

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS
COUNCIL**

**held on December 20, 2023
Municipal Office #10, 19447 Hwy 12,
County of Stettler and electronically
through Zoom.**

Present: Mayor Lorne Thurston
Councillor Bob Huff (Zoom)
Councillor Ed Waugh
CAO, Melissa Beebe
Administrative Assistant, Erin Weinzierl
S/Sgt. Cam Russell, Stettler RCMP Detachment
Commander

Absent:

Public: (0)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Thurston calls the Council Meeting to order at 9:37 AM

2. Agenda Additions/Approval

Motion 23:12:01 Moved by Councillor Huff to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Minutes:

4.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023

Motion 23:12:02 Moved by Councillor Huff to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of November 15, 2023, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2. Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2023

Motion 23:12:03 Moved by Councillor Waugh to approve the minutes from the Special Council Meeting of November 22, 2023, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Delegation/Presentation

**5.1. S/Sgt. Cam Russell, Stettler RCMP Detachment Commander, Q2
Community Report**

- Downward trend
- Most important thing is communication between the detachment and the communities
- Rural Crime Watch meet quarterly and still helpful
- The Facebook community pages are helpful as well.
- Not quite full staff due to a transfer and one is due to transfer in 6 months. Plan to fill positions and he feels they are in good standing for staff.
- Asked the County to help fund for a 4th municipal staff member to help with the administrative duties since there is a huge demand on their time with doing reports. Currently have 3 staff for 20 years but there is a higher demand with an

- increased amount of record checks, taking statements, administrative, etc.
- Would like to a new building since the current is old, very small, and have grown out of it. Not very usable for what is needed now. Approached the Town of Stettler to help.
- In 2026, the building will be renovated with the federal government, and a jail cell will become a room for interrogation because the current situation is not safe for staff in the building.
- Encourage for people to call the detachment for non-emergent issues. The Alberta RCMP app/online crime reporting is not looked after local.

S/Sgt. Russell withdrew at 9:57 am

6. Business from Previous Council Agenda:

6.1. Procedural Bylaw 171-19

- Sec. 6e fix spelling on remuneration

Motion 23:12:04 Moved by Councillor Huff to approve second reading of Procedural Bylaw 200-23 as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 23:12:05 Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve third reading of Procedural Bylaw 200-23.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2. Policy VII Employee Hiring and Employee Process Amendment

- 10.3.1 remove Blue Cross

Motion 23:12:06 Moved by Mayor Thurston to go in-camera at 10:16am.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 23:12:07 Moved by Councillor Waugh to come out of camera at 10:30 am.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 23:12:08 Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve the amended of Policy VII Employee Hiring and Employee Process.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Financial Reports:

- 7.1 Council Rev Exp Statement, November 30, 2023**
- 7.2 Capital Exp Statement, November 30, 2023**
- 7.3 Council Cheque Listing to November 30, 2023**
- 7.4 November Bank Reconciliation as of November 30, 2023**
- 7.5 2024 Interim Operating Budget**
- 7.6 2023 Capital Expense Summary**

Motion 23:12:09 Moved by Councillor Huff to accept the financial reports 7.1 to 7.4 and 7.6 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 23:12:10 Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept the 2023 Operating Budget of \$899 782.72 as the 2024 Interim Operating budget presented until budgets are approved later in the year.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Council and CAO Reports:

8.1 Councilor Reports Councillor Huff

- Stettler Ambulance – 2 new ambulances in operation and working well
 - Decommissioning some of the old ambulances since they are cost a lot to run
- Waste Management – possibility of large increase in requisitions. There will be a planning meeting in January and will plan to attend. Cost of running the landfill is expected to increase.
 - The new legislation will help the pay for some of the costs but expect it to be reflected on the consumers and purchases.
 - 2023 requisition was \$73/person requisition amount. 2024 requisition will increase to about \$84/person. Will forward the information to the CAO.

Councillor Waugh

- Nothing to report

Mayor Thurston

- Budget items
 - Land-Use Bylaw items
 - Airbnb/short-term rentals
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 - Dog Bylaw – look at adjusting the fines and bring up to Alberta Animal Services to see if it needs to be reviewed.
 - By-law officer
 - Water debenture – possibly pay it off if we
 - 3" Water camlock for the truck-fill station
 - Possible contamination from spray tanks and this will help with contamination
 - Possibly purchase one and hose and users will have to come to the office (once out there) and place a deposit. To purchase it is about \$165 for camlock and hose.
 - Can put this information in next newsletter on how people can purchase their own.
- Brown-Lee Emerging Trends has a course in February
- Open Beach accesses 3, 7, and 8 gates.

8.2 CAO Report and Action List

- RMA for EPA registration.
- Health and Safety Manual is being re-worked and hired a safety consult to review and update
- CPP will give a quote for the Shore Line Management Plan
- New PW hire will start Jan 2, 2024
- January will see engineered office building plans finalized

Motion 23:12:11 Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept the Council and CAO reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9 Business:

9.1 Review Policy X Snow Removal

- Staffing and implementation
- MR – behind Nicole – Trail - Carriage Road – gravel
 - People who clear drive ways:
 - Greg Wallace (local)
 - Bo Cassidy (local)
 - Carl Cornelssen (local)
 - Patko (in the area)
 - Saddle Rock (in the area)

Motion 23:12:13 Moved by Councillor Waugh to accept Policy X Snow Removal as information and have CAO deal with staffing and implementation

issues.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Correspondence

- 10.1. Take It and Leave It Shed**
- 10.2. PRLS Board Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2023**
- 10.3. Kent Family Thank You Card**
- 10.4. PRLS Board Talk, November 16, 2023**
- 10.5. FCM Membership**
- 10.6. QMP Fire Update**
- 10.7. Request for Building a Small Curling Rink at Beach Close Cul-de-Sac**

Motion 23:11:14 Motion Moved by Mayor Thurston to table 10.1 and 10.7 to 2024 Budget deliberations.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 23:11:15 Motion Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve to continue and pay the membership of FCM.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 23:11:16 Motion Moved by Councillor Waugh to accept the remaining correspondence as information.

MOTION CARRIED

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

- 11.1. Personnel as per Section 24, FOIP**
 - Moved up to 6.2.

12. Adjournment

Motion 23:12:17 Moved by Mayor Thurston adjourns the meeting at 11:58 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular Council Meeting Date: January 17, 2024.

Public welcome to attend



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer