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THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council

August 18, 2025, 6 p.m.

3rd Floor - Council Chambers

315 Jespersen Ave

Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3E8

Members Present:

Mayor Acker
Councillor Carter
Councillor Houston (attended virtually)
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Stevenson

Members Absent:

Councillor Gillett
Councillor Oldham

Also in Attendance:

Candace Coughlan, Acting City Manager and General Manager of Strategic and Communication Services
David Wolanski, General Manager of Community and Protective Services
Dean Carnduff, Acting General Manager of Sustainable Growth and Development Services
Zeeshan Hasan, General Manager of Corporate Services
Brad McMurdo, Director of Planning and Development
Deborah Comfort, Director of Recreation and Culture
Francine Pitcher, Director of Finance
James Thomas, Director of Facilities and Fleet Management
Rae-Lynne Spila, Director of Engineering
Tania Shepherd, Director of Business Advisory Services

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Laura Hall, Acting City Clerk
Karie Nothof, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Acker called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and acknowledged that City Council meets on the traditional land of Treaty 6 territory.

2. AGENDA

The following deletion was made to the agenda:

Deletion: Item 8.2 - Public Delegation - Edmonton International Airport Initiatives

Resolution: RCM-179-25

Moved by: Councillor Carter

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Unanimously Carried

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consent Agenda - August 18, 2025

Resolution: RCM-180-25

Moved by: Councillor Carter

THAT the recommendation contained in the following report be approved:

Item 4.1 Minutes - July 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Unanimously Carried

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes - July 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

THAT the July 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no Public Hearings on the agenda.

6. **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

Caswell Rose of Spruce Grove was present and spoke in opposition of the removal of the noise fencing on Grove Drive, stating reasons related to noise, privacy, and safety.

The Acting General Manager of Sustainable Growth and Development Services advised that the City will be planting trees and bollards in place of fence that was removed.

James Sand of Spruce Grove was present and spoke in opposition of the removal of the fence along Grove Drive, stating reasons related to privacy, safety, and enjoyment of his property. He advised that he did not receive notification from the City regarding the removal of the fence.

Louise Sand of Spruce Grove was present and spoke in opposition of the removal of the fence along Grove Drive, stating reasons related to privacy, safety, damage to personal property, and enjoyment of her place of residence.

Mayor Acker thanked the residents for attending and sharing their concerns. He encouraged them to continue to notify Council, Administration, and Enforcement of any further issues.

The Acting General Manager of Sustainable Growth and Development Services advised that hazardous concerns can be reported to the City through 'See Click Fix', an online portal on the City's website and by contacting the Public Works hotline.

The City Clerk read an email submitted by Shane Manuel of Spruce Grove regarding his concerns about the amount of noise and lawlessness occurring at the Fuhr Sports Park. He inquired about what tangible measures can be taken to resolve the issues.

Mayor Acker thanked Shane Manuel for emailing in his concerns and inquiry and asked Administration to provide a response.

The General Manager of Community and Protective Services encouraged the resident to continue to report the issues to the RCMP and Protective Services. He advised that all reported issues are tracked and reviewed for proactive options and priorities.

7. **COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Council Presentation on the agenda.

8. DELEGATIONS

8.1 Public Delegation - Allied Arts Council - 2024 Annual Report

Deborah Comfort, Director of Recreation and Culture introduced Rebecca New.

Rebecca New, Executive Director, provided a presentation on the Allied Arts Council - 2024 Annual Report.

Council thanked Rebecca New for the presentation.

8.2 Public Delegation - Edmonton International Airport

This item was deleted upon approval of the agenda.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

9.1 2025 Mid-Year Report

Brad McMurdo, Director of Planning and Development, Francine Pitcher, Director of Finance, and Tania Shepherd, Director of Business Advisory Services, provided an update on the 2025 Mid-Year Report.

Council thanked Brad McMurdo, Francine Pitcher, and Tania Shepherd, for the presentation.

10. BYLAWS

There were no Bylaws on the agenda.

Mayor Acker called a recess at 7:18 p.m.

Mayor Acker reconvened the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

11.1 Agrena Ice Plant Replacement

James Thomas, Director of Facilities and Fleet, presented on the Agrena Ice Plant Replacement.

Council thanked James Thomas for the presentation.

Resolution: RCM-181-25

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council approve \$500,000 additional capital budget for the Agrena Ice Plant replacement project to be funded from the Capital Projects Reserve.

Unanimously Carried

11.2 Section 347(1) Request - Tax Roll 009584

Francine Pitcher, Director of Finance, presented on the Section 347(1) Request - Tax Roll 009584.

Council thanked Francine Pitcher for the presentation.

Resolution: RCM-182-25

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council confirm the property tax late payment penalties for Tax Roll 009584.

Unanimously Carried

12. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

There were no Councillor Reports on the agenda.

13. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

13.1 Various Boards and Committee Meeting Minutes and Reports - August 18, 2025

The minutes from the City Centre Business Association, ARROW Utilities, and Community Services Advisory Committee were provided to Council for review.

14. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion provided.

15. **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session on the agenda.

16. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Business Arising from Closed Session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: RCM-183-25

Moved by: Councillor MacDonald

THAT the Regular Council meeting adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Jeff Acker, Mayor

Karie Nothof, Recording Secretary

Date Signed

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