

**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 July 10, 2024 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LOCATED AT 300 MAIN STREET.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Norma Weber

Councillors: A. Friesen, R. Paszt, J. Turchyn, M. Brost, G. Pastl

Via Zoom: L. Sobchyshyn

Supervisor: Kelly Gerspacher

Public Works: James Dominey

Facilities Manager: Kim Mitchell

CAO: Lani Best

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being present, Mayor Weber called the meeting to order 6:55 pm.

The Town of Watson acknowledges its presence on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional home to the ancestors and peoples of the nēhiyawak (Cree), and Anihšīnāpēk (Saulteaux), Nakota, Lakota and Dakota, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif nation. As an administrator living within these territories, it is my priority to gain a deeper understanding of our shared histories and contemporary relationships.

- 222/2024**      **AGENDA: Brost, Friesen**  
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried
- 223/2024**      **Facilities REPORT: Paszt, Turchyn**  
THAT the Facilities written report be accepted as presented and filed respectively.  
CARRIED
- 224/2024**      **Supervisor’s REPORT: Pastl, Brost**  
THAT the supervisor’s verbal report be accepted as presented and filed respectively.  
CARRIED
- 225/2024**      **ASSISTANT Supervisor’s REPORT: Friesen, Paszt**  
THAT the assistant supervisor’s written report be accepted as presented and filed  
respectively.  
CARRIED
- 226/2024**      **WATER REPORT: Turchyn, Friesen**  
THAT the water reports be accepted as presented and filed respectively.  
CARRIED
- 227/2024**      **Sewer Lift Cleaning: Pastl, Brost**  
THAT Council accept the quote provided by ATAP to clean the sewer lift wet pit.  
CARRIED

- 228/2024**      **Minutes: Paszt, Brost**  
 That the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12, 2024 be adopted as presented.  
 CARRIED
- 229/2024**      **FINANCIAL STATEMENT/BANK REC: Pastl, Paszt**  
 THAT Council acknowledge the June 2024 Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliations for the Max 2, and Recreation Fund accounts as presented and filed respectively.  
 CARRIED
- 230/2024**      **Bills to be Paid: Brost, Friesen**  
 That the list of accounts for payment totalling \$202,239.45 paid by Cheques No. 31142 to 31187, and online payments No. 699 to 706, Payroll totalling \$41,423.58 be approved.  
 CARRIED
- 231/2024**      **Community Grant: Turchyn, Paszt**  
 THAT Council approve the allocation of the community grant funds as presented.  
 CARRIED
- 232/2024**      **Abatement: Brost, Turchyn**  
 THAT Council approve the abatement of the municipal and school portion of Watson’s share of the 2024 taxes on the new fire hall totalling \$2441.67.  
 CARRIED
- 233/2024**      **CAFT: Pastl, Brost**  
 THAT Council acknowledge the information presented on CAFT, used for auto pay of payroll.  
 CARRIED
- 234/2024**      **Casa Boldt: Turchyn, Brost**  
 THAT Council approve hiring Danny Gray of Casa Boldt Consulting to prepare our fee bylaw to go with our new Zoning Bylaw.  
 CARRIED
- 235/2024**      **Impacted Site Clean-up: Pastl, Sobchyshyn**  
 THAT Council approve administration to look into impacted site clean up funding.  
 CARRIED
- 236/2024**      **Insurance Inspection: Paszt, Sobchyshyn**  
 That council acknowledge the insurance inspection at the WTP and the Arena.  
 CARRIED
- 237/2024**      **Advance Poll: Paszt, Pastl**  
 THAT Council approve the advance poll to be held November 5, 2024 from 1-7PM in council Chambers.  
 CARRIED
- 238/2024**      **Election Clerks: Brost, Friesen**  
 THAT council approve the appointment of Melissa Chegus and Connie Dickson as Poll Clerks for the 2024 advance poll and election day.  
 CARRIED

- 239/2024**      **Election Criminal Record Checks: Pastl, Turchyn**  
 THAT Council acknowledge that Watson will not require criminal record checks from candidates running for council.  
 CARRIED
- 240/2024**      **Into the Weeds: Turchyn, Brost**  
 THAT council acknowledge that Into the Weeds is still looking for a commercial building and that there is another company interested in Watson if this one falls through.  
 CARRIED
- 241/2024**      **Road Closure: Brost, Turchyn**  
 THAT council acknowledge they will look for solutions to the high traffic on the road beside Powell’s property, and if necessary would consider closing the road if it was possible. The residents have installed cameras, and this will hopefully provide better information on what is occurring in the area.  
 CARRIED
- Councilor Turchyn refrained from discussion and voting on the following resolution.
- 242/2024**      **Building Permit - Turchyn: Pastl, Brost**  
 That council approve the application for a building permit for a new home build.  
 CARRIED
- 243/2024**      **Building Permit - Davis: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
 THAT Council approve the application for a building permit for a garage.  
 CARRIED
- 244/2024**      **Hurion Lot: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
 THAT Council acknowledge Hurion’s request to build in 2 years and advise them to contact us when they can meet our building timeline.  
 CARRIED
- 245/2024**      **Cemetery Mower Tender: Friesen, Pastl**  
 THAT Council acknowledge we received 2 tenders for the mower, and accept the tender from the highest bidder, Mauricio Cicneros for \$1500.  
 CARRIED
- 246/2024**      **New Maps: Paszt, Brost**  
 THAT Council approve the purchase of new maps from ISC for the Town.  
 CARRIED
- 247/2024**      **Budget: Pastl, Turchyn**  
 THAT Council have administration seek pricing on lining the sewer lines under Highways 5 & 6 into the Main Sewer Lift for 2025 budgeting purposes.  
 CARRIED
- 248/2024**      **Business Heroes Advertising: Turchyn Brost**  
 THAT Council acknowledge advertising available with Bolt FM for future community development projects.  
 CARRIED
- 249/2024**      **Welcome Week: Friesen, Paszt**  
 THAT Council revisit a welcome event for new residents in the spring when farming is not as busy to ensure as many as possible can attend the event.  
 CARRIED

- 250/2024**      **Developers: Friesen, Paszt**  
 THAT council set up an in person meeting with Shaun Unger from Claystone Developments.  
 CARRIED
- 251/2024**      **JJ Stitch Yard: Pastl, Turchyn**  
 THAT Council approve Lyle Painter use of the grader to clean up the JJ Stitch parking lot as a service for taxes he pays to town.  
 CARRIED
- 252/2024**      **SRK Construction: Friesen, Brost**  
 THAT Council approve renovation rebates per our policy.  
 CARRIED
- 253/2024**      **Museum Event: Friesen, Brost**  
 THAT Council approve the road closure in front of the Museum on August 22 for their final summer event.  
 CARRIED
- 254/2024**      **Village of Englefeld: Pastl, Brost**  
 THAT Council no longer charge Englefeld for residential fires pending their \$20,000 contribution to the new fire hall, as well as their continued agreement of \$1000 per year for fire support and assistance.  
 CARRIED
- 255/2024**      **Reports: Turchyn, Friesen**  
 THAT Council acknowledge the verbal reports as presented.  
 CARRIED
- 256/2024**      **MAYOR’S REPORT: Friesen, Paszt**  
 THAT the Mayor’s verbal report be acknowledged as presented.  
 CARRIED
- 257/2024**      **Assistant Position: Pastl, Friesen**  
 THAT Council change the Assistant position to two days per week.  
 CARRIED
- 258/2024**      **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Turchyn, Friesen**  
 THAT the Administrator’s written report be acknowledged as presented and filed respectively.  
 CARRIED
- 259/2024**      **Bylaw 2024-04: Friesen, Turchyn**  
 THAT Bylaw No. 2024-04 being a Bylaw to provide for Water and Sewer be given a Second reading.  
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 260/2024**      **BYLAW NO. 2024 – 04: Paszt, Turchyn**  
 THAT Bylaw No. 2024-04 being a Bylaw to provide for Water and Sewer have a third reading at this meeting.  
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 261/2024**      **BYLAW NO. 2024 – 04: Brost, Pastl**  
 THAT council pass Bylaw 2024-04 at this meeting by reading it for a third time.  
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 262/2024     **Water & Sewer Policy & Procedure: Brost, Friesen**  
              THAT Council approve the new Water and Sewer Policy & Procedure. CARRIED
- 263/2024     **Years of Service Policy: Turchyn, Friesen**  
              THAT Council approve the Years of Service Policy for retiring firemen with over 30  
              years of service. CARRIED
- 264/2024     **Truck Use Policy: Paszt, Friesen**  
              THAT Council approve staff and council to use Town Trucks to attend meetings when  
              possible. CARRIED
- 265/2024     **Correspondence: Paszt, Turchyn**  
              THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence as presented. CARRIED
- 266/2024     **Next Meeting: Brost, Paszt**  
              THAT Council set our next meeting date to be August 14, 2024. CARRIED
- 267/2024     **ADJOURN: Pastl**  
              THAT we adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM. CARRIED

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADMINISTRATOR \_\_\_\_\_