

Town of Edmonston
Special Town Council Session Minutes
Tuesday, June 23, 2015

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 6:40 p.m. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Police Chief Stephen Walker and Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson. Absent: Town Clerk Michelle Rodriguez.

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant.

- b. The approval of the agenda was presented for consideration. Council Member Pooley moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nay: None
Motion carried.

2. Closed Session:

- a. Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to go into a closed session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss personnel matters related to non-elected officials and to confer with the Town Attorney on legal matters. The Council returned to regular session at 6:57 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nay: None
Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business:

- a. The consideration of the budget reconciliation for the FY14-15 budget was presented. Town Administrator Rod Barnes outlined the status of the budget at the end of the fiscal year for the Town. Revenues exceeded the budget and expenditures were below the anticipated budget, resulting in a net income of \$214,765.97. This should result in the Town being able to move \$100,000 to the reserve fund once the audit certifies the numbers. The staff moved \$99,784 to the reserves from the FY13-14 budget year. The balance of the reserve fund is now \$162,129.58. Council Member Bennett-White asked how the fine amounts were set for parking tickets. The staff indicated that they could provide a list of the fine amounts and that all revenue items could be reviewed by the Council.

Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Member Layne-Bee to accept the budget reconciliation for the FY14-15 fiscal year.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Gant
Nay: None
Motion carried.

4. New Business:

- a. The consideration of approving a contract with Funk & Bolton to have Karen Kruger provide legal services for the Edmonston Police Department concerning personnel

matters associated with the Law Enforcement Bill of Rights was presented. Council Member Bennett-White asked what happens if we exceed the \$5,000 budgeted for legal service in the FY15-16 Police Department budget. Chief Walker indicated he would return to the Council for further approval. Council Member Layne-Bee asked if there was any insurance coverage from Legit concerning this cost. Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson indicated there was not coverage.

Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the contract with Funk & Bolton to utilize Karen Kruger's expertise when dealing with personnel matters associated with the Law Enforcement Bill of Rights.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Gant
Nay: None
Motion carried.

- b. The consideration of approval to authorize the Town of Edmonston to enter into a lease purchase agreement for the acquisition of a new Police Department marked vehicle from Ford Motor Credit was presented. (This is a budget item in the FY15-16 budget for \$11,589). Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson asked if this was being done off of the State contract. Chief Walker indicated that it was not, but he had followed the Town's purchasing procurement policy and obtained 3 quotes. The quote he is using is below the state contract.

Council Member Bennett-White moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the lease purchase agreement for the acquisition of a new Police Department marked vehicle from Ford Motor Credit.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Gant
Nay: None
Motion carried.

- c. The consideration of approval to purchase 5 body cameras for the Police Department was presented. (This is a budget item in the FY15-16 budget for \$9,770).

Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Member Bennett-White to purchase 5 body cameras for the Police Department included the FY15-16 budget.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Gant
Nay: None
Motion carried.

- d. The consideration of approval to purchase police pistols and holsters for the Police Department was presented. (This is a budget item in the FY15-16 budget for \$2,195).

Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Pooley to purchase police pistols and holsters for the Police Department.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Gant
Nay: None
Motion carried.

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:40 p.m. by Council Member Bennett-White, seconded by Council Member Layne-Bee.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.

Nay: None

Motion carried, Meeting adjourned.

Passed and approved this 15th day of July 2015 by the Edmonston Town Council as the official minutes for the special Town Council meeting conducted on June 23, 2015.

Tracy Gant, Mayor

Rod Barnes, Town Administrator