

## **Minutes from the October 4, 2021 Abbotsford City Council Meeting held in the Abbotsford City Hall Council Chambers.**

Mayor Weix called the Meeting to Order at 6:00.

**Roll Call:** M. Rachu, Nixdorf, Diedrich, Huther, Zeiset, Weideman, and Kramer.

Absent: D. Rachu

**Others Present:** Interim Administrator/Water/Wastewater Manager Soyk, Director of Public Works Stuttgart, Library Director Jochimsen, Dan Greve (MSA), Jim Colby and Kevin O'Brien (Tribune Phonograph)

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Held

**Comments by the Mayor** – Go to Meeting is down due to subscription not being renewed. The auto renewal was on Dan Grady's credit card and it was inactivated.

**Comments by Interim Administrator-** We received our health insurance proposal for 2022 and it is staying the same as 2021. The estimated shared revenue payment for 2022 is \$483,694.44 and that is an increase of \$3,604.01 from 2021. We are also set to get a video service provider aid in the amount of \$4,201.70 for 2022.

**Comments by the Public** – Jim Colby stated that the City of Abbotsford required him to hook up his sump pump to the storm sewer. He said all of the work has been completed and city employee Bill Colby has done the inspection. He asked for a written statement stating he has met all terms. DPW Stuttgart stated that is a fair request and the city will draft up a letter. Mr. Colby stated that he believes Mike Hyrndeje has not completed his end of the deal. DPW Stuttgart stated that the only thing on the previous agenda for Mike Hyrndeje was a grading permit which was approved and Mike agreed to let the city open up the culvert and get the water to leave. Mayor Weix stated that the water is no longer standing on the west side of the road. Mr. Colby was concerned that the water in the culvert will freeze in winter. DPW Stuttgart stated that it has frozen other years and the city has had to jet it. If it freezes again the city will jet it out. Mr. Colby asked if the city was going to tie the storm sewers together. Alderman Mason Rachu stated that was to be determined.

**Minutes from the Council Meeting held September 15, 2021**– Motion to approve by *Kramer/Zeisert. Unanimous.*

**Approve/Disapprove Resolution 2021-8- Redistricting the Boundaries of the City of Abbotsford Aldermanic Wards-** We had to move the wards around due to the new census. The goal is to have the wards equal as possible by population. A map of the old wards and proposed new wards were presented to the council. We had to take part

of ward 2 and move it into ward 5. The only council member affected by it would be Alderman Dale Rachu. This would take affect for the April, 2022 election. Motion to approve by *Huther/Zeiset. Unanimous.*

**Approve/Disapprove Giving Part of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the Fire District-** Larry Oehmichen. is looking for 5% of the ARPA funds. It was stated that the City of Abbotsford has already allocated these funds for future projects. Mr. Oehmichen was going to ask the townships for part of the ARPA funds. The funds would be deducted from the budget provided to the fire department. Alder Huther asked if the fire department lost revenue due to Covid that these funds would cover. Alder Nixdorf stated that the biggest revenue loss was from not being able to hold fundraisers. Motion to disapprove by *Kramer/Weideman. Unanimous.*

**Approve/Disapprove Fire Department Budget for 2022-** The cost this year did increase to \$85,618.39. The city did create a savings account and put \$25,000 in there for future years if needed. It was stated that we would continue to put leftover budget funds into the savings account. Motion to approve by *Weideman/Diedrich. Unanimous.*

**Approve/Disapprove Allowing the Library to Make up Scarecrows and put on Light Poles-** The library asked to make scarecrows and put on the light poles on Main Street. Motion to approve by *M. Rachu/Huther. Unanimous.*

**Approve/Disapprove Date and Hours for Trick or Treating-** The previous hours have been from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM. Trick or Treat hours were set for 4:00 PM-7:00 PM on October, 31, 2021. We will advertise this on the city website. Motion to approve by *M.Rachu/Nixdorf. Unanimous.*

**Discussion: Purchasing New Phones for Cityhall-** We have a couple phones at city hall that we have a hard time hearing on. They are the original phones from when city hall was built. We will get some quotes on new phones for city hall. We also need to look at getting some translator devices. Alder Huther suggested contacting the Abbotsford School District and get some input from them.

**Incidents, Training, Accidents-** None

**Public Works Update-** DPW Stuttgen explained how transportation aids work. The estimate for our 2022 transportation aids are \$220,658.07. That is an increase of \$28,758.01 from 2021.

**Approve/Disapprove Purchase of New Skidsteer-** DPW Stuttgen stated we have \$71,000 left in the equipment fund. Right now the municipal discounts on equipment are really high. The only machine that will fit on our sidewalks is a Bobcat. The cost of a new machine is roughly \$50,000 minus a 36% municipal discount. With all of the attachments the total would be \$71,000. After the municipal discount the total cost will

be between \$32,000-\$33,000. The council approved DWP Stuttgart to get bids for a new Bobcat and attachments. Motion to approve by *M. Rachu/Huther*. *Unanimous*.

**Approve/Disapprove MSA Engineering Services for Reconstruction of Wells-** Dan Greve from MSA Engineering explained the proposed engineering services they would provide for the reconstruction of wells. A total of 8 wells on the east side of town will be reconditioned. They will be reconditioned by different methods including chemical injection, air bursting techniques, and hydro fracking. Motion to approve by *M.Rachu/Zeiset*. *Unanimous*.

**Approve/Disapprove MSA Engineering Services for Construction of New Wells-** Dan Greve from MSA Engineering explained the proposed engineering services they would provide for the construction of new wells. There would be 6 test wells drilled with the hope of making 3 of them permanent. Mr. Greve stated that Wisconsin Rural Water Association will help the city with a well head protection plan at no cost to the city. Alderman Weideman questioned whether we are looking in the right place for new wells or is there a better spot for new wells. It was stated that the city has done many test wells in every direction and the most water was found east of town. Motion to approve by *Weideman/Zeiset*. *Unanimous*.

**Water/Wastewater Update-** Water/Wastewater Manager Soyk stated we have two applicants for the water/wastewater job so far. Both look like really good candidates for the job. We will schedule interviews for October, 20<sup>th</sup>. The guys are flushing/pumping hydrants.

**City of Abbotsford Bank Account Balances-** We are working on getting online access for Forward Bank and Nicolet Bank.

**Discuss Having a Budget Meeting for the Week of October 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>-** A preliminary draft of the 2022 budget will be done next week. This is for anyone who would like to discuss the 2022 budget.

**Speech from Alderman Kramer-** Alderman Kramer stated he enjoyed his time serving on the Abbotsford City Council. He has lived here for almost 75 years and was involving in many city activities such as cub scouts, boy scouts, and training dogs. One of his biggest joys was running the supermarket for 55 years. He stated our current city council is doing a great job. He suggested that the City of Abbotsford needs more industry and we should form a committee to investigate this. He also stated the city should work with Sheila Nyberg and Clark County Economic Development to promote Abbotsford. Alderman Kramer stated he has sold his house and moving therefore he will no longer be able to serve on the city council. He thanked everyone for the opportunity.

**Items for Future Agendas-No Action Will Be Taken-** Alderman Zeiset asked that the ordinance regarding the amount of chickens residents can have be added to the next agenda.

**Next Meeting: City Council Meeting October, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Adjourn-** Motion to adjourn *Huther/Diedrich. Unanimous.*  
***The City Council adjourned at 7:08 pm.***