

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2023 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's MacCumber, Pain, Smith, Payne, and CAO Rolfe. Also present MP Glen Motz, and Mark Vandenberg.

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

Agenda: Councillor Payne moved to accept as presented. Carried unanimously

Delegates: MP Glen Motz came to give a brief review on what the Conservatives are working towards. He left at 7:10 pm after his presentation.

Mark Vandenberg came to discuss some issues he sees within the council/community. He left at 7:15 pm after his presentation.

Minutes: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the December 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.

Old Business:

CAO Report: CAO Report is attached. Councillor Smith moved to accept the CAO report as presented. Carried unanimously.

Handibus: Grant funding is nearly finalized. The new Maintenance and Safety Plan is near completion as well.

Ambulance: Letter regarding ambulance wait times will be sent to Minister Copping and MLA Grant Hunter tomorrow.

Sewer Repair: The sewer repair has been completed on 2nd St W

Public Works: Discussion regarding public works staffing was had. Roychella Theodore will be offered full time.

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

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

New Business

School Building: A broken waterline (from freezing) caused a flood on the main area in the downstairs on December 24. Adjusters have been down to assess the damages and we are waiting for a report.

Local Intel SouthGrow: SouthGrow is rolling out a program to have each community that buys in have a page on their own website highlighting the strengths of their community. Councillor MacCumber moved to spend no more than \$500/year for 3 years. Carried

Invest Alberta: Councillor Pain will attend the seminar in Calgary.

All Council: The County of Warner has called an all council for February 7 at 5:30 pm.

Reporters/
Protest:

Discussion on how to handle reporters on the upcoming one year anniversary of the protest and events around it was held. Mayor Willett moved to stop responding to requests from reporters asking for comments regarding the protest and events surrounding it. Reporters and others will be told that as far as the Council is concerned the Village is moving on and no further comments will be given from Council or Staff regarding these matters. If they are looking for comments regarding judicial matters resulting from the protest, they will be directed to the RCMP. Carried unanimously.

Committee
Reports:

Councillor
Payne:

Attended the Ridge Country Housing Meeting

Councillor
MacCumber:

Watershed Strategic Plan Report is finished.
Attended a meeting with Dr Lowe regarding southern healthcare

Councillor
Pain:

Attended the HandiBus meeting
Attended a zoom with FCM

Councillor
Smith:

Attended Chief Mountain Solid Waste meeting
Attended CoRep Meeting

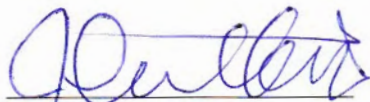
Mayor
Willett:

Attended the SouthGrow Quarterly meeting

Correspondence: None at this time

Closed Session: Not at this time

Adjourn: Councillor Smith moved to adjourn at 9:20 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report January, 2023

1. 911 Webinars continue – None recently
2. Finalizing the Safety/Maintenance Plan and working on the Application for the Safety Fitness Certificate for the HandiBus Assoc. Meeting tomorrow night.
3. Completed the Handibus year end and T4's for submission to the accountant for the beginning of Feb.
4. Completing year end submission for grants etc for the Village
5. Dealing with the school flooding over the holidays. Adjuster was here last Friday, waiting on reports.