CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #05
MARCH 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Samuel Tilley

ABSENT

Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Brianna Longworth, Deputy City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant
Rod Mugford, Director of Human Resources
Peter Tumilty, Senior Director of Corporate Services
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Aleksey Cameron, Communications and Customer Service Manager

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Awa opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with Councillor Kunuk saying a prayer.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Change Order:

Move 9. NEW BUSINESS before 7. BY-LAWS

Motion #24-55

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

a) Public Hearing #01 Minutes dated February 27, 2024

Motion #24-56

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Public Hearing #01 Minutes dated February 27, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

b) City Council Meeting #04 Minutes dated February 27, 2024

Motion #24-57

Moved by: Councillor Kunuk
Seconded by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty

City Council Meeting #04 Minutes dated February 27, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Smith acknowledged the students who performed the musical Annie JR.

Deputy Mayor Smith recognized the athletes who participated in the Arctic Winter Games in Alaska.

Deputy Mayor Smith noted that Sunday, was the beginning of Ramadan, which was a month of celebration of faith, community and peace. She expressed the need for a ceasefire from the violence committed by Hamas in October 2023, for the Palestinians who continue to be killed, and for the millions who are displaced and are starving.

Councillor Kunuk noted that Council recently heard a presentation regarding public drinking and felt that the matter should be discussed by Council.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Appointment of Recreation Committee – Members at Large – Verbal

Motion #24-58

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council appoints Robin (Rob) Strutz, Hillary Casey and Laura Thompson as Members at Large on the Recreation Committee for a three-year term from 2024 to 2027.

Unanimously Carried

b) Schedule "A" – Spending Authority By-law No. 969

Rod Mugford, Director of Human Resources, presented Spending Authority By-law No. 969 - Schedule "A", which outlined the spending limits for various personnel positions.

Motion #24-59

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Spending Authority By-law No. 969 – Schedule "A" as amended.

Unanimously Carried

c) Water and Sewer Fund – Verbal

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that staff have been working on restructuring the Water and Sewer Program for the past several months, which has resulted in developing a new Water and Sewer Reserve Fund By-law No. 980 and Water and Sewer Rates By-law No. 981.

Mr. England noted that the following changes would take effect, as well as other changes that were possible based on Council's support. The following are his comments:

- Rate system established, which is similar to other rate structures used by hamlets and Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC)
    - Three classifications of ratepayers
        - Government of Nunavut - $.08 per litre
        - Commercial - $.035 per litre
        - Residential - $.01 per litre
- City departments that perform work for the Water and Sewer Program will properly allocate the expense, which will provide the true cost for providing water and sewer
- Fund will have financial provisions to ensure that there will be adequate funds to accomplish the following:
    - Construct a warehouse to house additional utilidor inventory - allow work on critical sewer and water projects to start sooner and also provide inventory to better maintain the system
    - Construct new water and sewer parking garages - replaces aging infrastructure, which is at the end of its useful life
    - Purchase one new water and sewer truck yearly until the fleet is modernized and large enough to meet the growing service area
    - Create 15 positions – increase service level to residents
    - Funds for technology upgrades and training – ensure equipment is up-to-date and personnel has the required training
    - Ability to create financial support program – assist homeowners to purchase low flow technology and other water upgrades in homes
    - Water and Sewer Reserve – any annual surpluses will be placed in reserve, which will be used to support the Water and Sewer Program
        - Better prepared for emergencies
        - Funds available for future federal government funding applications

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

i. Water and Sewer Reserve Fund By-law No. 980

Motion #24-60

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty

Council approves First Reading of Water and Sewer Reserve Fund By-law No. 980.

Unanimously Carried

ii. Water and Sewer Rates By-law No. 981

Motion #24-61

Moved by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves First Reading of Water and Sewer Rates By-law No. 981.

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law(s)

i. Water and Sewer Reserve Fund By-law No. 980

Motion #24-62

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Second Reading of Water and Sewer Reserve Fund By-law No. 980.

Unanimously Carried

ii. Water and Sewer Rates By-law No. 981

Motion #24-63

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Second Reading of Water and Sewer Rates By-law No. 981.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Sheppard encouraged residents to conserve water whenever possible. He noted that the restructuring of the Water and Sewer Program would put a large portion of the burden on government entities which help to provide relief to residents. He indicated that the restructuring would also assist in building the financial capacity to address water concerns.

Councillor Sheppard hoped that Third Reading could be held at the next Council meeting and become effective April 1st.

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

( ) as per Section 22 (2) (a) CTV Act and By-law 526 Section 67

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #24-64

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council adjourns at 6:17 p.m. **Unanimously Carried**

Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 26 day of March 2024.