

MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2020 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD VIA THE ZOOM APP AT 6:30 PM

- Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's Bohne, MacCumber, Smith, Payne and CAO Rolfe.
- Meeting: Called to order at 6:48pm by Mayor Willett. (Slight technical difficulty with ZOOM)
- Agenda: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Minutes: Councillor Smith moved to accept the April 2020 minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.
- Old Business:
- CAO Report: CAO Report is attached. Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the CAO report as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Unightly Yards  
Bylaw: Discussion and gathering of further information to take place. Tabled for further information.
- Coutts  
Day: Coutts Day has been cancelled in accordance with the rules on gathering from the Province.
- Canada  
Day: Canada Day will continue with adjusted plans.
- Financial  
Statement: Councillor Payne moved to accept the April 2020 Financial Statement as presented. Carried Unanimously.
- Accounts  
Payable: Councillor Smith moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.
- New Business
- Budget: The Operating and Capital Budgets were discussed. Councillor Payne moved to accept the Operating Budget for 2020 as presented. Carried Unanimously  
Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the Capital Budget for 2020 as presented. Carried Unanimously.
- Bylaw 576  
And 577  
2020 Taxes: Discussion on Non-Residential Education Tax was held as well as interest start dates for the 2020 taxes. Taxes will be due August 31, 2020, however no interest will be charged until October 1, 2020.  
Councillor MacCumber moved for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bylaw 576 being the Bylaw to assess property taxes for 2020. Carried Unanimously.  
Councillor Smith moved for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bylaw 576 being the Bylaw to assess property taxes for 2020. Carried Unanimously.  
Councillor Bohne moved for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bylaw 577 being the Bylaw to assess frontage taxes for 2020. Carried Unanimously.  
Councillor Payne moved for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bylaw 577 being the Bylaw to assess frontage taxes for 2020. Carried Unanimously.
- Peace Officer  
Billing: Discussion on Covid Peace Officer Billing.
- Welcome  
Signage: Mayor Willett discussed new "welcome signage" Tabled for ideas.
- HALO: Mayor Willett moved to send a letter to the Premier and Health Minister as well as our MLA regarding operating funding for HALO. Carried Unanimously.
- Committee Reports:
- Councillor  
MacCumber: Councillor MacCumber did not attend any meetings.  
Gave updates from Rec Board, Quad Healthcare Retention Committee.  
Watershed will have a virtual meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Councillor  
Payne: Attended a virtual FCSS meeting

Mayor  
Willett:           Attended a teleconference with the Province  
                          Attended a teleconference with AUMA  
                          Attended a teleconference with SouthGrow

Councillor  
Bohne:             Had no meetings

Councillor  
Smith:             Had no meetings

Correspondence: None at this time

Closed  
Meeting:           Not requested at this time.

Adjourn:           Councillor Bohne moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

  
MAYOR

  
CAO

## CAO Report May 12th, 2020

1. Covid-19 daily updates. Each day there is an update from the Provincial Operation Centre outlining the event in the Province. There is also an update each day from Garry Dzoiba (Field Officer South Region Alberta Emergency Management Agency). Also each day I am in touch with Ross from Ridge Regional Public Safety Services, often more times than once, including weekends and evenings. Jamie from the County who is our Regional Director of Disaster Services along with the CAO's from our neighboring communities are also in contact daily or more if needed.  
Things have been a lot quieter than in the beginning, as people are getting used to the new normal for now. The weather hasn't been that great, so that probably helps. I suspect as the days get nicer people will want to gather. Groups of 15 or less are allowed as long as social distancing is observed.
2. Public Works. Ken and Roychella continue to safely distance from each other. They have started yard maintenance.
3. Pavers are here....obv. I also hired Steve Glenn to replace 3 sidewalks that we had to tear out a couple years ago when fixing water/sewer lines
4. Street sweepers will be here beginning of June....Drain Master.
5. Kelly and I have been working on the budget and the new way to do taxes on Muniware. She has it figured out and there should be no problem printing them.