

MINUTES OF THE June 14th, 2022 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's MacCumber, Pain, Payne, and CAO Rolfe. Also present Doug Wilde of Mercer Wilde.

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

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

Delegate:

Doug Wilde: Doug presented the 2021 year end financial statements. He explained the various forms and highlights. He has found them to be fiscally sound, and not much change from the previous year. Councillor Payne moved to accept the 2021 year end audit as presented by Doug Wilde. Carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mayor Willett moved to accept the May 2022 regular meeting 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.

Handibus: The Handibus board has decided to carry through with getting a new electric bus. They are looking at the possibility of updating/increasing the grant in order to increase the size to better suit the needs of the communities.

Cemetery: Work is progressing.

2022 Tax

Bylaws: Councillor MacCumber moved for second reading of Bylaw 585, being the bylaw to assess Property Taxes for 2022. Carried unanimously. Councillor Payne moved for 3rd reading of Bylaw 585. Carried unanimously. Mayor Willett moved for 2nd reading of Bylaw 586, being the Bylaw to set the frontage tax rates for 2022. Carried unanimously. Councillor Pain moved for 3rd reading of bylaw 586. Carried Unanimously.

Land

Use Bylaw

Changes: New bylaws will be presented at the next meeting for first reading, prior to a public hearing.

Yards: CPO's have been around, letters will be going out to those not in compliance.

Financial

Statement: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the May 2022 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.

Accounts

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

New Business

Historic

Coutts

School

Designation: A letter was received stating the province has withdrawn the Historical designation of the old school as it no longer qualifies within their scope. The name will remain as it is.

Animals: A number of complaints have been expressed again regarding stray cats. A solution will be investigated.

Unoccupied

Properties: A list of unoccupied properties was discussed.

Office

Renovation: CAO Rolfe was asked to come up with a plan for an office renovation. Planning will begin.

Library

Auditor: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept Cindy Clark as the auditor for the Coutts Municipal Library. Carried.
Mayor Willett did not participate in discussion or voting.

Committee
Reports:

Mayor
Willett:

Attended a virtual meeting regarding the budget
Attended a special meeting with council

Councillor
Payne:

Attended Ridge Country Housing
Attended FCSS
Attended special council meeting

Councillor
Payne:

Attended the Library Meeting
Attended the special council meeting

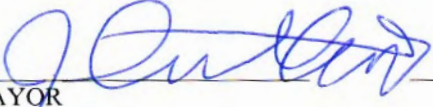
Councillor
MacCumber:


Attended the Rec Board Meeting
Attended the Milk River Watershed Meeting
Attended the Special Council Meeting
Attended the Healthcare Retention Committee Meeting

Correspondence: Letter from Shadow Minister about Rural Ec Dev and Broadband

Closed Session: Councillor MacCumber moved to go in closed session to discuss FOIP Act Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter F-25 and RSA 2000 Chapter M-26 205.1 at 9:08 pm. Carried
Councillor Payne moved to come out of closed session at 9:27 pm. Carried

Adjourn: Councillor MacCumber moved to adjourn at 9:30 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report June 14th 2022

1. 911 Webinars continue –
2. Working on various 2022 grant submissions. Waiting on quotes from contractors. McNally was here on Friday to look at sidewalks. Steve Glenn has been here to look, no quote received yet.
3. Coutts Day Hot Dogs at the school grounds has enough volunteers. LDS Young Women and FCSS will be running the kids games. There will be no pancake breakfast, except on Sunday at the Rodeo Grounds
4. Current 2022 Grants

MSI Capital – 2022 Allocation \$67,114
(\$500,000 available)

2022 Projects:

- a) Sewer Lagoon Rehab- \$12,000
- b) Pump Repair in town distribution System \$?
- c) Clear Well cleaning \$ 5200.00

MSI Operating - \$27,310 **2022 Projects:** MR Garbage Pick Up \$17,700
Fire Operations \$9,610.00

Canada Community Building Fund (2022 Allocation \$50,000)
Former Gas Tax - \$525,000 available

Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (now combined with MSI)
Have \$119,000. 2022 Projects will use this up...Sidewalks, Pavement, and Road around Parking Lot

Canadian Heritage – Canada Day \$625

5. I have asked Public Works if they have time to have the flag pole installed by Coutts Day.