**You and MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**
**SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS COUNCIL**
**held on April 17, 2026**
**White Sands Municipal Office**
**#8 Front Street, White Sands, AB and electronically**
**streamed to YouTube.**

**Present**: Dan Zembal, Mayor
Paul Ashford, Councillor (Zoom)
Leona Thorogood, Councillor
Melissa Beebe, CAO
Erin Weinzierl, Admin. Assistant
Justin Tanner, Gitzel & Co

**Absent:**

**Public: (0)**

1. **Call to Order:**

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

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 26:04:01** Moved by Mayor Zembal to accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Delegation/Presentation:**

**3.1. 2025 Financial Audit - Justin Tanner, Gitzel & Co.**

**Motion 26:04:02** Moved by Councillor Thorogood to move the meeting to a closed session at 10:39 AM: Letters from the Auditor, Gitzel & Co, AITA, s. 25 Financial

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 26:04:03** Moved by Councillor Thorogood to withdraw from the closed session at 11:00 AM: Letters from the Auditor, Gitzel & Co, AITA, s. 25 Financial

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 26:04:04** Moved by Councillor Thorogood to approve the 2025 Financial Statements audit and management letters on April 17, 2026, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

J. Tanner withdraws from the meeting at 11:08 AM

4. **2026 Municipal Operating & Capital Proposed Budget**

**Motion 26:04:05** Moved by Mayor Zembal to call a recess of the meeting at 12:52 PM

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 26:04:06** Moved by Mayor Zembal to reconvene the meeting at 1:03 PM

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 26:04:07** Moved by Mayor Zembal to table the draft 2026 municipal operating budget until after discussion of the Reserves and Surplus Allocation Policy

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 26:04:08** Moved by Mayor Zembal to table the draft 2026 Capital Budget to Monday, April 20, 2026, meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

**5. <u>CNL 2.2 Reserve & Surplus Allocation Policy</u>**

**Motion 26:04:09** Moved by Councillor Thorogood to table the policy to Monday, April 20, 2026's Meeting with the following amendments:

- Definition of the calculation of the surplus (Net Revenue, Before Amortization & Other)
- 3. Add Elections and Fire & Protective Services
- 4. Remove "minimum" from title and in explanation
- 7.2 remove "minimum"
- 7.3 Change General Operating Revenue to Fire & Protective Services
- 7.3 Add "Elections %"
- 7.3 Recalculate Percentages

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 26:04:10** Moved by Mayor Zembal to approve the draft 2026 Municipal Operating Budget as presented with a 2% mill rate increase to create a balanced budget.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 26:04:11** Moved by Councillor Thorogood to approve the 2% cost-of-living increase for the two permanent municipal staff as of May 1, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

**6. <u>Closed Meeting Session:</u>**

6.1. CAO Review – Alberta Information & Transparency Act (AITA), s. 22 Confidential Evaluations

**Motion 26:04:12** Moved by Mayor Zembal to move the meeting into the closed session "CAO Review – Alberta Information & Transparency Act (AITA), s. 22 Confidential Evaluations" at 1:52 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 26:04:13** Moved by Councillor Ashford to move out of the closed session "CAO Review – Alberta Information & Transparency Act (AITA), s. 22

Confidential Evaluations" and reconvene the meeting at 2:55 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

**7. <u>Adjournment</u>**

**Motion 26:04:14** Moved by Councillor Ashford to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

*Next Regular Council Meeting is April 20, 2026. Public Welcome.*

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**Mayor**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**