

MINUTES OF THE January 23, 2020 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM.

- Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's Bohne, Smith, MacCumber, Payne and CAO Rolfe. Also present Cindy Clarke and RCMP Corporal Stewart Gemmill.
- Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Willett.
- Agenda: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Minutes: Councillor Payne moved to accept the minutes of the December 2nd, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Carried Unanimously.
Councillor Bohne moved to accept the minutes of the December 2nd, 2019 AGM Meeting. Carried Unanimously.
- Old Business:
- CAO Report: CAO Report is attached. Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the CAO Report as presented. Carried unanimously.
- 223 1 Ave N: New information was discussed.
- Quad Council Meeting: The Quad meeting will be Feb 25 at 6 pm. Coutts to host. Presenters have been booked.
- STARS vs HALO: Subject will be discussed at the Quad Meeting.
- Unsightly Yards Bylaw: Discussion and gathering of further information to take place. Tabled for further information.
- Signage: Work in Process.
- AB Trans Letter: Letter to be sent this week along with support letter from the RCMP
- Financial Statement: Councillor Smith moved to accept the November 2019 financial statement as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Accounts Payable: Councillor MacCumber moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.
- New Business:
- CAO Report: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the CAO Report as presented. Carried unanimously.
- 221 1st Ave N: Information reported.
- Quad: Quad agenda items discussed.
- Yards Bylaw: Discussed again and tabled.
- Signage: Information provided
- Alberta Transportation: Speed limit letter will be sent.
- Financial Statement: Councillor Smith moved to accept the November 2019 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Accounts Payable: Councillor MacCumber moved to pay the January 2020 accounts payable as presented. Carried unanimously.
- New Business
- Bylaw 570 MDP: Councillor Bohne moved for the 1st reading of Bylaw 570. Carried Unanimously

Operating
Loan Bylaw
570:

Councillor Bohne moved for 1st reading of Bylaw 571, being the 2020 Operating Loan Bylaw. Carried Unanimously. Councillor MacCumber moved for second reading of Bylaw 571, being the 2020 Operating Loan Bylaw. Carried Unanimously. Councillor Payne moved for permission to read Bylaw 571, the 2020 Operating Bylaw, for a third time. Carried Unanimously. Councillor Smith moved for 3rd reading of Bylaw 571. Carried Unanimously.

ORRSC
GIS Project:

Councillor Payne moved to join ORRSC in the application for the enhanced GIS Project through the Alberta Community Partnership Program. Carried Unanimously.

Public Works:

Councillor MacCumber moved to pay Sean Butler \$200 for his help on Christmas Day. Carried Unanimously.

Council
Payday:

Council payday is moved to the end of the month with the rest of the regular pay for staff.

Committee Reports:

Mayor
Willett:

Attended the December Mayors and Reeves Meeting.
Attended the SouthGrow Quarterly Meeting
Attended the January Mayors and Reeves Meeting

Councillor
Smith:

Attended the ORRSC Meeting
Attended the CMRSA Meeting

Councillor
Bohne:

Attended the Handibus Meeting
Attended the Library Board Meeting
Attended the Public Works Meeting

Councillor
MacCumber:

Attended 2 Quad Municipal Health Care Committee Meetings
Attended the Milk River Water Shed Meeting

Mayor
Payne:

Attended the Ridge County Housing Meeting

Correspondence: Letter from Minister Fir regarding Canadian Badlands


Closed
Meeting:

Councillor Smith moved to go into closed meeting at 8:35 pm regarding Section 19 FOIP Act RSA 2000 Chapter F-25. Carried Unanimously.
Mayor Willett moved to close the Closed Meeting at 8:45pm.

Adjourn:

Councillor Bohne moved to adjourn at 8:55 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report Jan 23th, 2020

1. Christmas Day we learned that the house at 104 1st Ave N was flooded. It had been moved out of and we were advised that the shut off in the house was off. Our speculation is that it was not off and the toilet supply line froze. It filled the basement. We were able to turn off the toilet which stopped the leak. We pumped out the basement. The ownership of this house is a problem as the owner on title has passed away, and the family is not taking interest in it. It will most likely go for tax sale.
2. Year end has started.
3. Planning for the Quad is on going
4. Roychella has been added to the benefits beginning Feb 1, 2020