MINUTES

CITY OF MERRITT

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C

PRESENT:	**Councillor M. Bhangu**
	Councillor K. Christopherson
	Councillor A. Etchart
	Councillor T. Fehr
	Councillor T. Luck
	Councillor M. White
	Mayor L. Brown
IN ATTENDANCE:	**Mr. S. Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer**
	Mr. J. Dinwoodie, Director of Engineering & Development
	Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services
	Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Acting Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

2. LATE ITEMS

2.1 TNRD - Housing Needs Report

At the Regular Council meeting on August 27, 2019, Council for the City of Merritt passed the following resolution:

"THAT Council direct that the City of Merritt participate with the TNRD in an initiative to advance a coordinated regional grant application to create a Hosing Needs Report and hire a consultant to prepare that report."

We have since been informed by the TNRD that the language of this resolution doesn't quite meet the specific requirements of the grant. To that end, staff is recommending that Council pass the following resolution, containing all necessary wording.

Recommendation:

THAT the City of Merritt support the Thompson Nicola Regional District in applying for, receiving and managing all grant funding on behalf of the City of Merritt, in relation to obtaining a Housing Needs Report that includes the City of Merritt.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Al Jensen, living at the Diamond Vale Trailer Park, expressed his dissatisfaction to Council regarding the removal of three parking spots in front of Canada Post. He wanted Council to know how difficult it is to walk when carrying parcels and pleaded with Council to keep the parking spots. He also proposed an alternative to make Voght Street one way (Northbound).

Ginny Prowal, of 2070 Aspen Street, spoke regarding item 8.1, the rezoning application for 1330 Pine Street. She wanted Council to recognize that the property is entirely within the floodplain. She noted that their may be a property at Main and Spruce that would be more suitable for development.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2019

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 17, 2019 be adopted

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

6.1 Nicola Valley Rodeo Association - Jacqueline Whitecross

File: 0250

The Nicola Valley Rodeo Association would like to present to Council regarding a list of improvements that are required at the Rodeo Grounds

The Nicola Valley Rodeo Association was unable to attend.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. BYLAWS

8.1 1330 Pine Street Re-Zoning

No Action Required. For Information Only.

At the September 17, 2019 Regular Council Meeting, Council directed staff to prepare OCP Amendment and Zoning Amendment Bylaws relating to 1330 Pine Street. Since that time, the Developers have contacted the City to inform of their intention to amend their re-zoning application to R2 Zoning, which would be consistent with the Official Community Plan for the Collettville Sector. When that application is finalized, staff will bring forward a Zoning Bylaw Amendment for Council's consideration.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Youth Advisory Committee

File: 0583

THAT Council create the Youth Advisory Committee in accordance with the attached Terms of Reference;

AND THAT Council direct staff to advertise and accept applications for membership to this Committee.

Amendment:

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THAT the Terms of Reference for the Youth Advisory Committee be amended by reducing the minimum age requirement for committee members from 16 to 14.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

Motion as Amended:

THAT Council adopt the main motion as amended.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.2 Snow Angels – Program Launch

File: 1854.37

THAT Council receive this report for information.

9.3 Community Policing Month End Report

File: 7500.1

Councillor Bhangu thanked Marlene for the excellent Month end report.

9.4 CAO Update

File: 0112

Scott provided an update on the following items:

- UBCM - Numerous meetings with staff, ministers, the parliamentary secretary, and the premier.

- Capital project update - Chlorine Storage, Aquatic Centre Tiling, Bus Shelters have been ordered and will be installed by the end of October, Rotary Playground completion, along with a significant number of other project updates

- Voght Street parking and traffic update

- Staffing Update

- Grant opportunity for harm reduction initiatives

- BC Small Business Week update

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 Strategic Planning Priorities

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 7:41pm

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Corporate Officer

Sean Smith

Certified correct in accordance with Section 124(2) (c) of the Community Charter

Confirmed on the ____ day of _____, 20____

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Mayor

Linda Brown