

**TOWN OF WATSON MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF WATSON IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN  
HELD ON Wednesday March 6, 2024 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LOCATED AT 300 MAIN STREET.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Norma Weber  
Councillors: G. Pastl, M. Brost, A. Friesen,  
Via Zoom: L. Sobchyshyn, J. Turchyn  
Regrets: R. Paszt  
Supervisor: Kelly Gerspacher  
Public Works: James Dominey  
CAO: Lani Best

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being present, Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

- 86/2024**      **AGENDA: Friesen, Brost**  
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried
- 87/2024**      **Supervisor Report: Frisen, Pastl**  
THAT Council accept the verbal report as given by the Supervisor. CARRIED
- 88/2024**      **ASSISTANT Supervisor's REPORT: Brost, Turchyn**  
THAT the assistant supervisor's written report be accepted as presented and filed  
respectively. CARRIED
- 89/2024**      **WATER REPORT: Friesen, Pastl**  
THAT the water reports be accepted as presented and filed respectively. CARRIED
- 90/2024**      **BHP Emergency Lagoon Hauling: Pastl, Brost**  
THAT Council approve the hauling of waste from the BHP Mine site to our lagoon in  
emergency situations. CARRIED
- 7:15 PM**      **Delegation:**  
Staff Sargent Rod Rudnisky shared information on services they have been doing in  
Watson for the past year, and discussed issues and concerns with council.  
Suggested providing council with regular reports on offences in Watson.  
Staff Sargent Rod Rudnisky left the meeting at 7:30 PM

- 91/2024**      **Minutes: Brost, Friesen**  
That the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2024 be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED
- 92/2024**      **FINANCIAL STATEMENT/BANK REC: Turchyn, Brost**  
THAT Council acknowledge the February 2024 Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliations for the Max 2, and Recreation Fund accounts as presented and filed respectively.  
CARRIED
- 93/2024**      **Bills to be Paid: Sobchyshyn, Pastl**  
That the list of accounts for payment totalling \$60,348.38 paid by Cheques No. 31023 to 31041, and online payments No. 663 to 670, Payroll totalling \$21,075.63 be approved.  
CARRIED
- 94/2024**      **2024 Tax Abatements: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council approve tax abatements for 2024.  
CARRIED
- 95/2024**      **MSMA Planning District: Pastl, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council appoint Lani to represent Watson on the MSMA Planning District.  
CARRIED
- 96/2024**      **ADM Engine: Turchyn, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council acknowledge the Engine is ready to be relocated, and that we accelerate our planning for this project.  
CARRIED
- 97/2024**      **March 20 Open House: Brost, Pastl**  
THAT Council acknowledge the scheduled open house for our OCP and Zoning.  
CARRIED
- 98/2024**      **Lot Consolidations: Brost, Turchyn**  
That council approve the consolidation of three more town lots on the south side.  
CARRIED
- 99/2024**      **Regional EMO Memorandum: Pastl, Friesen**  
THAT Council approve the signing of the MOU with Humboldt for a Regional EMO.  
CARRIED
- 100/2024**      **SAMA: Brost, Turchyn**  
THAT council acknowledge the registration of councilors Friesen and Sobchyshyn for the SAMA AGM.  
CARRIED
- 101/2024**      **Retirement Plaques: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council approve councilor Brost to order and purchase retirement plaques for past fire fighters, Rick Haussecker and Brian McCoshen.  
CARRIED
- 102/2024**      **Cannabis Application: Friesen, Pastl**  
THAT council approve the application from Into the Weeds for a Cannabis Retail Store in Watson, acknowledging, per policy, that we will not approve any other new or renewal Cannabis licenses.  
CARRIED

- 103/2024     **Civic Center Rental Rates: Sobchyshyn, Brost**  
THAT council approve the new rental rates for the Civic Center, to be amended and effective immediately. CARRIED
- 104/2024     **Kelly Gerspacher: Pastl, Brost**  
That council approve moving Kelly's wage from hourly to salary at the same rate as approved at our January meeting. CARRIED
- 105/2024     **Jim Garman: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council approve the purchase of a gift card for past employee Jim Garman to offer condolences on the passing of his wife. CARRIED
- 106/2024     **Nokomis Town Hall: Brost, Friesen**  
THAT Council acknowledge council is invited to the Nokomis Town Hall on March 13, 2024 at 7PM, and will attend pending schedules and travel arrangements. CARRIED
- 107/2024     **Cannabis Stores: Friesen, Brost**  
THAT Council approve the policy to only allow one cannabis store in Watson. CARRIED
- 108/2024     **Reports: Friesen, Turchyn**  
THAT Council acknowledge the verbal reports as presented. CARRIED
- 109/2024     **Written Reports: Sobchyshyn, Brost**  
THAT Council acknowledge the written reports on the Library, and Arena as presented and filed respectively. CARRIED
- 110/2024     **Library Building: Pastl, Friesen**  
THAT Council for Watson vote in favor of purchasing the library building to be used as headquarters by the Parkland Regional Library, and will advise our representative of the same. CARRIED
- 111/2024     **Arena Painting: Pastl, Friesen**  
THAT Council acknowledge the quote on painting, but request two more quotes before giving authorization for the arena to make the expenditure. CARRIED
- 112/2024     **MAYOR'S REPORT: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT the Mayor's verbal report be acknowledged as presented. CARRIED
- 113/2024     **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Sobchyshyn, Turchyn**  
THAT the Administrator's written report be acknowledged as presented and filed respectively. CARRIED
- 114/2024     **Council Member's Guide: Brost, Friesen**  
THAT Council approve the Council Member's Guide to present to new council at their first meeting. CARRIED

- 115/2024      **Council Objectives: Brost, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council continue with their same objectives for the remainder of their term.  
CARRIED
- 116/2024      **Review Bylaws: Friesen, Brost**  
THAT council review Bylaws 2-78, 2-81, and 8-93 for redundancies and add current information to our bylaws by updating our Water and Sewer Bylaw.  
CARRIED
- 117/2024      **Correspondence: Friesen, Turchyn**  
THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence as presented.  
CARRIED
- 118/2024      **Communities in Bloom: Pastl, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council pay the application fee to join Communities in Bloom for 2024.  
CARRIED
- 119/2024      **ADJOURN: Friesen**  
THAT we adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.  
CARRIED

MAYOR *Norma Weber*

ADMINISTRATOR *Danielle*