

MINUTES OF THE May 10th, 2022 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's MacCumber, Pain, Payne (virtual on phone), Smith and CAO Rolfe. Mardell Peterson and 2 RCMP Representatives (Staff Sergeant Chris Zanidean and Superintendent Rick Jane).

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

Agenda: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously

Delegate:

Mardell Peterson: Mardell came to discuss the cemeteries and the work they would like to complete. She left at 6:45pm after her presentation.

RCMP: The RCMP were in attendance to discuss a list of questions that were provided to them about the protest. Discussion took place and they left at 8:30pm after their presentation.

Minutes: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the April 2022 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.

Electric
Vehicle

Grant: No update

Handibus: The Handibus board has decided to carry through with getting a new electric bus.

Fortis

Street Lights: Discussion about additional street lights was had. It was decided that no additional street lights would be installed.

Land

Use Bylaw

Changes: Process has started to change some commercial lots to residential where it makes sense. The lots are located on the east ends of Centre Ave and 2 Ave N.

Financial

Statement: Councillor Smith moved to accept the April 2022 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.

Accounts

Payable: Councillor Pain moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.

New Business

Budget: The Capital and Operating Budgets were presented and discussed. Councillor Payne moved to accept the capital and operating budget for 2022.

Bylaws

585 & 586: Bylaw 585 the bylaw for assessing the property tax mil rate was presented and discussed. Councillor Payne moved for first reading of Bylaw 585, the bylaw to set the 2022 mil rate. Carried unanimously. Bylaw 586 the bylaw for assessing local improvements for 2022 was presented and discussed. Councillor MacCumber moved for first reading of Bylaw 586, the bylaw to set the 2022 local improvements. Carried unanimously.

Utilities

Commission: Councillor Smith moved that a letter be sent to the Utilities Commission in support of the letter sent by The Town of Fox Creek regarding the high cost of utilities. Carried unanimously. CAO Rolfe will draft and send out.

Wages: Wage increases were discussed. Councillor Payne moved to increase wages \$1/hr across the board. Carried. Councillor MacCumber did not participate in the discussion.

Committee
Reports:

Mayor
Willett: Attended the Mayors and Reeves Meeting
Attended the SouthGrow Meeting

Councillor
Smith: Attended CMRSWC Meeting

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

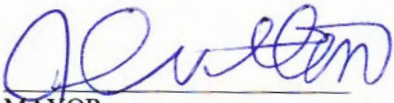
Councillor
Pain: Attended Handibus Meeting
Attended the Library Meeting

Councillor
MacCumber: Attended the Rec Board Meeting
Attended the Alberta Health Zoom Meeting

Correspondence: None

Closed Session: Not requested at this time.

Adjourn: Councillor Payne moved to adjourn at 10:00 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report May 10th, 2022

1. 911 Webinars continue – I missed the last one, but there will be a replay.
2. Year end – complete and submitted to MA. Auditor will be at the June Meeting to discuss.
3. Working on various 2022 grant submissions. Waiting on quotes from contractors. McNally was here on Friday to look at sidewalks.
4. Coutts Day hot dog at the school grounds has enough volunteers, No one has stepped up for the breakfast or kids games., Guessing neither will happen. The Rodeo Club will be doing a breakfast on Sunday am.
5. Budget was completed
6. Garage sale is may 28, so far there are 11 locations. Coutts Community Events will pay to advertise on the TV.