
Council Minutes

Council Members Present:

Mayor D. Henderson
Councillor J. Baker
Councillor T. Blanchard
Councillor L. Bursey
Councillor P. Deery
Councillor J. Fullarton
Councillor M. Kalivas
Councillor D. LeSueur

Regrets:

Councillor J. Earle

Staff:

B. Casselman, City Manager
D. Dick, Director of Corporate Services
L. Ferguson, Manager of Finance
S. Fraser, Police Chief
S. MacDonald, City Clerk (Recording Secretary)
M. Pascoe Merkley, Director of Planning
G. Pigeon, Fire Chief
P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services
C. Ward, Financial Analyst
M. Wing, Financial Analyst

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION (5:46 PM)

Moved by: Councillor Deery
Seconded by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT pursuant to *Municipal Act*, 2001, Section 239 Sub. 2 (b), Council resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole, In Camera, closed to the public to consider:

1. personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA (6:04 PM)

Moved by: Councillor Baker
Seconded by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT Council rise from Committee of the Whole, In Camera without reporting.

CARRIED

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Nil.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of November 22, 2016 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

BUDGET

1. 2017 Budget

D. Dick reviewed an item approved at the budget meeting last week. He confirmed that before a microphone system is purchased for the Council Chambers that a report would be prepared and presented to council. The approved amount of \$42,000 was the highest of the quotes received in the spring 2016. More research is required before purchasing the system.

2. **Regional Economic Development Agreement**

Councillor LeSueur questioned if the approved amount for the Regional Economic Development Agreement was for a full year. If so, it should be prorated for the number of months of operation in 2017 unless there were additional costs included for start-up (ie business cards, computers, etc). D. Dick will confirm the amount and adjust it accordingly.

3. **Water Rate Increase Implementation Date**

Councillor Blanchard discussed implementing the revised water rates on January 1st, 2017. D. Dick confirmed that the rate presented was a blended rate for the year.

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT the water rates increases be in effect January 1, 2017.

CARRIED

4. **Purchase of UPS (Fire Department)**

D. Dick indicated that the UPS for the Fire Dispatch has been specified as an four (4) hour UPS. He reconfirmed that the City's share of the cost is approximately \$7,500 with the balance paid by the municipalities who are provided dispatch by Brockville.

Councillor LeSueur requested a report in early 2017 for the replacement of the generator at the fire station.

5. **Maximum 2% increase for Boards and Committees**

Councillor Baker noted that direction was sent to City department, boards and committees that the maximum 2017 budget increase was 2%. He indicated his understanding that there are from time to time special circumstances that would cause a department's budget to be more than 2% but the Museum, Library and Cemetery boards should be able to mitigate the increases for 2017 to reach a maximum of 2%. Council needs to hold departments and boards to the guideline.

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT the Cemetery, Library and Museum Boards budgets be set at a maximum increase of 1.5% over their 2016 budgets.

CARRIED, AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the Cemetery Board budget be approved as presented and the Library and Museum Board 2017 budget increases be a maximum of 2% over the 2016 budgets.

CARRIED

The vote on the original motion, as amended, was now taken and the motion, as amended, was carried.

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT the Library and Museum Boards budgets be set at a maximum increase of 2% over their 2016 budgets.

CARRIED

6. Adoption of the 2017 User Fees

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT the 2017 User Fees as presented be approved; and

THAT the necessary by-laws be enacted.

CARRIED

7. **Adoption of the 2017 Water Expenses**

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT Council approve the 2017 water expenses in the amount of \$4,586,739.

CARRIED

8. **Adoption of the 2017 Wastewater Expenses**

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Council approve the 2017 wastewater expenses in the amount of \$5,966,884.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1. **2017 Committee Appointments**

S. MacDonald reviewed the list of existing boards and committees and noted which ones currently had council members appointed. Mayor Henderson then noted several boards and committees that he believed would not require a member to sit on the committee but could report to Council, through a standing committee, twice per year.

Council directed the City Clerk to contact these boards and committees to request their comments on the notion of removing their council representative and report back at the next Council meeting.

2. **Notice of Motion
Establishment of a Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee
(Councillor Baker)**

Councillor Baker served notice that he will be bringing a motion forward to establish a water and wastewater advisory committee.

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW

Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Baker

THAT By-law Number 093-2016 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on November 29, 2016 be read a first, second and third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

CARRIED

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

Nil.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Baker

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next meeting scheduled for December 6, 2016.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk