

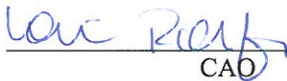
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8TH 2020 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

- Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's Bohne, and Smith, CAO Rolfe joined via Zoom. Also present Corporal Gemmill with the RCMP and Lana Morton with Mercer Wilde Accountants.
- Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Willett.
- Agenda: Councillor Bohne moved to accept the agenda with 1 addition. Carried unanimously.
- Delegates:
Corporal Gemmill: Discussed the stats for the last quarter. Announced he will be moving to Lethbridge and new member would be here soon to replace him.
- Lana Morton: Lana presented the 2019 yearend financial statements and explained them. Councillor Bohne moved to accept the audited 2019 yearend financial statements as presented by Mercer Wilde Moltz. Carried unanimously.
- Minutes: Councillor Smith moved to accept the August 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.
- Old Business:
- CAO Report: CAO Report is attached. Councillor Bohne 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.
- Water Project: An update was given by CAO Rolfe regarding the water situation to the south.
- Wedding: The family that tentatively scheduled the hall for a wedding banquet has been informed of the rules they must follow considering Covid19.
- Financial Statement: Councillor Smith moved to accept the August 2020 Financial Statement as presented. Carried Unanimously.
- Accounts Payable: Councillor Smith moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.
- New Business
- ATCO Franchise Fee: Councillor Bohne moved to keep the ATCO Franchise fee where it is at 20%. Carried Unanimously.
- ICF Negotiations: Councillor MacCumber will be the councillor designated to negotiate with the County of Warner regarding ICF decisions. (Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework)
- SouthGrow: Mayor Willett presented about the future of SouthGrow. More to come.
- Committee Reports:
- Mayor Willett: Attended the AUMA meeting regarding assessment review
Attended a water meeting in Milk River.
- Councillor Smith: Attended the quarterly ORRSC meeting.
- Councillor Bohne: Did not attend any meetings

Closed Meeting: Not requested at this time.

Adjourn: Councillor Bohne moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report Sept 8th, 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 twice per week from Garry Dzoiba (Field Officer South Region Alberta Emergency Management Agency). Director of Disaster Services (Jamie) along with the CAO's from our neighboring communities are also in contact as needed.
2. Water has taken most of my time. Milk River has been very good in keeping us in the loop, and included in this process. Communications are ongoing with the construction. I was included in a conference call with representatives of Alberta Environment and members of the Montana State Reclamation department. They are hoping to flow water on Oct 5th. This may give us an opportunity to draw some raw water from the river. Of course it is weather dependent. MPE has a study that indicates there is enough storage in the Milk River raw reservoirs that will hold us until well after winter. We are hopeful that is true. We are still moving forward with the permanent line project with getting treated water from Ridge Water Services Commission in Raymond. I've been involved in quite a few calls regarding water. We are jumping through regulatory hoops daily it seems with Environment. We've had a few conference calls with MLA Hunter as well and he has been very good at going to bat for us.