

Present: Mayor Campbell
Councillor Lackey
Councillor Elderkin
Councillor Reid
Councillor Davis
Councillor Phillips

Absent: Councillor Cooke

Staff Present: Kim Beers – Director, Legislative Services/Clerk
Krista Ronalds – Acting Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order 6:56 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Elderkin** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Phillips** **THAT** the agenda be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimously)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Councillor Davis declared a conflict of interest with respect to Item 4 – Code of Conduct

CODE OF CONDUCT

Council discussed whether to proceed with a third-party investigation into the Code of Conduct complaint and reviewed the quotations received by Administration. Discussion included Council's previous direction to obtain quotations, the process established under the Code of Conduct By-law, the role of an independent investigator, transparency and procedural fairness, and the cost and timelines associated with the proposals received.

Some members expressed the view that Council could further assess the merits of the complaint before incurring the cost of an investigation, while other members emphasized the importance of following the established process and having the matter independently reviewed. It was noted that Council had previously determined to proceed with obtaining quotations for a third-party investigation.

Council discussed the proposals received, including the difference between hourly-rate proposals and the fixed-price proposal submitted by Montana Consulting Group. Members noted the benefit of having a defined cost for the investigation.

Council generally discussed the importance of addressing the complaint through a fair and transparent process, considering the facts objectively, and allowing the matter to be concluded following completion of the established process.

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Elderkin* and **SECONDED** by *Councillor Phillips* THAT Council appoint Montana Consulting as the independent third-party investigator to investigate the Code of Conduct complaint previously considered by Council.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimously)

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Elderkin* **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Mayor

Clerk