MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF RYCROFT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2023
VILLAGE OF RYCROFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT:	**James Verquin**	**Mayor**
	Joanne Chelick	**Councillor**
	Brian Markovich	**Councillor**
	Dwayne Kotyk	**Councillor**
	Peter Thomas	**Chief Administrative Officer**
ABSENT:	**Roxann Dreger**	**Deputy Mayor (with notice)**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Verquin called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2023-4-5-73 **MOVED** by Councillor Chelick that Council adopt the Regular Council meeting agenda for April 5, 2023 as presented. **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3.1 Minutes from the March 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

2023-4-5-74 **MOVED** by Councillor Markovich that Council approve the March 21, 2023 Regular Council meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED**

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 RCMP Sergeant Stokes RE: Detachment Regular Update

Sergeant Stokes did not attend the meeting.

6. CAO REPORT

6.1 CAO Report, Action Item List, Calendar, Council Strategic Priorities Chart, and Public Works Report

2023-4-5-75 **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council accept the CAO Report, Action Item List, Calendar, Strategic Priorities Chart, and the Public Works Report as presented. **CARRIED**

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Chelick
March 23 Central Peace FCSS Meeting
March 24 Grande Spirit Foundation Meeting

2023-4-5-76 **MOVED** by Councillor Chelick that Council accept the Council member verbal reports as presented. **CARRIED**

8. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Minimum Tax: Council Discussion

2023-4-5-77 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council direct Administration to place the topic of minimum tax on the next Council agenda for review.

CARRIED

9.2 MD of Spirit River RE: FCSS Financial Management

2023-4-5-78 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council accept the correspondence from the MD of Spirit River regarding the FCSS Financial Management for information. **CARRIED**

9.3 Northern Lakes College RE: Support for Child and Youth Mental Health Worker Program

2023-4-5-79 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council sign the declaration in support of Northern Lakes College in its endeavors to deliver the Child & Youth Mental Health program in our region and forward it to PREDA. **CARRIED**

9.4 RFD: Records Management Purging

2023-4-5-80 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council approve the list of documents as identified in the Request For Decision to be destroyed as per Records Retention and Disposition Bylaw 87-08. **CARRIED**

9.5 Wanham Plowing Match Request for Sponsorship Opportunity

2023-4-5-81 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council donates $500 to the 50th Wanham Plowing Match Event to be held in Wanham on June 23-25, 2023.

Recorded vote for:	Mayor Verquin Councillor Chelick Councillor Kotyk	
Recorded vote against:	Councillor Markovich	**CARRIED**

9.6 Town of Fairview RE: Request for Animal Shelter Addition Funding

2023-4-5-82 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council accept the request from the Town of Fairview for the animal shelter additional funding for information.

CARRIED

9.7 Merry Pioneers Floor Cleaner Request

2023-4-5-83 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council declines the request for funding from the Merry Pioneers for the floor cleaner repair cost. **CARRIED**

10. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

10.1 APWA National Public Works Week May 21 to 27, 2023
10.2 Economic Development Week Community Challenge May 8 to 12, 2023
10.3 Central Peace Regional Water Supply Project Overview March 22, 2023
10.4 ATCO Electric 2022 Franchise Report
10.5 Town of Barrhead RE: EPR Exemption
10.6 School Age Care Directors Association of Alberta RE: Lights On Program
10.7 Peace Country Enforcement Report February 2023

2023-4-5-84 **MOVED** by Councillor Markovich that Council accept the correspondence items 10.1 to 10.7 for information. **CARRIED**

Mayor Verquin called for a recess at 7:03 pm for a break
Mayor Verquin called the meeting back to order at 7:08 pm.

11. CLOSED MEETING

11.1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Pt. 1, Div. 2, Sect. 27 (Legal-Land Appraisals)
11.2 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Pt. 1, Div. 2, Sect. 16 (Legal-Business Interests)
11.3 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Pt. 1, Div. 2, Sect. 16 (Legal-Land)

2023-4-5-85 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council move to a closed meeting at 7:09 p.m. as per the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Part 1, Division 2, Section (Legal -Business Interests, Land Sale Offers, and Land). **CARRIED**

2023-4-5-86 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council come out of the closed meeting at 7:44 p.m. **CARRIED**

2023-4-5-87 **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council increase the 2023 Capital budget by $115,000 for the completion of Preliminary Engineering, Detailed Design, Contract Preparation, and Contract Award for the Phase 1 of the Village of Rycroft East End Road Surfacing project. **CARRIED**

2023-4-5-88 **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council award a contract to WSP Engineering of Grande Prairie for a total cost of not more than $115,000 for the completion of Preliminary Engineering, Detailed Design, Contract Preparation, and Contract Award for the Phase 1 of the Rycroft East End Road Surfacing project based on their proposed schedule which will allow for tendering and award early enough to potentially allow for 2023 construction. **CARRIED**

2023-4-5-89 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council direct Administration to arrange a meeting with Saddle Hills County, and the Town of Spirit River to review the Regional Development Initiative Agreement grant. **CARRIED**

2023-4-5-90 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council direct Administration to proceed with the land sale offers as discussed. **CARRIED**

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Verquin adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

James Verquin	**Peter Thomas**
Mayor	**Chief Administrative Officer**