

MINUTES OF THE December 12th, 2023 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor MacCumber, Councillors Willett, Pain, Payne, and CAO Rolfe.

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

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

Minutes: Councillor Pain moved to accept the November 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.

Old Business:

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

Yards: No update as of yet, CAO to contact CPO's once again. Arrange for a plan similar to the Village of Warner for next year.

Tax Sale The tax sale did not result in any sales. Mayor MacCumber moved to go forward with "Forfeiture Titles" and sell the properties. Carried.

MR Water Study: The study is still on going. Nothing new to discuss.

Town Hall: December 19th is the Town Hall in Milk River with MLA Hunter no longer attending. Mayor MacCumber will represent the Village of Coutts.

Water Meters: Still working on.

Lethbridge Community Foundation: The Grant to install LED Lights in the Coutts Library was accepted. Work will commence as soon as the contractor can get here. They are Done Right Electric out of Taber.

Mower: The new mower has been purchased and picked up.

Website: To be looked at in the new year.

Festival of Lights: Festival of Lights is December 18th.

Financial Statement: The November 2023 Financial Statement was presented and discussed. Mayor MacCumber moved to approve the November 2023 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable: The accounts payable was distributed and discussed. Councillor Payne moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.

New Business

Operating Budget

2024: Councillor Willett moved to approve the interim 2024 Operating Budget the same as the 2023 operating budget. Carried.

New Director
Of Emergency

Management: Mayor MacCumber moved to rescind the appointment of Amanda Flaws as Director of Emergency Management, and further, to appoint Nicole Paul as the Director of Emergency Management for the CoWREP committee. Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Councillor

Willett: Did not attend any meetings.

Councillor

Payne: Attended the Ridge Country Housing Meeting
Attended the FCSS Meeting

Mayor

MacCumber: Attended 2 update meetings with AHS
Attended the Quad Municipality Healthcare Retention Committee Meeting
Attended the Sub committee housing meeting
Attended the RPAP Meeting
Attended the Milk River Watershed Meeting

Councillor

Pain: Attended the Chinook Arch Library Meeting
Attended a SouthGrow Webinar
Attended a webinar on ABMuni on elections and Asset Management
Attended a Library systems orientation meeting
Attended the Library Meeting
Attended the Fire Dept Meeting

Correspondence: None at this time.

Closed Session: Not Requested at this time

Adjourn: Councillor Pain moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report – December 12, 2023

1. Public Works: Doing some fall clean up. Servicing mowers etc. Getting ready for plowing. Helped change out the motor on the fan on the school roof. They are learning to weld by building new barricades
2. Ran the Tax Sale
3. Remembrance Day was well attended and a very nice service, lots of compliments this year.
4. Sent out Tax reminders for those not paid up.
5. Some repairs have been done in the bathrooms in the Civic Centre (taps, one sink, and some plumbing)
6. The Ag Society grant that was being worked on has been closed 2 months early because of the amount of submissions. We will be ready to submit on opening day in April for the second round.