

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRITT, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 1990 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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**PRESENT:**

**COUNCIL:**

Mayor R.H. Baird  
Aldermen: H. Lali, L. Lemire  
Mayor-elect C. Norgaard  
Aldermen-elect: R. Brown, T. Fox, G. Henderson,  
J. Hilton, D. Laird, R. Typusiak

**ADMINISTRATION:**

H. Ellens, Clerk-Administrator

**MEDIA:**

Merritt Cablevision  
Merritt Herald  
Radio 'NL

**OTHERS:**

Judge J. Gordon  
General Public

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., and called upon Judge J. Gordon to administer the oaths of office and oaths of allegiance to the incoming City Council.

**OATHS OF OFFICE AND OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Judge Gordon administered the Oaths of Office and Oaths of Allegiance to Mayor-elect C. Norgaard and Aldermen-elect R. Brown, T. Fox, G. Henderson, J. Hilton, D. Laird, and R. Typusiak, and the members of Council assumed their seats at the Council table.

**MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS:**

Your Honour, Special Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The beginning part of the decade of the 90s is a very important time for Merritt. The Coquihalla transportation network has been completed, which now puts Merritt in the main stream of potential development.

On November 17th, the citizens' of Merritt elected a new Council with new and fresh ideas for Merritt. As Mayor, it will be my job to channel and motivate those ideas for the betterment of Merritt. The first three months will be an intense learning period for all of Council. During this time, I will get to know Council and vice versa.

The door to the Mayor's office will be open to frank and candid discussions.

The next three years are going to be exciting and require the whole Council to work together to achieve our goals and objectives. In the last two weeks, I have spoken to many investors who believe Merritt is the ideal location for their projects. Our job as Council members is to maintain an open mind and study all the facts pro and con before making a decision regarding the future of Merritt.

It is the Mayor's responsibility to appoint members of Council to different committees. Therefore, I have recommended to Council that the first three months all standing committees shall constitute Council as a whole.

Liaison representatives to the following organizations shall be:

South Central Health

Alderman Bob Brown  
Alderman John Hilton - Alternate

Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce

Alderman Tom Fox  
Alderman Glenn Henderson - Alternate

Emergency Measures Program

Mayor Clara Norgaard  
Alderman Rick Typusiak  
Alderman Tom Fox

Thompson-Nicola Regional District

Mayor Clara Norgaard  
Alderman David Laird - Alternate

Court of Revision

Mayor Clara Norgaard  
Alderman Glenn Henderson  
Alderman John Hilton

I have also recommended that the 1991 signing officers at the bank, for the City of Merritt be chosen for the availability on short notice.

The most important objective Council has during our mandate is to make sure the taxpayers get the best value for tax dollars spent and maintain a balanced budget.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Appointments of Acting Mayors for 1991**

612/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council approve the following for Acting Mayor  
appointments for 1991:

December, 1990/January, 1991	-	Alderman R. Brown
February/March, 1991	-	Alderman T. Fox
April/March, 1991	-	Alderman G. Henderson
June/July, 1991	-	Alderman J. Hilton
August/September, 1991	-	Alderman D. Laird
October/November, 1991	-	Alderman R. Typusiak

CARRIED.

Appointments of Standing Committees for 1991

613/90 THAT Council approve the appointments of Mayor C. Norgaard and Alderman R. Brown, T. Fox, G. Henderson, J. Hilton, D. Laird, and R. Typusiak to serve on each of the following Standing Committees:

Administration and Finance  
Labour Relations and Personnel  
Development and Planning  
Protective Services  
Public Works  
Recreation

and further, that Council review these appointments at the first Standing Committee meeting in March, 1991.

CARRIED.

Appointments to Liaise with Community Organizations for 1991

614/90 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council approve the appointments of the following Council members to liaise with the following community organizations for 1991:

(a) South Central Union Board of Health

Alderman R. Brown  
Alderman J. Hilton (alternate)

(b) Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce

Alderman T. Fox  
Alderman G. Henderson (alternate)

(c) Emergency Measures Program

Mayor C. Norgaard  
Alderman R. Typusiak  
Alderman T. Fox

CARRIED.

Appointments to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of Directors for 1991

615/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council approve the appointments of the following Council members to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of Directors for 1991:

Mayor C. Norgaard, Director  
Alderman D. Laird (Alternate)

CARRIED.

Appointments to the Court of Revision - List of Electors and Local Tax Assessment for 1991

616/90 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council approve the appointments of Mayor C. Norgaard, Alderman G. Henderson and Alderman J. Hilton to the 1991 Court of Revision for the list of electors and the local tax assessment rolls.

CARRIED.

Appointments of Signing Officers for 1991

617/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Hilton THAT Council approve the appointment of the following persons to be signing officers for the City of Merritt for 1991:

Mayor C. Norgaard  
Alderman G. Henderson  
Alderman R. Typusiak  
G. Murray, Treasurer/Collector  
H. Ellens, Clerk-Administrator

CARRIED.

Council Delegation to Victoria

618/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Hilton THAT Council authorize Mayor C. Norgaard, representatives from Council, and the Clerk-Administrator to meet with representatives from the appropriate Government ministries in Victoria to discuss the following:

- (a) Funding to assist in installing rip-rap and dyking improvements adjacent to the Coldwater River;
- (b) Acquisition from the Crown of the property on which the Visitors' Information Centre is situated;
- (c) Development of a third phase truck access route to the sawmills in the City.

CARRIED.

Presentation and Receipt of the 1991 Provisional Budget

619/90 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council accept the 1991 Provisional Budget for further discussion.

CARRIED.

Presentations to Outgoing and Incoming Council Members

Mayor Norgaard presented retiring Mayor R. Baird, retiring Aldermen H. Lali and L. Lemire, and incoming Council members with gifts from the City.

Because they were not present at the meeting, gifts for retiring Alderman J. Cade and former Alderman R. Sherwood will be forwarded to them.

Address by Judge J. Gordon


Judge Gordon gave an address to the incoming Council on the duties and responsibilities of local government, and the importance of Merritt in the south-west interior of British Columbia.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council adjourned the Meeting at 8:07 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
H.C. Ellens,  
City Clerk

  
C. Norgaard,  
Mayor