

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

held on July 17, 2024

**Municipal Office #10, 19447 Hwy 12,
County of Stettler and electronically
Streaming on YouTube.**

Present:

Mayor Lorne Thurston
Councilor Bob Huff (Zoom)
Councilor Ed Waugh (Zoom)
CAO, Melissa Beebe
Administrative Assistant, Erin Weinzierl

Absent:

Public: (1)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Thurston calls the Council Meeting to order at 9:31 AM

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 24:07:01 Moved by Councilor Huff to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes:

3.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2024

Motion 24:07:02 Moved by Councilor Waugh to adopt the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of June 12, 2024, as amended:

- Under 5.2 adding "Council allowed public member, Stephanie Kainz, to question Council and Aptus Engineering delegation regarding pond wetland vs. stormwater retention legislation differences and responsibilities in regard to her property being adjacent."

MOTION CARRIED

4. Public Hearing: None

5. Delegation/Presentation: None

6. Bylaws & Policies

7. Business

7.1. 2024 SVWS Strategic Plan Draft

Motion 24:07:03 Moved by Councilor Waugh to have administration send a letter to the County of Stettler to initiate a meeting regarding repairs, upgrades, and sharing the boat launch at Summer Village of White Sands.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:07:04 Moved by Mayor Thurstone to approve the 2024 SVWS Strategic Plan Draft.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. Request to Cancel RV Permit Fee Invoice #202450058

Motion 24:07:05 Moved by Councilor Huff to waive the RV fee on Invoice #202450058 with no conditions on a one-time basis.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Council Reports:

8.1. Councilor Waugh

- Golf carts in the Summer Village and under aged kids driving them around and he does not want to wish any one to get hurt or be killed.
 - Working at a resort now with public roads, and the resort do not allow OHVs or golf carts due to a liability.
 - Golf carts are not allowed in the provincial Traffic Safety Act (TSA).
 - ASVA put to the provincial government about changing golf carts, but no review/updates have not come out of the review yet.
 - RCMP issue right now.
 - No municipal bylaw supersedes a provincial law/act.
 - Municipality posted on Facebook about the TSA to help educate residents.
 - Due to the concerns at the AIM, administration contacted the Staff Sergeant at the Stettler RCMP detachment to request more of a presence in the community, especially on weekends.
 - RCMP were out the prior weekend and educated

8.2. Councilor Huff

- When there is a large community function would it be worth to have a summer staff to help with the function, cleaning, etc.
- Fire sign at the municipality
 - Ask the fire chief about checking the municipality's conditions
 - CAO has the power to call a fire ban within the municipality
 - CAO or designate to appoint a fire ban
 - The municipality's Fire Control Bylaw already has restrictions in place such as the dimensions of the fire pit and the need of an arrestor on the fire pits within the community.
- Pond 3 issue
 - Development permit has been submitted of the changes by the resident and forwarded to the development officer on July 16, 2024.
 - Waiting on the wetland assessment that Aptus submitted to the province.
 - Once assessment is complete, resident can begin.
 - In the hands of the Alberta Government and unsure of the timeline. It is not an emergency in the concerns of the government since there is no "flash flooding" that will affect the resident's property.

Council allowed public member, Stephanie Kainz, to ask a question for clarity of her permit regarding dirt work.

8.3. Mayor Thurston

- 3rd street pond – driveway along Buffalo Road
 - A culvert can be installed and run the a line through the culvert to run water away
- We can preliminarily plan a pathway to the boat launch if we have grant that can be used for it.
- Spoke to Herald Win of Parkland and Gull Lake gone away from landfill authority and went to a contractor to pick up trash
 - 270 lots is \$29 000/yr. This is formulated and put on all properties and no resident can refuse
- Resident would replace an outhouse in the front of his property at #4 & 5 Beach Accesses
 - Bob took picture to send to CAO and councilors of outhouses that are 3 seasons.
 - Maintenance of a 3 season is a concern.
 - Need to speak to resident with expectations
 - Plan to upgrade outhouses at the beach accesses
 - Willing to pay for upgrades or new facilities at #4 and 5 Beach Accesses
 - Resident has not contacted the CAO and need to have this discussion with the CAO and will bring back the discussion back to council.

- We have 9 out houses
 - Need updated but consistency
- Complaints of loose dogs on the beach that are not leashed. Already have signs of no fires and dogs must be on a leash at the beach accesses.
 - Council can take complaints, but residents need to be redirected to CAO and issues can be discussed and go through a process.
- In the council remuneration policy
- Water bulk station being down the last 2 weekends.
 - Coins are causing issues because they keep piling and jam the mechanism, then users bang the box to make the piles topple over, but this causes the electronics go haywire and shuts the system down.

Public member left at 10:45 AM

Motion 24:07:06 Moved by Mayor Thurston to motion to have a short 5-minute recess at 10:45 AM.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:07:07 Moved by Mayor Thurston to motion to continue the meeting at 10:49 AM.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:07:08 Moved by Council Waugh to table the use of OHVs and golf carts discussion to the September 18, 2024, regular council meeting and have administration research and bring back findings of other summer villages and similar municipalities' transportation bylaws.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:07:09 Moved by Council Huff to coordinate with the Hall Society to see if they would require a staff member during special functions to help and be on site in case of maintenance requirements during an event.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:07:10 Moved by Mayor Thurston bring back Council Remuneration XI Policy for council to review 3.4 and bring back to August 21, 2024, regular council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:07:11 Moved by Council Huff to approve the councilor reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. CAO Reports

Motion 24:07:12 Moved Mayor Thurston to accept the CAO Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Financial Reports:

- 10.1. **Council Revenue and Expenditures as June 30, 2024**
- 10.2. **Capital Revenue and Expenditures as of June 30, 2024**
- 10.3. **Council Cheque Listing as of June 30, 2024**
- 10.4. **Bank Reconciliation as of May 31, 2024**
- 10.5. **Bank Reconciliation as of June 30, 2024**

Motion 24:07:13 Moved by Councilor Huff to accept all financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11. Correspondence

- 11.1. Alberta Municipalities – Retirement of Dan Rude
- 11.2. Alberta Municipalities – Convention Open to Enroll
- 11.3. Letter to Chief Elected Officials – Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver
- 11.4. Letter from Resident Requesting Interlocking Blocks
- 11.5. Special Tax
- 11.6. MSI – Amended 2017-2018 Allocation MOA Sufficient Expenditures to Release Funds

Motion 24:07:14 Moved by Mayor Thurston to allow administration to go to Alberta Munis Conference on Sept 25-27 at Red Deer, AB.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:07:15 Moved by Mayor Thurston to deny the request from #30 Aimee Ave to purchase some interlocking blocks of the Summer Villages at this time and council will review in the future.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:07:16 Moved by Councilor Huff to accept the correspondence as information.

MOTION CARRIED

12. In-Camera Session:

13. Adjournment

Motion 24:07:17 Moved by Council Huff to adjourns the meeting at 11:35 AM.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular Council Meeting Date: August 21, 2024.

Public welcome to attend or stream/watch the video of the meeting on our YouTube channel.



Mayor official Administrator



Chief Administrative Officer