

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF HAY LAKES IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023
IN THE HAY LAKES VILLAGE RECREATION CENTRE

PRESENT: Mayor Ron These; Deputy Mayor Cliff Heinz; Councillor Paige Berkholtz; Councillor Levi Blanchard; and Councillor Paul Patterson

MUNICIPAL RECORDER: Shannon Yearwood

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES: Nil

PUBLIC PRESENT: Nil

ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by Mayor These at 8:25 p.m.

RES 080-2023: AGENDA: Moved by Councillor Patterson to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

The meeting began with Councillor Berkholtz and Deputy Mayor Heinz questioning the CAO on why she was not able to advertise this meeting to public in the prescribed two weeks prior to this date. The CAO explained that several things had come up and meant that time had become a concern. One of the problems was that administration was awaiting the auditors date to report to council as administration had hoped that Gitzel & Company would be prepared to report at this Special Meeting as opposed to Monday, June 19th at the Regular Meeting of Council. It was decided that in the future Council would expect the CAO to advertise and then cancel the meeting instead of being late with the advertisement.

Because of this, Councillor Berkholtz decided not to sign the Waiver for the Special Meeting Conducted and all the other council members chose to sign this Waiver. The Waiver is only to acknowledge that the two-week's notice was not followed.

2023 OPERATING BUDGET: Council went through the budget and had several questions revolving around increases in the operation of the Village. Several items have been increased due to circumstances that the Village does not control. We have seen increases in areas such as technical support; fire department honorariums, policing, contracted services, required water sampling, and emergency sewer line repairs as well as other areas. Staffing levels and wages have also increased. Discussion around reducing wages and staffing was part of this dialog and Council members asked that because of the budget presented administration rework specific areas of the budget.

Hay Lakes has a restricted tax base meaning that we have very little in the way of a commercial tax rate. The burden therefore is put on the residential owners. To develop a healthy

sustainable Village Hay Lakes needs to broaden this tax burden. This has proven difficult, but administration and council are committed to attempting to attract some additional business to the municipality.

2023 3-YEAR OPERATING BUDGET: Tabled to Monday, June 19, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council. Administration will attempt to have this budget in draft form before council at this meeting.

2023 5-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET: Again, this budget was tabled to the next regular meeting of council on Monday, June 19, 2023. This budget is proving very difficult to complete due to not being told by the Provincial Government what municipalities can expect to receive in the form of funding for capital projects. Administration will attempt to have a draft ready for this next meeting.

BYLAW 05-2023 – 2023 TAX RATE BYLAW: The Bylaw was presented and discussed. After discussion Councillor Patterson chose to move this bylaw through first reading.

RES 081-2023: Motion made by Councillor Patterson to move Bylaw 05-2023 – 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw through and complete the first reading.

CARRIED

After further discussion regarding Budget Mayor These determined that there was no further business for review at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor These declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hay Lakes Recreation Centre.



Mayor These



K. Shannon Yearwood
Chief Administrative Officer