

Regular Council Meeting Summary January 6, 2025

The January 6, 2025, Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7 PM in Council Chambers at the Town Office in White City. Check out the agenda and meeting recording here: https://whitecity.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Id=478

The meeting included the following items:

Consent Agenda – The Consent Agenda included minutes of the previous meeting, and ratification of accounts and payroll. The Consent Agenda was accepted without further discussion.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest – There were no conflicts of interests declared.

Town Manager Report – The Town Manager shared a verbal update on several key topics including the WCRM158 Wastewater Management Authority project progress, the hiring process for the Manager of Finance position, and understanding provincial policies for emergency response on provincial highways. Council undertook no additional discussion, and the report was accepted.

New Business – Council reviewed the following items under new business:

- Municipal Revenue Sharing Council moved to confirm that the Town met all requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant and authorized the Town Clerk to sign the Declaration of Eligibility to be submitted to the Ministry of Government Relations.
- 2025 Annual Budget The Town Manger provided a brief introduction of the 2025 Annual Budget, while a presentation was introduced by Administration. The budget presentation included an overview of expected revenues, expenses, and proposed capital expenditures. The 2025 Annual Budget presented to Council projected a \$42.1K surplus and includes:
 - annual base tax increase of \$100.00,
 - a mill rate increase of 1.0%;
 - o and, revised utility rates.

Council discussion throughout the presentation focused on balancing tax increases and adjustments, utility fees, employee resourcing and departmental expenses, grant funding for expense offsetting, and clarifications on specific line items. Following the budget presentation and discussion, Council accepted the presentation of the proposed 2025 Annual Budget. The budget will be presented at the February 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

Roundtable – During the roundtable discussion, Council provided updates on upcoming council and community events.



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This concluded the Regular Council Meeting for January 6, 2025. The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on February 3, 2025 at 7 PM in Council Chambers. We hope to see you there!