

MINUTES OF THE OCT 13th, 2020 VILLAGE OF COUTTS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM.

Present: Mayor Willett, Councilor MacCumber, Councilor Smith, Councilor Bohne, Councilor Payne and CAO Rolfe

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

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

Turn over
Chair: Mayor Willett turned the chair over to CAO Rolfe

Nominations
For
Mayor: CAO Rolfe asked for nominations for Mayor. Councillor Willett was nominated by Councillor MacCumber to hold the position of Mayor. Carried. CAO Rolfe asked for any additional nominations, none were brought forward, and nominations were called to cease. Councillor Willett accepted the position as Mayor. CAO Rolfe turned the chair over to Mayor Willett.

Deputy
Mayor
Election: Mayor Willett asked for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councillor Smith nominated councillor MacCumber to hold the position as Deputy Mayor. Carried. Additional nominations were called by Mayor Willett, none were brought forward and nominations were called to cease. Councillor MacCumber accepted the position as Deputy Mayor.

Meeting
Day and Time: The meeting day and time was discussed. It was decided that the regular meeting would be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30, as it is currently.

Remuneration: Meeting fees and mileage was discussed. Rates will remain as they currently are; \$150/meeting and \$.54 for mileage.

Signing
Authority: Current signing authority is held by Mayor Willett, Councillor Smith, CAO Rolfe and Admin Assistant MacCumber. It was agreed to leave as is.

Councillor Committees: Mayor Willett: Mayors and Reeves
SouthGrow
Western Corridor Ec Dev Committee

Deputy Mayor
MacCumber : SouthGrow- As the Second
Milk River Watershed
Coutts and Dist Recreation Board
Quad Municipality Healthcare Support Committee Meeting
Coutts Fire and Rescue
ICF Negotiations

Councilor
Bohne: ORRSC (2nd)
Emergency Services
Coutts and Dist Library Board
HandiBus
PublicWorks
ICF Negotiations – 2nd

Councilor
Smith: ORRSC
CMRSWA
Emergency Services


Councilor
Payne: Ridge Country Housing
FCSS
MPC
Canadian Badlands
MR Water Users

Assessor 2020: Councillor Smith moved to continue with Benchmark as the property assessor for 2021. Carried unanimously.

Auditor 2020: Councillor Bohne moved to retain Mercer Wilde as the auditor for 2021. Carried unanimously.

Village office
Location: Councillor MacCumber moved to state the address of the Village office for 2021 and into the future until such time the location is changed as 105 Centre Ave, Coutts, AB. Carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Councilor Bohne moved for adjournment at 6:45 PM



Mayor



CAO

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13TH 2020 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:45 PM

- Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's Bohne, MacCumber, Payne, Smith, and CAO Rolfe
- Meeting: Called to order at 6:45pm by Mayor Willett.
- Agenda: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Minutes: Councillor Bohne moved to accept the September 2020 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.
- Unsightly Yards
Bylaw: Draft to be presented at the next meeting.
- Water Project: An update was given by CAO Rolfe regarding the water situation to the south.
- ICF Negotiations: County to set a date.
- 223 1 Ave N: Paperwork has been completed for the title transfer to the Village.
- MSP: Councillor MacCumber moved to rescind the previous motion made to apply for MSP Funds to go toward engineering of the new water project, and moved to now use the MSP funds to be used for sealing of the roads. Carried unanimously.
- Bylaw Review: CAO Rolfe to work on going through the old bylaws that need rescinded or updated.
- Financial Statement: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the September 2020 Financial Statement as presented. Carried Unanimously.
- Accounts Payable: Councillor Smith moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.
- New Business
- Fortis Franchise Fee: Councillor Bohne moved to keep the Fortis Franchise fee where it is at 3%. Carried Unanimously.
- Canada's Western Gateway Economic Corridor Committee: Mayor Willett and CAO Rolfe updated on this new organization.
- Quad Meeting: Quad meeting is Oct 23 in Milk River.
- Distribution Pump: The oldest pump is not working, it will be trouble shooted.
- HandiBus Grant: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept The Town of Milk River as the lead on the grant, and that the Village of Coutts will pay their proportioned share of the funds needed not covered by the grant funding. Carried Unanimously.
- Property Taxes: Arrears were discussed.

Committee Reports:

Councillor

Bohne: Attended the Library Meeting

Councillor

Payne: Attended 2 meeting of FCSS
Attended Ridge Country Housing Meeting

Councillor

MacCumber: Attended the Milk River Watershed Meeting
Attended the Quad Municipality Healthcare Support Meeting

Councillor

Smith: Attended the Chief Mountain Solid Waste Commission Meeting

Mayor


Willet: Attended the Highway 4 Trade Corridor Meeting
Attended the AUMA virtual convention
Attended the SouthGrow Quarterly Board Meeting
Attended the Mayors and Reeves Meeting

Closed

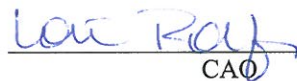
Session: Councillor Smith moved to enter closed session under the Public Health Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter P-37 at 8:45 pm. Carried Unanimously. Mayor Willet moved to come out of the closed session at 9:00 pm. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None to report

Adjourn: Councillor Smith moved to adjourn at 9:03pm.



MAYOR



CAO

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. I've had a few virtual/phone meetings regarding water. The project is all but done. Water was scheduled to flow Oct 8th. We won't see any until about the 13th. They are starting slow and ramping up to 600 cfs. They are hoping to flow until the end of the month. Some irrigators will be given permission to possibly draw, in a controlled fashion.
3. Attended a meeting with the Canadian Western Corridor Economic Development group. It is a newly formed group with the municipalities along Highway 4 along with the Lethbridge Airport, and Transmark (the rail siding at Wilson Siding). It is a group that will promote business/industry along highway 4.
4. I attended a meeting regarding the handibus and the purchase of the new electric bus. More to be discussed later.

I attended a meeting with a representative from HALO. We presented our cheque from the fundraiser. \$52,500. They are hopeful that we will do another one next year. That is yet to be determined. The money we raised covers about 2 months of operations