

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS COUNCIL  
held on July 19, 2023  
Multi-Plex Hall, 8 Front Street, White Sands and  
electronically through Zoom.**

**Present:**

Mayor Lorne Thurston  
Deputy Mayor Ed Waugh  
Councilor Bob Huff  
CAO, Dean Pickering  
Administrative Assistant, Erin Weinzierl  
Andrew Bunting  
Jim Marke (Zoom)  
Stephanie Kainz (Zoom)  
Lorne Hannel (Zoom)  
Gerald Linkert  
Carl Cornelssen  
Stan Holliday  
Larry Robinson  
Rick Crawford

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor Thurston calls the Council Meeting to order at 9:30 AM

**2. Agenda Additions/Approval**

**Motion 23:07:01** Moved by Councillor Huff to approve the agendas as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**3. Public Hearing: None**

**4. Minutes:**

**4.1. Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes, June 21, 2023**

- Shirley change to \$11.2 million grant was refused.
- Possibility having it paid off if Bawlf and Rosalind accept the grant

**Motion 23:07:02** Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**4.2. SVWS and SVRS Joint Council Meeting Minutes July 10, 2023**

**Motion 23:07:03** Moved by Councillor Huff to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**5. Delegation/Presentation**

**6. Business from Previous Council Agenda:**

**6.1. Joint Council Meeting – SVWS and SVRS Follow Up Items**

Presented to council

**6.2. 2022 and 2023 Joint Office and Administration Cost Sharing Breakdown**

Presented to council

**6.3. SV White Sands to Separate Office Options – Rent/Lease, Temporary Office, Build**

Presented to council

**7. Financial Reports:**

- 7.1. Financials - Council Rev Exp Statement to June 30, 2023**
- 7.2. Financials - Capital Exp Statement, May 31, 2023**
- 7.3. Financials - March Cheque Listing to June 30, 2023**
- 7.4. Financial - 2023 Budget SVWS to June 30, 2023**
- 7.5. Financials - May Bank Reconciliation, May 30, 2023**
- 7.6. Financials - SVWS Year to Date vs. Budget 2023 vs. 2022 Actuals**

**Motion 23:07:04** Moved by Councillor Huff to cash in the \$300, 000 redeemable GIC and reinvest it to receive a higher interest rate in another redeemable GIC, and also invest in another GIC in the sum of \$200, 000.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 23:07:05** Moved by Councillor Waugh accepts the financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**8. Council and CAO Reports:**

**8.1. Councillor Reports**

- Councillor Huff
  - Hall Society has done some great events as of late
- Councillor Waugh
  - Nothing to report
- Mayor Thurston
  - Will talk to Railside to get the dumpster drawings finished
  - Basketball nets will hold the whole system to replace the others and purchase from D.
  - Resident suggested to have an annual or semi-annual dumpster drive
  - Resident would pay for a new outhouse by their residents near 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Beach Access 4). They thought the one at Pheasant Back Golf Course were a good idea. Council will investigate.

**8.2. CAO Report June, Verbal**

- Engineers and planner had a meeting for Buffalo Ranch Estates
  - ditches are still too deep for maintenance.
  - Power boxes are still way too low and need to be fixed so they will not be flooded.
  - The rest seems to comply.
- Waiting on our engineers to come back with a report about the drainage
- Boat launch:
  - Engineers have also been meeting with government agencies and no information yet to bring forward.
  - Once they get approval, things can be fixed and we can get in the water, but no one can go in the water until the approvals happen
- About 70% of the taxes have come in so far. Most are paying via online bill payments through most banks and some cheques. A few have paid via OptionPay.
- Residents can make piles of seaweed on the beach and the maintenance crew will drive along the beach and pick it up with the piles as best as they can.
- Aaron Hooge, the new maintenance supervisor, started on Monday.
- Stumps need to be removed from fire access areas
- Summer Students are doing a good job and have several routines to keep the Village in good shape.

**Motion 23:07:06** Moved by Councillor Huff to accept the CAO and Council Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**9. Business:**

- 9.1. County of Stettler Housing Authority Letter of Support to Minister Jason Nixon, Seniors & Housing**

Presented to council

## **9.2. County of Stettler Bylaw 1704-23 Discussion and Comment**

**Motion 23:07:07** Moved by Mayor Thurston to defer to Leann Graham, the development officer, for comment on County of Stettler Bylaw 1706-23.

MOTION CARRIED

## **9.3. County of Stettler Bylaw 1705-23 Discussion and Comment**

**Motion 23:07:08** Moved by Mayor Thurston to defer to Leann Graham, the development officer, for comment on County of Stettler Bylaw 1705-23.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 23:07:09** Moved by Mayor Thurston to have Administration write a letter to Rebecca Schultz (Environment Minister), Ric McIver (Municipal Affairs Minister), Brandy Cox (Municipal Affairs Deputy Minister), and Nate Horner (Drumheller-Stettler MLA) stating the Summer Village's need for funding for an Intermunicipal Community Collaboration Program to help with the costs of fixing, maintaining, and possible new boat launch.

MOTION CARRIED

## **10. Correspondence**

**10.1. Minister of Municipal Affairs Letter June 20, 2023**

**10.2. Stettler Housing June 26, 2023, Minister Nixon**

**10.3. SRFD Press Release June 29, 2023**

**10.4. Stettler District Ambulance Authority June 19, 2023, SDAA Minutes**

**10.5. Release of Municipal Affairs 2023 Financial Statements**

**Motion 23:07:10** Moved by Councillor Waugh to accept the correspondence as information.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 23:07:11** Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept the resignation of the Chief Administrative Officer, Dean Pickering.

MOTION CARRIED

## **11. In-Camera Session: - Personnel – Land – Legal – Other**

**11.1. Orderly Unwinding of Shared Office and Shared Administration Services**

**11.2. Outgoing CAO Transition, Compensation and Benefits**

**11.3. New CAO Recruitment and Compensation and Benefits**

**Motion 23:07:12** Moved by Mayor Thurston to move into camera 10:47 am.

**Motion 23:07:13** Moved by Councillor Huff to move out of camera 11:49 am.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 23:07:14** Moved by Mayor Thurston to offer the CAO position to Melissa Beebe to start on September 1, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

## **12. Adjournment**

Moved by Mayor Thurston adjourns the meeting at 11: 50 am.

Next Regular Council Meeting Date: August 16, 2023.

**Public welcome to attend**

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**Mayor**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. B. ...", written above a horizontal line.

**Chief Administrative Officer**