

**TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Monday, September 14, 2020  
Council Chambers – 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville, Alberta

**1. Call to Order**

1.0 Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Posti  
Deputy Mayor Ebden  
Councillor Engen  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Meyers  
Councillor Phillips  
Councillor See

CAO Jack Ramsden  
Supervisor Finance & Administration Darcy Webb

Absent: None.

Press: (meeting available via electronic means)

Gallery: (meeting available via electronic means)

**2. Delegations/Public Hearings**

2.1 Alycia Muijres, re: Bylaw 770-20 Urban Hen Bylaw  
Alycia Muijres joined the meeting at 6:02 to voice her opposition to proposed Bylaw 770-20.  
Alycia Muijres left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Council reviewed the written comments received from Sam Maupin with respect to proposed Bylaw 770-20.

**3. Agenda**

3.1 Additional Agenda Items  
5.4 RV Parking  
5.5 Eckville Provincial Lab  
5.6 Eckville Estates Manufactured Home Park  
5.7 Future Council Meetings

3.2 Adoption of Agenda

**Res. 233.2020**

Moved by Councillor Engen that the Agenda be adopted with the additions.  
**Carried Unanimously.**

**4. Minutes**

4.1 Regular Council Meeting – Monday, August 10, 2020

**Res. 234.2020**

Moved by Councillor Meyers that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held Monday, August 10, 2020 be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

**5. Action Items**

5.1 Atco Gas and Pipelines Franchise Agreement

**Res. 235.2020**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ebden that the Town of Eckville not increase the ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. Franchise Fee in 2021. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.2 RFD – Municipal Stimulus Program

**Res. 236.2020**

Moved by Councillor See that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to enter into the Municipal Stimulus Program Agreement with the Province of Alberta. **Carried Unanimously.**

**Res. 237.2020**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ebden that the Town of Eckville's 2020 Municipal Stimulus Program Grant in the amount of \$138,245 be spent on the proposed Eckville Municipal Hospital Memorial Pedestrian Trail. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.3 Ambulance Dispatch

**Res. 238.2020**

Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Town of Eckville send a letter of support to the City of Red Deer in their quest to retain ambulance dispatch services. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.4 RV Parking

**Res. 239.2020**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ebden that the deadline for allowing recreational vehicles to park on the street in front of the registered owner's residence be extended to October 15, 2020. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.5 AHS Provincial Lab

**Res. 240.2020**

Moved by Councillor Engen that a letter be sent to Alberta Health Services requesting to be informed of the planned date that AHS will reopen the Eckville Lab and further that a copy of this letter be sent to the other municipalities that have had their labs closed due to the Covid19 Pandemic. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.6 Eckville Manufactured Home Park

Council discussed a number of items with respect to the Manufactured Home Park in Eckville.

5.7 Future Council Meetings

**Res. 241.2020**

Moved by Councillor Meyers that Town Council revert back to holding two Council meetings per month effective October 13, 2020. **Carried Unanimously.**

**6. Bylaws, Policies**

**6.1 Bylaw 765-20: Land Use Bylaw Amendment**

**Res. 242.2020**

Moved by Councillor See that Bylaw 765-20 be given first reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

**Res. 243.2020**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ebden that a public hearing for Bylaw 765-20 be scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 and that the hearing be held at the Eckville Community Centre. **Carried Unanimously.**

**6.2 Bylaw 770-20: Urban Hen Bylaw**

**Res. 244.2020**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ebden that Bylaw # 770-20 be given second reading with the following amendments. (1) Clause 4.1 & 7.3 – increase the number of hens allowed to ‘five (5)’ from ‘three (3)’; (2) Clause 5.2 i– delete the words ‘located at ground level, and’; (3) Clause 5.2 j – delete the clause; (4) Clause 6.1 h – insert the words ‘or approved chicken tractor’ after the word Coop; (5) Add Clause 5.5 which shall read, ‘ Chicken tractors may be used to move urban hens to new areas for foraging during daylight hours’.; (6) Clause 7.3 b – delete the clause and renumber 7.c, 7.d & 7.e.; (7) Clause 7.3 b – delete the word ‘thereafter’.

Mayor Posti requested that the vote on this motion be recorded.

Those in Favour of the Motion:

Mayor Posti  
Deputy Mayor Ebden  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Engen  
Councillor Meyers  
Councillor Phillips  
Councillor See

Those Opposed to the Motion:

None

**Carried Unanimously.**

**6.3 Bylaw 771-20: Municipal Borrowing Bylaw**

**Res. 245.2020**

Moved by Councillor Meyers that Bylaw 771-20 be given first reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

**Res. 246.2020**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ebden that Bylaw 771-20 be given second reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

**Res. 247.2020**

Moved by Mayor Posti that consent be given to present Bylaw 771-20 for third reading at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously.**

**Res. 248.2020** Moved by Councillor Chapman that Bylaw 771-20 be given third and final reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

**7. Reports** 7.1 Management Report September 14, 2020

**Res. 249.2020** Moved by Councillor Chapman that the management report dated September 14, 2020 be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.2 Animal Control Services Report – July, 2020

**Res. 250.2020** Moved by Councillor Engen that the Animal Control Services Report dated July, 2020 be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.3 Financial Reports – AP reports dated August 13 & 27, 2020.

**Res. 251.2020** Moved by Councillor Meyers that the financial reports be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

**8. Committee, Board Reports** 8.1 Deputy Mayor Ebden reported on the Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission.

Councillor Engen updated Council on the Family Resource Network.

Councillor Phillips reported on the Communities in Bloom Committee.

Councillor See gave an update on the Eckville Arena.

Mayor Posti discussed an Ambulance Dispatch meeting she attended along with the upcoming Eckville High School Graduation Ceremonies to be held September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Res. 252.2020** Moved by Councillor See that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

**9. Correspondence, Information Items** 9.1 Highway 11 Functional Planning Study

**Res. 253.2020** Moved by Councillor See that administration contact Alberta Transportation to ensure that the Town of Eckville is consulted in the process as Eckville is the only Town between Sylvan Lake and Rocky Mountain House with direct access to Highway 11. **Carried Unanimously.**

9.2 Eckville Minor Ball

9.3 Lacombe County Council Highlights – August 27, 2020

**Res. 254.2020** Moved by Councillor Phillips that the Correspondence & Information Items be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

**10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events** 10.1 None

**11. Closed Session**            11.1 Section 24: Advice from Officials

**Res. 255.2020**                      Moved by Councillor Meyers that the meeting move into closed session excluding all persons except Council members, CAO and Supervisor Finance & Administration in order to discuss an item that falls within Section 24-Advice from officials; disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to reveal positions developed for the purpose of negotiations. Time: 9:04 p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

**Res. 256.2020**                      Moved by Councillor Meyers that the meeting revert back to open session. Time: 9:14 pm. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Posti called for a five minute recess. Time: 9:15 p.m.  
The meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

**12. Committee of the Whole**            12.1 None

**13. Adjournment**                13.1

**Res. 257.2020**                      Mayor Posti adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m. **Carried Unanimously**

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Mayor

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CAO