

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2021
via TELUS Business Connect Meetings

ATTENDANCE Mayor Darcy Burke

 Councillors William Goodfellow
 Leah Smith
 April Geeraert

ABSENT Councillor Dalia Cheshire

Council conducted the meeting via TELUS Business Connect Meetings. Deputy Mayor Smith phoned in and was in attendance via audio only.

Administration: Elaine Macdonald

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Burke called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. AGENDA

RES 020-2021 Moved by Councillor Geeraert that the agenda be accepted with the following addition:

ADD

10A. Freedom to Read Week Proclamation

Carried

3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

RES 021-2021 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow that Council accepts the Public Works Report as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATION

4A. MLA Nathan Cooper

MLA Cooper thanked Council for all the work that's been done to adapt to the changes brought on by the pandemic. He has been a strong advocate for defined guidelines for the reopening of the Province and continues to advocate for a regionalized approach. He provided Council with an update on things the Province has been working on and what's happening in the area.

4B. Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

The representative from Red Deer River Watershed Alliance was unable to attend the meeting and rescheduled to the March 10, 2021 regular Council meeting.

4C. Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association (SAEWA)

Presented by Paul Ryan, Councillor Ben Armstrong, Tom Grant

Council was provided a power point presentation outlining what SAEWA does and how it's done.

4D. Raptor Wireless

Presented by Sid Keskie

Council received information about the new internet provider in the Village, Raptor Wireless along with some ideas for potential use of the service within the Village. He

Mayor
Administrator



is willing to provide internet service to the community centre at no charge for the foreseeable future with the only cost being for the equipment which is in the range of \$200.

5. MINUTES

5A. Minutes from the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.

RES 022-2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that Council approves the minutes of the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.
Carried

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

6A. Bank Reconciliation – Village December, 2020

RES 023-2021 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow that the December bank reconciliation for the Village be approved as presented.
Carried

6B. Bank Reconciliation – WRC December, 2020

RES 024-2021 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow that the WRC bank reconciliation for December, 2020 be approved as presented.
Carried

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. 2021 Operating Budget
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 025-2021 Moved by Mayor Burke that Council accepts the draft 2021 operating budget as information.
Carried

8B. Funding for Upgrades to Water Treatment Plant
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 026-2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that Council approves the upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$89,168 using funding from the Phase 2 grant for 90% of the cost.
Carried

8C. Policies 041 – 045 – Human Resources Manual
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 027-2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that Council approves Policies 041 – 045 Human Resources Manual as presented.
Carried

8D. Policy 046 – Disposal of Municipal Assets Policy
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 028-2021 Moved by Councillor Geeraert that Council approves Policy 046 – Disposal of Municipal Assets Policy as amended, replacing the word Village with Village Administrator in the first sentence of the Procedures section.
Carried

8E. Purchase of 2008 Dodge Ram
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 029-2021 Moved by Mayor Burke that Council approves the purchase of a 2008 Dodge Ram pickup for the sum of \$18,000 to be taken from reserves.
Carried

8F. Office Furniture – Prairie Ridge Park
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 030-2021 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow that Council gives direction to Administration to make arrangements with Wheatland Regional Corporation regarding what furnishings and filing cabinets they will need and that these items be given to them.
Carried

8G. Policing Priorities
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 031-2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that Council supports the policing priorities as listed and advises Wheatland County of this decision.
Carried

8H Wheatland Regional Corporation
Presented by Mayor Burke

RES 032-2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that the Village's Wheatland Regional Corporation representative, Mayor Darcy J. Burke, advises the WRC Board that Rockyford will not support the proposed agreement and that the budget process must be followed.
Carried

8I. Fourth Quarter Budget Variance
Presented by Elaine Macdonald, Municipal Administrator

RES 033-2021 Moved by Councillor Geeraert that Council accepts the fourth quarter budget variance as information.
Carried

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9A. Letter from MD of Bonnyville
- 9B. Financial Statements – Rockyford Agricultural Society
- 9C. Letter from MD of Spirit River
- 9D. Letter from High River

RES 034-2021 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow that Council accepts all correspondence as information.
Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10A. Freedom to Read Week Proclamation

Mayor Darcy J. Burke proclaimed Feb. 21, 2021 – Feb. 27, 2021 as Freedom to Read Week.

11. ACTION ITEM LIST REVIEW

Mayor
Administrator  

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. OUT OF CLOSED SESSION MOTION

14. REPORTS


Reports will be held over until the next regular meeting of Council.

15. ADJOURNMENT

RES 035-2021 Councillor Geeraert moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:26 p.m.
Carried



Mayor



Administrator



Mayor

Administrator