

TOWN OF ONOWAY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ONOWAY CIVIC OFFICE AND ZOOM

	PRESENT	<p>Mayor: Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor: Lisa Johnson Councillor: Bridgitte Coninx Councillor: Robin Murray Councillor: Sheila Pockett</p> <p>Administration: Jennifer Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer Gino Damo, Director of Corporate and Community Services Debbie Giroux, Recording Secretary</p> <p>4 members of the public attended the meeting in person 4 members of the public attended the meeting via Zoom</p>
1.	CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Lenard Kwasny called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., advised that the meeting will be recorded and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty 6 Land.
2.	AGENDA Motion #134/24	<p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council adopt the agenda of the Regular Council meeting of Thursday, May 9, 2024 with the following amendment:</p> <p>7d) Roving Energy Manager Program Grant (requested by Gino Damo, Director of Corporate and Community Services)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
3.	MINUTES Motion #135/24	<p>MOVED by Councillor Sheila Pockett that the April 25, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
4.	APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS Motion #136/24	<p>Cpl. Justin Auld, RCMP, Parkland Detachment attended the meeting from 9:32 a.m. until 9:40 a.m.</p> <p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that the discussion with Cpl. Auld be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
5.	FINANCIAL REPORTS	n/a
6.	POLICIES & BYLAWS Motion #137/24	<p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council amend the 2024 Operating Budget by approving the Total Taxation Revenue as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

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	Motion #138/24	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Bylaw 811-24, the 2024 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be given first reading. CARRIED
	Motion #139/24	MOVED by Councillor Sheila Pockett that Bylaw 811-24, the 2024 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be given second reading. CARRIED
	Motion #140/24	MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Bylaw 811-24, the 2024 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be considered for third reading at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	Motion #141/24	MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Bylaw 811-24, the 2024 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be given third and final reading and adopted. CARRIED
	Motion #142/24	MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Bylaw 812-24, the Borrowing Bylaw for Operating Costs, be given first reading. CARRIED
	Motion #143/24	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Bylaw 812-24, the Borrowing Bylaw, be given second reading. CARRIED
	Motion #144/24	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Bylaw 812-24, the Borrowing Bylaw, be considered for third reading at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	Motion #145/24	MOVED by Councillor Sheila Pockett that Bylaw 812-24, the Borrowing Bylaw, be given third and final reading and adopted. CARRIED
	Motion #146/24	MOVED by Councillor Sheila Pockett that Bylaw 813-24, the Special Tax Bylaw, be given first reading. CARRIED
	Motion #147/24	MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Bylaw 813-24, the Special Tax Bylaw, be given second reading. CARRIED
	Motion #148/24	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Bylaw 813-24, the Special Tax Bylaw, be considered for third reading at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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	Motion #149/24	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Bylaw 813-24, the Special Tax Bylaw, be given third and final reading and adopted. CARRIED									
7.	ACTION ITEMS Motion #150/24	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Council approve all the proposed projects for the application for the Northern and Regional Economic Development Grant Program as follows: new Economic Development Officer contract and financial support; entrance signage and Onoway Community Hall beautification. CARRIED									
	Motion #151/24	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council approve the following amounts be added to the tax rolls listed: <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Roll Number</th> <th style="text-align: left;">MGA Section</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>105 000</td> <td>MGA s. 553(1)(g)</td> <td>\$3,531.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>520 000</td> <td>MGA s. 553(1)(h.1)</td> <td>\$2,475.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> CARRIED	Roll Number	MGA Section	Amount	105 000	MGA s. 553(1)(g)	\$3,531.12	520 000	MGA s. 553(1)(h.1)	\$2,475.00
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	Motion #152/24	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that the Town sponsor a veterans table at an upcoming Onoway Legion Dinner, in lieu of advertising in the Alberta-NWT Command Legion Military Services Recognition Book. As per Section 183(1) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson abstained from discussion and voting on Motion 152/24 as she is an Onoway Legion board member. CARRIED									
	Motion #153/24	MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Council authorize Administration to submit an expression of interest for the Roving Energy Manager Program. CARRIED									
	Motion #154/24	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council authorize Administration, if approved, to submit an application for the Roving Energy Manager Program. CARRIED									
8.	COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS Motion #155/24	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that the Council and staff written and verbal reports be accepted for information as presented. CARRIED									

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9.	INFORMATION ITEMS Motion #156/24 Motion #157/24	<p>MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Council and Administration be authorized to attend the Alberta Munis Summer 2024 Municipal Leaders Caucus in St. Albert (or virtually) on June 14, 2024 with expenses to be reimbursed as per policy. CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that the following items be accepted for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Onoway and District Historical Guild – April 19, 2024 invitation to Council to attend the Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 21, 2024 b) Wild Water Commission – May 2, 2024 notice re Fire Truck Use of Water Stations c) AB Munis Summer 2024 Municipal Leaders Caucus – May 1, 2024 email from Tyler Gandam, President d) Alberta Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act Bill 20 – April 26, 2024 email from Krista Gardner, Town of Calmar and AB Munis <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
10.	CLOSED SESSION Motion #158/24	<p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that, pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and: Section 17(4)(d) FOIP; Section 16(1)(c) FOIP and Section 27 FOIP, Council move into Closed Session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss the following items:</p> <p>“Personnel”; Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party – Fire Services “Legal” – solicitor/client privilege – Forensic Audit Information</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Council recessed from 10:46 a.m. to 10:48 a.m. to allow the members of the public and Recording Secretary to leave the meeting.</p> <p>CLOSED SESSION: The following individuals were present for the Closed Session: Mayor Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson Councillor Bridgitte Coninx Councillor Robin Murray Councillor Sheila Pockett</p>

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		<p>Jennifer Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer (a portion) Gino Damo, Director of Corporate and Community Services (a portion)</p> <p>CAO Thompson and Gino Damo, Director left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>CAO Thompson returned to the meeting at 12:50 p.m.</p> <p>Motion #159/24 MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Council move out of Closed Session at 12:54 p.m. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Council recessed from 12:54 p.m. to 12:56 p.m. to allow the Recording Secretary and members of the public on Zoom to return to the meeting.</p> <p>Motion #160/24 MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Council request NWFR/FRI cease messaging that the Town of Onoway will be without fire services at the end of contract of March 7, 2025.</p> <p>As per Section 185 of the Municipal Government Act, Councillor Bridgitte Coninx requested a recorded vote on Motion #160/24:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"><u>In Favour</u></td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"><u>Opposed</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mayor Lenard Kwasny</td> <td>Councillor Bridgitte Coninx</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson</td> <td>Councillor Sheila Pockett</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Robin Murray</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Motion #161/24 MOVED by Mayor Kwasny that Council moves to implement the 1.75% COLA increase to CAO Thompson’s annual salary. Also, that Council award CAO Thompson with a 4%, \$5,400.00 merit based increase for the 2024 year, retroactive to January 1, 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> </p>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	Mayor Lenard Kwasny	Councillor Bridgitte Coninx	Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson	Councillor Sheila Pockett	Councillor Robin Murray											
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11.	ADJOURNMENT	As all matters on the agenda have been addressed, Mayor Lenard Kwasny declared the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.																		
12.	UPCOMING EVENTS	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">May 23, 2024</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Regular Council Meeting</td> <td style="width: 33%;">9:30 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 13, 2024</td> <td>Regular Council Meeting</td> <td>9:30 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 14, 2024</td> <td>AB Munis Summer Caucus</td> <td>St. Albert</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 27, 2024</td> <td>Regular Council Meeting</td> <td>9:30 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 11, 2024</td> <td>Regular Council Meeting</td> <td>9:30 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August 8, 2024</td> <td>Regular Council Meeting</td> <td>9:30 a.m.</td> </tr> </table>	May 23, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.	June 13, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.	June 14, 2024	AB Munis Summer Caucus	St. Albert	June 27, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.	July 11, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.	August 8, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
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		September 12, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
		September 26, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
		Sept 25-27, 2024	AB Munis	Red Deer

Signed by Mayor Lenard Kwasny

Signed by Jennifer Thompson
Chief Administrative Officer