

MINUTES OF THE October 12th, 2021 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's MacCumber, Smith, Pain, Payne and CAO Rolfe
Also present Mardell Peterson.

Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Willett.

Agenda: Councillor Payne moved to accept the agenda with one addition. Carried unanimously

Delegate: Mardell Peterson came to speak about the cemetery. Discussion was had and plans made. Mardell left after her presentation at 7:10pm

Minutes: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the September 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.

Old Business:

CAO Report: CAO Report is attached. Mayor Willett moved to accept the CAO report as presented. Carried unanimously.

HALO Sign: HALO Sign is installed

448 3rd Ave N: Discussion was held

Street Sealing: Readon Roads will be here on Wednesday October 13th to finish up crack sealing.

Healthy Communities Grant:

Grant was not approved. A new grant is being worked on for Rural Internet.

Yards: Waiting for responses

Raymond Summer Games:

No update

Financial Statement:

Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the September 2021 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable:

Councillor Smith moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.

New Business

Horizon School Divn Election:

Councillor MacCumber moved to enter a contract for \$1000 to assist Horizon School Division

Assessor

Bylaw #582

Councillor Smith moved for first reading of Bylaw 582, being the bylaw to appoint a property assessor. Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Pain moved for 2nd reading of Bylaw 582. Carried Unanimously. Councillor MacCumber moved for permission to read 3rd reading of Bylaw 582. Carried Unanimously. Councillor Pain Moved for 3rd and final reading of Bylaw 582. Carried Unanimously.

Penalty Bylaw #583 Councillor Smith moved for 1st reading of Bylaw #583, being the bylaw for penalty assessment. Carried Unanimously.
Councillor MacCumber moved for 2nd reading of Bylaw #583. Carried Unanimously.
Councillor Pain moved to proceed to 3rd reading of Bylaw #583. Carried Unanimously.
Councillor Payne moved for 3rd reading of Bylaw #583. Carried Unanimously.

AHS Letter: Discussion about sending a letter to AHS re rural Doctors was had.

Muni 101: Mayor Willett and Councillor Pain will attend Muni 101 in Lethbridge on Dec 2 & 3.

Fortis Franchise Fee: Franchise fee will remain as it is.

Strategic Planning: Councillor MacCumber will organize a strategic planning meeting with the other council members.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Payne: Attended Ridge Country Housing Meeting
Attended FCSS meeting.

Councillor Smith: Attended CoRep Emergency Management Meeting
Attended CMSWC


Councillor MacCumber: Attended Quad Healthcare Support Committee
Attended the Milk River Watershed Meeting


Mayor Willett: Attended the Mayors and Reeves Meeting
Attended a Covid Town Hall Meeting
Attended SouthGrow Meeting

Correspondence: none to report

Closed Session: Not requested at this time

Adjourn: Councillor Smith moved to adjourn at 9:20 pm


MAYOR


CAO

1. Covid-19 updates have increased recently with the new restrictions.
2. Election Preparation- we are ready for the election
3. Working on the "Reduction of Red Tape" with MR and Warner.
4. Water lines were blown out today.
5. Telus has installed the new phone system, once the numbers transfer over it will be in use. Still waiting for the transfer to take place.
6. Attended our CoRep meeting with our Field Officer for Emergency Management. We are having communication issues between departments. Working to resolve them. Emergency Management Elected Officials Course will need to be completed by Jan 1. The course is only offered online currently, and we are trying to come up with a way to do it jointly. All Staff are required to take Basic Emergency Management and ICS 100. These are also online and I will get our staff trained. We may also look at doing these jointly.
7. Ag Society Year End income and expense statement is finished and submitted to them.
8. Attended two 911 webinars. They are changing the system from the current one and it will take a bit to transfer over, I believe there is a 2 year time limit. The system will be totally run off data/internet. May not be great for areas that are remote..