

MINUTES OF THE May 9th, 2023 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

- Present:** Mayor Willett, Councillor's MacCumber, Pain, Smith, Payne, and CAO Rolfe. Also present Matthew Nichol (resident)
- Meeting:** Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Willett.
- Agenda:** Councillor Smith moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously
- Delegate:** Matthew has purchased a lot from Dan Hale which had time stipulations tied to it. He has requested a time extension for building to be completed. The lot is located at 223 1Ave N. After his presentation, he left at 6:45 pm. Council discussed the matter. Councillor Smith moved to extend the building time frame to October 1, 2024. Carried unanimously.
- Minutes:** Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the April 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.
- Old Business:**
- CAO Report:** CAO Report is attached. Councillor Payne moved to accept the CAO report as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Handibus:** The board lowered some rates for charters in hope of gaining more business.
- School Building:** The school repairs will be finished by Coutts Day
- Strategic Planning:** Planning for tax sale in September. Information to come. Yards will be looked at by bylaw enforcement in June.
- Financial Statement:** Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the April 2023 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Accounts Payable:** Councillor Payne moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.
- New Business**
- Budget 2023:** The 2023 Budget was presented by CAO Rolfe. It was discussed. Councillor MacCumber moved to approve the 2023 budget as presented. Carried Unanimously.
Councillor Payne moved Bylaw 590 for 1st reading being the property tax rates for 2023. Carried Unanimously.
Councillor Smith moved Bylaw 591 for 1st reading being the frontage tax rates for 2023. Carried Unanimously.
- Water Meter Project:** CAO Rolfe is looking at applying for a grant to replace 25 water meters that are not currently working. Councillor MacCumber moved that CAO Rolfe apply for a grant to cover the water meter project. Carried unanimously.
- Coutts Day Food Trucks:** The Rodeo Club has asked for permission to use food trucks. It will be allowed if permits are secured as set out in Bylaw 545.
- Dr Housing:** Council was asked if we wanted to be part of a committee that will be formed. Discussion was held and it was agreed that we would participate.

Committee Reports

Mayor

Willett: Attended the Quad Council Meeting
Attended the Mayors and Reeves
Attended the SouthGrow Meeting
Attended the Funding Announcement in Milk River

Councillor

MacCumber: Attended the Rec Board Meeting
Attended the Quad Dr Retention Committee meeting
Attended the Quad Meeting
Attended a medical meeting in Milk River

Councillor

Payne: Attended the Ridge Country Housing Meeting
Attended the Quad Meeting

Councillor

Pain: Attended the Handibus Meeting
Attended the Quad Meeting

Councillor

Smith Attended the CMRSWC Meeting.
Attended the Quad Meeting.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Closed Session: Mayor Willett moved to go into closed session citing the MGA RSA 2000 Chapter M-26 Part 6 205.1, at 8:45 pm.
Councillor Payne moved to close the closed session at 9:15 pm.

Adjourn: Councillor Smith moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm.


MAYOR



CAO

1. School is still under construction; asbestos abatement is finished. I've been promised it will be ready for Courtts Day.
2. Ken is still off, no update available. Hired Cathy Kolesar for the month of June.
3. The Property Tax Sale should be in September.
4. Worked on Budget and Bylaws.
5. Rolled over the new year for the Handibus and brought the system up to date after their year end was completed.
6. We had a plugged sewer line by the tennis courts. Had to get Drain Master down. It was a diaper, and feminine products. I sent a letter to all residents on the line. The bill was \$800
7. The pavers have been here to finish up what they didn't have time for last year as well as a couple other pieces. Sand sealers will also be coming.
8. Nellie is doing great....Ridge Water has been very helpful as well.