

# **Regular Council Meeting Notes - September 24, 2019**

## **Tax Recovery Process (29:54)**

Council approved the sale of three properties to recover city taxes owed on the land. The property owners failed to respond following several notices from the city, as required by the province's Municipal Government Act. Council set reserve bids at the assessed market values of the properties, to be sold at a public auction on December 11, 2019.

## **Minimum Distance for Cannabis Stores (39:33)**

Council approved the first reading to a proposed reduction of the minimum distance between cannabis stores. Currently, cannabis retailers must be 500 metres apart. If approved, the new minimum would be 200 metres, bringing it in line with other Alberta cities that require separation.

## **Electric Distribution Agreement (43:10)**

Council deferred the second reading of a bylaw that would extend the city's agreement with FortisAlberta to supply electricity to areas annexed by Beaumont in 2017. At council's direction, a public hearing will be scheduled to allow residents and other stakeholders to present information about the bylaw. Council also directed the administration to work with FortisAlberta and the Battle River Coop Rural Electrification Association to provide more details to affected residents.

FortisAlberta currently has an agreement as to the exclusive distributor of electricity within city limits to ensure safety in operation and maintenance of electrical infrastructure. The bylaw would allow FortisAlberta to acquire the infrastructure currently operated by the Battle River Power Coop servicing the annexed areas.