

MINUTES OF THE October 10th, 2023 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Willett, Councillors MacCumber, Pain, Smith, Payne, and CAO Rolfe. Also present, Marion Carlson with the Chief Mountain Solid Waste Services Commission (CMSWSC)

- Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor MacCumber.
- Agenda: Councillor Pain moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Delegate: Marion is the new SEO for CMSWSC. She introduced herself and described her background. She explained what the commission is hoping to achieve this year, and in the future. She left at 7:20pm following her presentation.
- Minutes: Councillor Pain moved to accept the September 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.
- Yards: Progress is being seen, the CPO's have been asked to do a second inspection.
- Tax Sale: The Tax sale has been advertised in the Gazette, and letters to Title Holders will go out in the time frame required.
- MR Water Study: The study is moving forward, also included in the study is the upgrades needed to the Milk River plant if we were not to go regional with Raymond.
- Water Meters: There are still 4 meters that need to be replaced, 2 are commercial and they are backordered. The other 2 have issues that we are working on solving.
- Stirling FCSS: A request for a letter of support has come in from Stirling. They are looking at doing a study to determine the needs of our area that FCSS can fulfil. Councillor Smith moved to send a letter of support to Stirling for their needs assessment study. Carried unanimously.
- Pump Cart: Councillor Payne moved to sell the pump cart that is no longer in use for \$125.00 to Nathan Haw. Carried unanimously.
- Financial Statement: The September 2023 Financial Statement was presented and discussed. Mayor MacCumber moved to approve the September 2023 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Accounts Payable: The accounts payable was distributed and discussed. Councillor Smith moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.

New Business

Library Light

Project: A grant will be applied for with the Lethbridge Community Foundation for new LED lights in the Library. The deadline is October 16th and a quote has been secured Done Right Electric out of Taber in an effort to keep the work as local as possible.

Mower: A new mower is needed for next year. A quote has been secured from Western Tractor in Lethbridge. A possible cost sharing will be discussed with the Coutts and District Recreation Board.

Trees: There is a new grant for tree planting. It is a cost share and the minimum number of trees is 10,000. It will be brought up at the next Quad council meeting, as a possible joint project.

Committee Reports:

Councillor

Pain: The library would like their storage door grinded off on the bottom so it opens more freely. CAO Rolfe will look into it.
Attended the Handibus Meeting

Councillor

Smith: Attended the ORRSC Meeting

Councillor

Willett: Attended the SouthGrow Meeting in Calgary with the Immigration Minister
Attended the Quarterly SouthGrow Meeting
Attended a meeting in Edmonton with the REDA Chairs and Economic Dev Minister
Attended the AB Muni's convention in Edmonton and attended 3 Sessions and Trade Show
Attended Mayors and Reeves

Councillor

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

Mayor

MacCumber: Attended the Milk River Watershed Meeting
Attended the Healthcare Retention Committee
Attended the Canadian Gateway Meeting

Correspondence: Received a thank you card from a resident that had a sewer back up.

Closed Session: Not Requested at this time

Adjourn: Councillor Smith moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report – October 10, 2023

1. Public Works: All lines in the rec areas are blown out and water turned off. Doing some fall clean up. Tennis court sealer finished. Lines to be painted next spring. Potholes filled where possible with material on hand. Replaced 30 lights in the library. If the project for LED's is accepted, those lights will be removed and replaced in other areas of the school. New Chlorine Pump was installed Wednesday.
2. Tax Sale advertised in Gazette, Getting mail outs ready for registered owners etc.
3. Remembrance Day planning almost completed.
4. Completing paperwork for the 2024 Insurance Renewals