

MINUTES OF THE March 8TH , 2022 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

- Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's MacCumber, Pain (remotely via phone), Payne, Smith and CAO Rolfe
Also present S/Sgt Chris Zanidean (RCMP), Mike Brown (RCMP Milk River), Bob and Shelley Gordon, Honorable MP Motz, CBC Correspondent Joel Dryden
- Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Willett.
- Agenda: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously
- MP Motz: MP Motz updated on what they are working towards in the House, he will be sitting on the Emergency Act Oversight Committee. He answered questions from Council, as well as gave some comments on the protest.
- RCMP: The RCMP gave a brief follow up of events from the Truckers Protest, engaged in discussion and answered questions from Council.

Delegates left the meeting at 7:50pm
- Minutes: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the February 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.
- EV Charging Station: Quotes are being gathered. Discussion on alternate sites. Tabled
- Electric Vehicle Grant: No update
- Handibus: Still in the decision-making process.
- Lease Agreement MR Booster Location: Negotiations are ongoing
- Cemetery: CAO Rolfe looking into grants for Cemetery upgrades
- Western Canada Gateway & Trade Corridor: They have not had a meeting, but a map of land banks that may be for sale or lease was requested. CAO Rolfe will provide the information.
- Fortis: Waiting on audit information from Fortis
- Protest: The Truckers Protest ended and everyone left as quickly as they came.
- Financial Statement: Councillor Smith moved to accept the February 2022 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Accounts Payable: Councillor Payne moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.

New Business

Coutts

Day: It will be the 50th Coutts Day. Themes were discussed

Lighting in
Civic Centre
And Office:

A few lights need replacing. Mayor Willett moved to purchase and have installed new LED lights in the file room in the office and 2 fixtures for the Civic Centre in areas the lights are left on in. Carried unanimously.

Land Use
Bylaw

Changes: Discussion on updating some properties to residential. Information to be gathered by CAO Rolfe.

Incident
Handling:

Discussion on creating a policy having to do with incidents that do not fall under "States of Local Emergency". Tabled for more information.

Committee
Reports:

Councillor
Pain:

Did not attend any meetings

Councillor
Payne:

Attended Ridge Country Housing Meeting
Attended FCSS Meeting

Councillor
MacCumber:

Attended a Reside meeting with RPAP
Attended the Quad Municipality Health Care Committee Meeting
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Mayor
Willett:

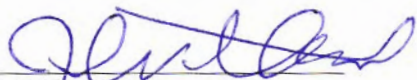
Attended the Mayors and Reeves

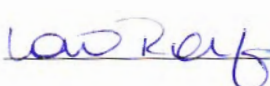
Correspondence: Letter confirming receipt of Canada Day Grant of \$650
Letter indicating there will be an increase to the FCSS requisition
Letter asking for a donation to the Fire Appreciation Banquet
Letter asking for a donation to the Milk River Watershed Auction

Donations: Councillor Payne moved to spend \$50 on a donation item for the Milk River Watershed, and \$100 to the Firemen Appreciation Banquet. Carried Unanimously

Closed Session: Not requested at this time.

Adjourn: Councillor Smith moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report March 8th, 2022

1. Covid-19 updates continue – not as many anymore, but still attend.
2. 911 Webinars continue
3. Year end – auditors will be here at the end of the Month
4. HandiBus year end is done and books are at the auditor
5. T4's Done
6. Statements of Funding and Expenditures for various Grants are being worked on
7. Audited the books for the Border Communities Wellness Foundation