize capital
• Responding to Council's direction to reduce surplus;
• How did we get from 4.34% to 1.73%?
• Lean budgeting - "Departmental Lean Budgeting Risk Mitigation Fund";
• 10 year capital budget;
• 2020 Capital Project by Funding Source;
• Debt - 0% based on tax requirement;
• Proposed multi-year rate;
• Retaining a high quality of life.

J. Cannon, P. Benedetto, Mayor B. Young and I. Sasyniuk answered Council's questions.

Council recessed at 8:49 pm.

Council reconvened at 8:59 pm.
9.2.4 Operating / Capital Budget, Corporate Services

P. Benedetto, City Manager, presented the Office of the City Manager 2020 - 2022 Budget, which included:

- A collaborative community-building and regional partner;
- Airport Tax Share Agreement;

I. Sasyniuk, General Manager, Corporate Services, and J. Cannon, Director, Finance, presented the 2020-2022 Budget for Corporate Services, which included:

- Enhanced informed decision making and transparency;
- Focus on enhancing corporate culture;
- Work management and asset management;
- Finance/HR Software Project - Multi-Staged Approach;
  - revised proposed budget
- Community reporting;
- In progress:
  - data governance and management strategy
  - cloud services strategy
  - business application assessment
  - technology infrastructure assessment
- 2019 efficiencies and 2020 initiatives;
- Delivering effectiveness and efficiencies;
- Donation or cost recovery of retired computer equipment;
- Capital plan highlights for Corporate Services.

I. Sasyniuk, C. Post, Manager, Enterprise Systems and Analytics, J. Cannon and J. Graham, Chief Information Officer, answered Council's questions.

MOVED by Councillor L. Hansen

That Council move into Closed Session at 9:54 pm pursuant to s. 24 of FOIP.

Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVED by Councillor G. Finstad

That Council move in to Open Session at 10:10 pm.

Motion Carried Unanimously

I. Sasyniuk and P. Benedetto answered Council's questions.

9.2.5 Budget Public Commentary

T. Flynn, a resident of Leduc, commented that youth are taking the transit system into Edmonton for both work and play, and Leduc would benefit from the development of more "play" opportunities.

T. Flynn also commented on the fact that there are no casinos in Leduc. As a result, community groups have to wait 4 years to have the opportunity to work one in the City of Edmonton, which makes fundraising more difficult.

9.2.6 Flagged Items

Items Flagged at the October 7, 2019, Council meeting:

1. Funding for Special Olympics - Operating
2. Funding for Leduc Riggers Junior Hockey - Operating
3. Asset Management - Fire - Capital
4. Finance/Human Resources Software Project - Capital

10. BYLAWS

10.1 Bylaw No. 1015-2018 - Energy Efficiency Project Debenture Bylaw (2nd & 3rd Readings)

Administration recommends that Bylaw No. 1015-2018 receive second and third readings.

MOVED by Councillor L. Hansen

That Council give Bylaw No. 1015-2018, being a bylaw authorizing a borrowing to finance an energy efficiency improvement initiative, second reading.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOVED by Councillor G. Finstad

That Council give Bylaw No. 1015-2018 third reading.

Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVED by Councillor B. Beckett

That Council accept the $604,595 from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre rebate as revenue for Project 086.372 - Leduc Recreation Centre energy efficiency project.

Motion Carried Unanimously

10.2 Bylaw No. 1033-2019 - Amendment to Bylaw No. 557-2004 – Train Whistling Bylaw (1st Reading)

Administration recommends that Bylaw No. 1033-2019 receive first reading.

MOVED by Councillor T. Lazowski

That Council give Bylaw No. 1033-2019 first reading.

Motion Carried Unanimously

10.3 Bylaw No. 1034-2019 - Amendment to Bylaw No. 846-2014 - Speed Bylaw (1st Reading)

Administration recommends that Bylaw No. 1034-2019 receive first reading.

MOVED by Councillor T. Lazowski

That Council give Bylaw No. 1034-2019 first reading.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public commentary.

12. CLOSED SESSION

There were no Closed Session items for the agenda.

13. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

14. UPDATES FROM BOARDS & COMMITTEES

14.1 Council Member Updates from Boards & Committees

There were no updates.

14.2 Council Member Updates from Commissions, Authorities, Other

There were no updates.
15. INFORMATION REPORTS

15.1 Mayor's Report
There was no discussion.

15.2 Building Inspector's Report
There was no discussion.

15.3 Newly Issued Business Licences
There was no discussion.

16. ADJOURNMENT
The Council meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

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B. YOUNG, Mayor

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S. DAVIS, City Clerk